

South Africa: the Devonian Bokkeveld beds still remain the earliest certainly known horizon, while the Dwyka at the base of the Karroo system over most of the country has to take the place as a datum line of the base of the Cambrian in Europe and America. The extension of the Bokkeveld is so small that it is of very little practical use except in the south-western part of the Cape Province, a very small fraction of the whole.

To a geologist of north-west Europe, South Africa is a different world altogether with different scales and standards, and Dr. du Toit has made this fact so plain that he who reads may learn and will not forget. The coloured map on the scale of one to five million is a beautiful production, and can be purchased separately, very cheaply.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### THE RED MEASURES OF CARNARVONSHIRE.

SIR,—In my recent paper "The Red Measures of the Menaian Region of Carnarvonshire" (*Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc.*, xciv, 1938) I have just discovered a strange misstatement on p. 340, in the division entitled "Thickness and Succession". In the fourth line of this division, I will ask the reader to delete the words "the base, moreover, not being reached". For in the Llangaffo deep boring, which is the one alluded to, the base of the Red Measures *was* reached.

How did I come to make such a slip, and on a matter which had been well known to me for more than 20 years? I think that it must have been that I was, sub-consciously, continuing to think in terms of the Plas Brereton boring, where the Red Measures rest on the Limestone Series, a pronounced contrast; whereas in the Llangaffo Deep Boring, they rest on "Productive" Coal Measures containing a few thin seams of coal, so the contrast is less pronounced.

The paper contains another error, for which, however, I am not responsible; Fig. 5 is not a "sketch-map", but is a measured reduction from a 25-inch map.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

### INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS.

The Geological Society of London announces that the XVIII Session of the International Geological Congress, which was to have been held in London from 31st July to 8th August, 1940, is postponed indefinitely.