

The work will form a useful addition to our knowledge of that portion of the Colorado plateau, containing as it does suggestive remarks and deductions possessing much novelty as to the origin and combination of the causes which have influenced the land sculpture of the district, so fully illustrated in the numerous woodcuts and maps which accompany the volume. J. M.

REPORTS AND PROCEEDINGS.

THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF FRANCE.

THE Geological Society of France held their annual meeting at Boulogne during the past month, extending from the 9th to the 18th of September. Prof. Prestwich, M.A., F.R.S., was elected President of the meeting. The programme for the ten days comprised a series of interesting and well-arranged excursions, in which all the important points in the geology of the Boulonnais were fully explored, including the examination of the Devonian, Carboniferous, Jurassic, Cretaceous, and Tertiary strata.

To render these daily excursions more instructive, the printed programme was accompanied by four descriptive sections: 1, showing the sequence of the Palæozoic rocks from Blecquenecques to Caffiers; 2, the cliff section from Alpreck to Wimereux; 3, the Middle and Upper Jurassics as exposed in the coast section from Echingen to la Crèche; 4, the Cretaceous series as shown along the cliffs from Wissant to Sangatte, with the overlying Quaternary deposit at the latter place. Prof. Prestwich read a paper on the Sangatte Cliff, in which he brought before the meeting the views he advanced in his paper recently read at Swansea. The meeting was well attended, and the members were hospitably entertained by the municipality, etc. Among those present were, MM. Lapparent, Sauvage, Gosselet, Vaillant, Pellat, Rutot, Van der Broeck, Cornet Briart, Donville, and Rigaux.

It is forty-one years since the Society held their last meeting at Boulogne, when Dr. Fitton was the President. J. M.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE GLUTTON IN BRITAIN.

SIR,—The following statement occurs in the second paragraph of Mr. Newton's "Notes on the Vertebrata of the Pre-Glacial Fores Bed Series of the East of England" (*GEOL. MAG.*, No. 195, p. 424 Sept. 1880):—"The occurrence of the Glutton in Britain was first intimated by MM. Boyd Dawkins and Sanford in the year 1866."

There was, however, an earlier intimation of a British Glutton. The late Mr. J. C. Bellamy, surgeon, in his "Natural History of South Devon," published in 1839, gives a description of the well-known cavern at Yealm Bridge, about seven miles E.S.E. of Plymouth, which he had investigated with considerable care, and mentions the Glutton amongst the rarer animals represented by the remains found there (see pp. 89, 94, and 102; see also *Trans Devon Assoc.*, vol. iv. pp. 98, 102).

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