

Von Rebeur's last work was an endeavour to obtain co-operation for the observation of these instruments throughout the world, a scheme which, although he has not lived to realize it, will, in all probability, be accomplished in the near future. His ability and energy are testified by the works he leaves behind, and his modesty and kindly nature are spoken of by all who knew him. J. M.

CAPTAIN CHARLES TYLER, F.L.S., F.G.S., whose death on the 2nd November last, in his 70th year, we deeply regret to record, was for very many years an active member of the Council of the Palæontographical Society, and keenly interested in all microscopical research. He also worked assiduously at the Protozoa with the late Dr. Bowerbank, F.R.S.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A MOST useful "Bibliography of Midland Glaciology" has been contributed by Mr. W. J. Harrison to the Proceedings of the Birmingham Natural History and Philosophical Society (vol. ix, 1895). His record includes the titles of more than one hundred and fifty papers, dating from the year 1811 up to the present time, and written specially on the Drift deposits or glacial phenomena of the Midland counties; and he has added titles of over a hundred other books and papers which have a more general bearing on the subject. Nor has he confined his record to titles, for notes are given on the contents of nearly every article. He remarks that singularly little attention was paid to the Midland Drift by the officers of the Geological Survey when they mapped the region in 1855–60. What is now wanted is a detailed survey of the various accumulations of Boulder-clay, Sand, and Gravel.

"THE Onyx Marbles: their origin, composition, and uses, both ancient and modern," is the title of a Memoir by Mr. George P. Merrill (1895. Reprinted from the Report of the United States National Museum). The term onyx marble, as is well known, is applied to varieties of travertine or stalagmite, which exhibit banding and translucency that are often as pronounced as in the true onyx. Used in ancient times for various ornamental purposes, and known as "Oriental alabaster," the marble has been obtained in Persia, Egypt, Algeria, Italy, Mexico, California, Arizona, and other regions; and it is largely used for interior decoration at the present day. Mr. Merrill enters fully into the characters of the several onyx marbles, and to their method of formation by springs in the open and in caverns. His work is illustrated by 18 plates.

ERRATUM.—In Dr. Gerhard Holm's article, November Number, line 21 from top of page 482: after the word "canal," insert a full stop (.); then for "which," read *What*; and in line 22, for "consisting" read *consists*.