

universally trusted. When he was Director of the Geological Survey the staff placed complete confidence in his judgment; but, indeed, we may say that of all who had dealings with him. Had advice to be sought, often in delicate matters, or if a conciliator were needed in case of disputes, men naturally turned to Teall, and never in vain. Honest and high-minded as he was himself, he was ever lenient to the shortcomings of others, and seemed to assume that they must be as good as himself.

Sedgwick (whose lectures Teall attended when at Cambridge) once remarked, "I have never had a geological secret in my life," and Teall might have made the same remark. He imparted his knowledge freely, and the amount of information which was thus conveyed has undoubtedly contributed in a high degree to the production of much valuable original work by others.

Such, and much more, was Sir Jethro Teall. A beautiful life is ended, but its effects will be long felt for good in the future.

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THE NOMENCLATURE OF ROCKS.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me space to urge on Mr. Wells the importance of the maxim "verify your references". The title of my paper on the Derbyshire lavas was not, as quoted by him in the current number of the *GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE*, "Lower Carb. Spilites in Derbyshire." It was "On a Spilitic Facies of Lower Carboniferous Lava-Flows in Derbyshire"—a distinction with a considerable difference. It is, moreover, incorrect and misleading to quote me as having named the Derbyshire rocks "spilites", without a qualifying prefix.

I have nothing to add to my letter which appeared in your pages in the issue for March, 1923.

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