

was seen in a *cliff*. Upon looking also at the passage to which he refers in a former number of the *MAGAZINE*, I find a "quarry" mentioned, and it is stated that "the cliffs are for the most part abrupt, and can only be studied by the aid of a boat." There is, however, no difficulty in walking to the spot which I visited, and in viewing the cliff from the rocks at low water. Perhaps the same break in the strata can be seen at two neighbouring localities, and even if it should be, as Mr. Woodward thinks, due merely to a fault, still, as he justly observes, the bearing of the phenomena upon the question of cleavage "is in no way affected."

My diagram was made from a photograph, which shows likewise the "raised beach."

O. FISHER.

HARLTON, CAMBRIDGE, 4th Nov.

ADDITIONAL NOTE TO SIR WILLIAM DAWSON'S PAPER ON THE GEOLOGY OF EGYPT.

SIR,—In Number IV. of these notes, that on the Crystalline Rocks of Upper Egypt, I have mentioned the apparent absence of limestone from the Laurentian series as seen at Assouan. I should have added, however, that some of the crumbling schists seen in the low land east of the railway cutting resembled very closely the calcareous schists associated with the Grenville bed of Limestone on the Ottawa River, and gave the impression that Crystalline Limestone might not improbably occur in that vicinity.

ADDITIONAL ERRATA.

Page 440—line 3rd from top, for "of" read *for*.

Page 441—line 9 from bottom, for "two" read *also*.

Page 442—line 9 from top, for "cones" read *cover*.

J. W. DAWSON.

UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES IS AN ISLAND TO BE CONSIDERED "OCEANIC" ?

SIR,—If I correctly apprehend Mr. Fisher's reasoning, it is impossible to determine whether an island is "Oceanic" or not until it be known whether at any period in its geological history it has been connected with an existing continent. This is unfortunate; for the advocates of the permanency of oceans and continents insist that "oceanic islands" throw great light upon the problem. It would appear that they have been, as I pointed out in my first communication, arguing in a circle and from "phrases," not ascertained facts.

PARK CORNER, BLUNDELLSANDS,
Nov. 6th, 1884.

T. MELLARD READE.

WE regret to record the deaths of three well-known geologists—Mr. Robert Alfred C. Godwin-Austen, B.A., F.R.S., F.G.S., of Shalford House, Guildford, on the 25th inst., in his 76th year; Dr. Thomas Wright, F.R.S., F.G.S., on the 17th inst., at St. Margaret's Terrace, Cheltenham, also in his 76th year; and Mr. (late Prof.) James Buckman, F.G.S., F.L.S., of Bradford-Abbas, Sherborne, Dorset, on the 21st inst.