

*Tupara*, while *Plesiosorex soricinoides* is a totally different form, whose affinities, as stated by Pomel, are rather with *Myogale*. I am further led to conclude that Fraas' identification of *Erikaceus arvernensis* of De Blainville, with *Plesiosorex soricinoides* is likewise erroneous, and that the fauna is probably identical with *E. arvernensis* of Gervais.<sup>1</sup>

The specimen entered in the Museum Catalogue under the name *Plesiosorex* must therefore be named *Parasorex*, and the former genus referred to the *Talpidae*. This error will be noticed in the supplement to be published in part v. of the Museum Catalogue; but as the publication of that part will be several months hence, I have thought it advisable to correct the error as soon as possible.

HARPENDEN, Dec. 10, 1886.

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ON THE OSBORNE BEDS.

SIR,—I wish to correct a mis-statement of my views respecting the position of the Osborne Beds, which appears in the Report of the International Geological Congress for 1885, and also I find is reproduced in Mr. Jukes-Browne's new Handbook of Historical Geology. My opinion has always been that the Osborne Beds should have been a part of the Bembridge Series, and not a separate member.

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THE COLLINGHAM OR SCARLE BORING.

SIR,—In the recently issued Report of the British Association for 1885, pp. 388, 389, the original inaccurate account of this boring is reproduced, and I am credited with the alternative figures given in a second column.

Permit me to state that I have published no account of the boring, and that the figures alleged to be mine do not coincide with the section preserved among my papers, viz. :—

|               |                             |          |
|---------------|-----------------------------|----------|
|               | Gravel ... ..               | 21 feet. |
|               | Lias ... ..                 | 29       |
|               | Rhætic ... ..               | 15       |
|               | Keuper Marls ... ..         | 688      |
|               | Keuper Sandstone... ..      | 205½     |
|               | Bunter "Pebble Beds" ... .. | 319      |
|               | Lower Bunter ... ..         | 223      |
|               | Marls ... ..                | 118½     |
| Upper Permian | { Limestone ... ..          | 43½      |
| 380½          | { Marls ... ..              | 150      |
|               | { Limestone ... ..          | 68½      |
| Lower Permian | { Sandstone ... ..          | 20       |
| 139           | { Marl Slates ... ..        | 118      |
|               | { Breccia ... ..            | 1        |
|               | Coal Measure Shales ... ..  | 12       |

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The site is not in the parish of Scarle, Lincolnshire, but in Collingham, Notts.

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<sup>1</sup> See "Cat. Foss. Mamm. Brit. Mus." pt. i. pp. 17, 18.