

THE DISCOVERY OF *MARSUPITES* IN THE CHALK OF THE CROYDON AREA.

SIR,— With reference to Dr. Hinde's paper on "The Zone of *Marsupites* in the Chalk near Croydon," we should like to point out that though in general his observations corroborate ours, we found at least four specimens of *Marsupites* with nearly complete tests, one with brachial joints in position, and a block containing most of the test plates and associated brachial plates, which is now in the possession of Dr. Bather. We also found several specimens of *Echinoconus conicus* near the Pank's Hill Road end, and in another part *Janira quinquecostata*. We agree with him that "the dip of the Chalk from the summit towards the north is probably about the same as that of the general slope of the surface," and see no occasion for Mr. Dibley's theory of a fold in the chalk. He says that the upper part of the *Cor-anguinum* beds are exposed at Beddington. We have questioned him as to this, and he admits he should have written Carshalton, and says he meant the section we showed him a few months ago which we then thought was no higher than the *Cor-anguinum* zone. Recently we have found there, among other fossils, tests and brachial plates of *Uintacrinus*.

With all due respect to Dr. Hinde, we cannot help expressing our surprise that he did not consider it necessary to refer to us as the original discoverers of the *Marsupites* zone in Surrey. Mr. Dibley certainly mentions us in a somewhat casual way, but as Dr. Hinde's paper is page-headed "Discovery of *Marsupites*, etc.," few readers will be aware that we made the discovery, spent days and hours among the thrown out blocks, inspected the trenches and tunnels, and had prepared a paper for the Proceedings of the Geologists' Association. It was unfortunate that our paper was not first in the field, as we were, but as we are mentioned in the number of your journal which contains Dr. Hinde's article, we have the satisfaction of knowing that the credit, if any, will be equally divided between the discoverers and the eminent geologist who has given his valuable time to the production of such an interesting and scientific paper.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

THE Palæontology of the Lower Coal-measures of Lancashire is very fully dealt with by Mr. H. Bolton in the Transactions of the Manchester Geological and Mining Society (vol. xxviii, part 14).

ERRATUM.—In Mr. Coomaraswamy's paper on the Balangoda Group, in the August number, p. 422, the figure was one-half natural size, and not $5\frac{1}{2}$ times as there stated.