

PALÆONTOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE.

SIR,—Mr. Jukes-Browne and myself are as wide asunder as the poles in our wishes with regard to *Ammonites*; nor does he agree with Mr. Haddow in his method of using the trinomial system. As I cannot defend my numerous sins without asking for more space than the subject warrants, I will only notice one or two points.

I did not know the form of the mouth was so potent a factor among *Ammonites*. My method is to try and trace out step by step the descent of each species, and to arrange them accordingly. I shall not place in one and the same genus two species of Inferior Oolite *Ammonites*, one of which has descended, say, from a Lower Lias *Ægoceras*, and the other from a Lower Lias *Arietites*, however similar they may be in mouth or otherwise, although Mr. Jukes-Browne thinks it would not be wrong. I disagree; and so the same genus will not include the descendants of *two* distinct genera.

I agree with Mr. Jukes-Browne that, instead of amplifying an old system, it had been better to start afresh. The MS. to correct this has been written some time. Still his objection overshoots the mark. No one, I imagine, in naming the Sparrow would begin with *Aves* and end with *Insessores*, *Conirostres*, *Fringillidæ*, *Passer domesticus*.

Mr. Jukes-Browne does not answer the point of my question, viz. about *cornu*, and does not attempt *Lioceras*.

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PARKINSON'S "ORGANIC REMAINS."

SIR,—Can you or any of the readers of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE tell me the date of the sale of the Collection of Fossils formed by James Parkinson, the author of "Organic Remains," as I wish to find some account of this sale in the literature of the time. From an examination of the "Sowerby Mineral Conchology" collection in the British Museum of Natural History, I am led to suspect that some of Parkinson's fossils had already been acquired by Sowerby, and if this really is so, these specimens will have a double interest.

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