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THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF EGYPT.

SIR,—IN No. 427 of the *GEOL. MAG.*, January, 1900, p. 46, Mr. H. J. L. Beadnell, in a letter entitled "The Geological Survey of Egypt," refers to an abstract report (in *Zeitschrift für praktische Geologie*, Berlin, November, 1899) of my lecture, "Neues zur Geologie und Paläontologie Aegyptens" (Allgemeine Versammlung d. Deutsch. geol. Ges., 1899, in München).

From this abstract report he concludes that I claim to have myself "discovered the existence of rocks of Cenomanian age in Baharia Oasis," which, in fact, I never visited. I never did claim such a thing in any way, as shown by the manuscript of my lecture, *not yet printed*, and I cannot possibly be made responsible for an abstract report, which, as everyone sees from its title and its contents, is not written by me but by Mr. Dieseldorff, the reporter of the *Zeitschrift für praktische Geologie*. In this paper the names of the geologists mentioned in my lecture have been left out in order to shorten it, and there are other mistakes besides which I am sorry I could not correct, because a proof was not sent to me for correction. The authentic words of my lecture will be published soon.

I desire to mention the following facts:—Although I did not myself find the fossils in the Cretaceous formation of the Baharia Oasis, yet I was the first to examine and recognize them as Cenomanian, and thus to prove the Cenomanian age of Baharia. Mr. Beadnell himself, who did not at all know the meaning of his fine fossils, was surprised by my discovery. This he will certainly not deny.

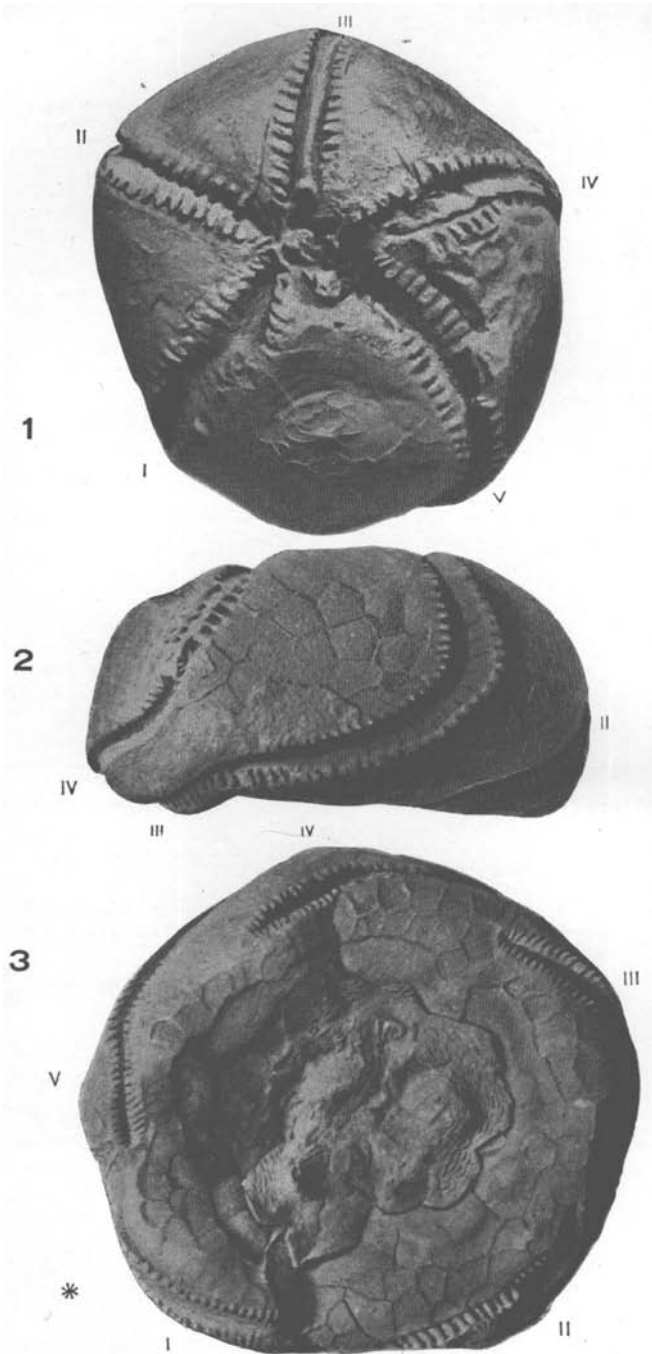
But as Mr. Beadnell justly sets a great value upon being named as discoverer of the fossils, I must claim the same right for myself with respect to the publication of notes in this Magazine on the Palæontology of Egypt. In the January number there is an essay, "On a New Species of Chelonian (*Podocnemis ægyptiaca*) from the Lower Miocene of Egypt," by C. W. Andrews, who describes some fossils collected by me at Moghara without anywhere mentioning my name.

I wish to act in the interests of my former colleagues in Egypt also by asking the palæontologists of the British Museum to mention in each instance the name of the discoverers of the fossils referred to.

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