

paper, which is described and figured as a left ischium (pp. 721-3, figs. 7-9) is the left coracoid.

In the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE, February, 1887, p. 84, the humerus of *Pelorosaurus* is referred to *Cetiosaurus*. I had previously, in the Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society, 1882, vol. xxxviii. p. 371, regarded the same bone as referable to *Ornithopsis*, and to that determination I adhere. *Cetiosaurus* is well known to be allied to *Ornithopsis*, but I am aware of no evidence of the presence of *Cetiosaurus* in the Wealden deposits, in which the type is represented by species of *Ornithopsis*.

H. G. SEELEY.

24th August, 1887.

#### PARALLEL STRUCTURE IN IGNEOUS ROCKS.

SIR.—I am obliged to Mr. Harker for the information given in his letter in your August Number. I do not see the American Journal of Science, and was not aware that Prof. Dana had partially modified his views; or that Mr. G. H. Williams had by observations on the ground come to the conclusion that the igneous rocks of Cortland were sharply separable from the adjacent crystalline schists. It need hardly be pointed out that this coincidence of opinion between Mr. Williams and myself is of considerable evidential value.

CH. CALLAWAY.

WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE, September 17th, 1887.

### OBITUARY.

#### EDWIN WITCHELL, F.G.S.,

TREASURER OF THE COTTESWOLD NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the sudden death, on the 20th August last, of Mr. Edwin Witchell, solicitor, of Stroud, at the age of sixty-four. Mr. Witchell was a son of Mr. Edward Witchell, of Nymphsfield, a well-known and highly-respected yeoman, and was born in June, 1823. His tastes from early boyhood led him more to the study of books than to the cultivation of the soil; at the early age of thirteen years he was placed in the office of Mr. Paris, of Stroud, the chief local solicitor of those days. Later on he was articled to that gentleman, and ultimately succeeded to his practice in 1847. He was at one time very fond of hunting, and used frequently to accompany the late Mr. Paul Hawkins Fisher in some of the most memorable runs of the adjacent packs of foxhounds. This exhilarating sport doubtless contributed to his then robust health; but as years crept on, Mr. Witchell gave up his hunter and applied himself assiduously to rambles in pursuit of his favourite science of Geology. About five years ago, when climbing in a dangerous part of the cliffs at Lyme Regis, heart trouble set in, and for three or four years he has suffered from angina pectoris, but had not been incapacitated from business, nor deterred from carrying on his geological work. And it was while engaged in collecting fossils from the Inferior Oolite at Swift's Hill, near Stroud, that Mr. Witchell overtaxed his strength, and fell amidst the rocks to which he had devoted so much study. In the neigh-