

ounces to the ton of ore, but the ferruginous gossan at that time contained much silver also, in what form I know not; and I cannot ascertain whether the gossans were assayed only, or the compact silver-fahlerz likewise. In one instance the proportion of silver to the ton of ore was 214 ounces! The last sample sold contained 36½ ounces to the ton. Unlike the position of this mineral in the Fox-dale mine, there is no granite within a distance of two or three miles. This mine affords the only known instance in this country of a continuous lode of silver-fahlerz, and, as I have before stated, no other ore is found in sufficient quantity to be of any commercial value. The associated minerals are quartz (which in some parts of the lode is much mixed up with the tetrahedrite) chalybite, and iron-pyrites. Under the name of Wheal Fortescue, Silver-vein was formerly worked for the rich deposits of silver it contained; I suppose in the state of sulphide, but was abandoned for want of capital. If Mr. Forbes should be sufficiently interested in the fact as well as in the mode of occurrence of silver-fahlerz in this locality as to visit it, I can assure him that he will meet with very willing assistance from my friend, Mr. Talling, of Lostwithiel, who knows every part of the mine well, and who I have to thank for many of the above particulars which I had nearly forgotten, as it is now three years since I descended it in his company.

I am, Sir, yours very truly,

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THE BELGIAN TERTIARIES.

To the Editor of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

SIR,—I am desirous to correct a mistake which I unintentionally made in my paper on the Belgian Tertiaries, contained in the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE of November 1st. I have there stated (p. 504) that Mr. Searles Wood had remonstrated against certain views explained by Mr. Godwin-Austen in his paper, "On the Kainozoic Formations of Belgium." I now learn from Mr. Searles Wood that he has not published any paper relating to this subject, but that the opinions which he had expressed with regard to certain of Mr. Godwin-Austen's views were communicated to me in letters which we exchanged on that subject. I trust to be excused for this error on the ground that my paper was written at a time when I had none of my books at hand to refer to, as already stated (p. 506).
—Yours truly,

A. VON KOENEN.

UNIVERSITY OF MARBURG,
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MISCELLANEOUS.

We are informed that the collection of M. Deshayes' Eocene Shells, from the Paris Basin, forming the types of his great work, "Description des Coquilles Fossiles des Environs de Paris," which has occupied so many years in publication, has just been purchased by the French Government, for the Museum of the Jardin des Plantes, Paris, for the sum of 100,000 florins.