

place, unless it be in Central Mull—is familiar to every student of our Tertiary igneous rocks. Whatever be its significance, it disposes effectually of Mr. Craig's argument.

If, without discourtesy, I may play the mentor in my turn, I would hint in conclusion that a little knowledge, when joined to a large measure of assurance, is a dangerous thing.

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HÆMATITE IN SOUTH WALES.

SIR,—Allow me to correct a misstatement, serious from the economic standpoint, which is contained in the review of "The Hæmatites of the Forest of Dean and South Wales" (Memoirs of the Geological Survey: Special Reports on the Mineral Resources of Great Britain, vol. x) published in the January number of your journal.

The reviewer states that "the author sees no hope for the resuscitation of the mines under present conditions". On the contrary, the memoir under review describes the hæmatite-field of South Wales as a promising area for development. Thus: "In the hæmatite-field of South Wales . . . recent years have witnessed a successful revival of iron-mining, and the ore-fields give considerable promise for future development" (p. 2); and again: "In view of the high grade of the ore, the comparatively large tracts of undeveloped ground, and the successful mining at Llanharry in recent years, it appears not improbable that the district will produce hæmatite on a larger scale in the future than it has done in the past" (p. 65).

As a matter of interest, I may add that new explorations for hæmatite in the Llanharry district, undoubtedly stimulated by the official geological investigation of the area, have already commenced.

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THE late Henry C. Beasley, who died at Liverpool on December 14, 1919, at the ripe age of 83, was best known to geologists for his work in connexion with the Triassic footprints, especially those found in the Keuper beds at Storeton, Cheshire, and other quarries in the Liverpool district. He published a number of papers in the Proceedings of the Liverpool Geological Society recording his observations, and as Secretary of the British Association Committee for