

know. Now regarding M. Boule's statement about the Middle Glacial flints it is evident that he does not know the difference between a humanly fashioned flint and one that has been flaked by nature, because he first of all stated these Middle Glacial specimens were 'human', and then when he was told the deposit from which they were derived he immediately said they were non-human. M. Breuil was equally illogical and childish in his remarks about the sub-Crag scraper, because after having stated dogmatically that the specimen was 'natural' he was quite unable to state what natural force had produced the flaking to be seen upon it. These are the facts of the case, and no references to the curious remarks of Professor Boyd Dawkins, or the worthless flints collected by Professor Sollas on the beach at Selsey Bill, will alter them. I have been loath, especially at the present time, to write what I have done, but in view of M. Boule's provocative paper, which many people, not knowing the facts, will regard as reliable, I feel I am justified in speaking out, and in so doing to aid the cause of science.

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STUDIES IN EDRIOASTEROIDEA. A CORRECTION.

SIR,—I deeply regret to find that a bothering error has crept into the lettering of Text-figure 1, on p. 260,<sup>1</sup> illustrating Studies in Edrioasteroidea, VII. In each of the drawings the rays have been numbered in the wrong order, so that what are now V, IV, III, II, I should read I, II, III, IV, V. The numbers in the text itself, as well as in the figures on p. 398 are correct. Possessors of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE can perhaps make the necessary alteration without much difficulty. It will be put right in the complete set of reprints. With more than the usual apologies.

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MR. W. ANDERSON was the eldest son of Dr. Joseph Anderson, late Keeper of the National Museum of Antiquities and Assistant Secretary of the Society of Antiquities of Scotland, Edinburgh.

A vacancy having occurred on the staff of the Geological Survey of New South Wales, Mr. William Anderson was recommended by Sir Archibald Geikie to Mr. C. S. Wilkinson, the Government Geologist, to fill the gap as Field Geologist. At the time of his selection he was a student at the University of Edinburgh, but proceeded forthwith to Sydney and commenced his official duties in September, 1886. Mr. Anderson's life on the Geological Survey was a very busy one; he contributed many valuable reports on the geological and mineral resources of the Colony, which may be found in the "Annual Reports of the Department of Mines of New South

<sup>1</sup> GEOL. MAG., June, 1915.