Prof. A. E. Nordenskiöld next described some new discoveries of minerals at Nordmarken and Långban in the Province Wermland. Magnificent crystals of zinkblende, in tetrahedrons with one-inch edges, of magnetic iron-pyrites, etc., had been found. The Professor then made some remarks in connexion with a paper: "Om de Nordenskiöldske jærnmasser" (On the Nordenskiöldian Ironmasses) by Kand. K. A. V. Steenstrup.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

## ABSENCE OF THE LLANDOVERY ROCKS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT.

SIR,—I see in his Table of Silurian Strata, Mr. Hicks assumes that both the Upper and Lower Llandovery beds are represented in the Lake District. This is not the case, both the Upper and Lower Llandovery are absent in the Lake District. The lowest beds of the Upper Silurian in the Lake District are the equivalents of the Tarannon Shales (locally called Stockdale Shales), lying at the base of the Coniston Grits and Flags, which are equivalent to the Denbighshire Grits and Flags.

The Tarannon or Stockdale Shales, with which are associated the black Graptolitic mudstones, rest, with a very slight unconformity, on the Coniston Limestone series, which is not the representative of the Hirnant Limestone only (a small calcareous band near the top of the Bala Beds in North Wales), but of a much greater thickness of the Bala series. The Coniston Limestone series consists of various thicknesses of shale, limestone, and ashy sandstone. Between this series and the great subaerial volcanic series of the Lake District there is, as I have before shown, a considerable break.

KENDAL, 7th April, 1876.

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## WASTE OF INSULAR LAND BY THE SEA.

Sir,—Some time ago I came across an ancient map showing, at three different periods, the size and form of the Island Helgelandt (Helgoland). Even if the map is not strictly accurate, it may, I think, be considered approximately so, and worthy of being repro-1 GEOL. MAG. April, 1876. <sup>2</sup> GEOL. MAG. Vol. IX. p. 441.