

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE IGNEOUS ROCKS OF THE NORTHERN END OF THE RED SEA.

SIR,—During the year 1909 I paid two visits to the north end of the Red Sea. During these visits I made a careful examination of the igneous rock-masses forming a large portion of the Island of Shadwan and the hill ranges of Jebel Esh, Jebel Um Dirra, and Jebel Zeit on the mainland. It is my intention to describe these rocks in a future paper, and to deal with their relations to one another. The rocks consist chiefly of soda-granites, quartz-felsites, diorites, and intrusive dolerites. The granites are occasionally gneissose, and in such case they are usually accompanied by schists, as on the Island of Shadwan. At other times they merge into the most perfect granophyres of a very acid nature. The relations of these rocks to one another, and to the overlying sedimentary rocks, present problems of more than ordinary interest in the study of the geology of this part of Egypt.

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THE PITFALLS FOR ELEPHANTS IN AFRICA: IN REFERENCE TO DEWLISH.

SIR,—It will be remembered that the Rev. Osmond Fisher, F.G.S., at the Geological Society in 1904¹ read an interesting paper on the possibility of the remains of *E. meridionalis* found at Dewlish having been snared in a pitfall. Apropos of the narrowness of the trench Mr. A. B. Lloyd has some remarks which may possibly be of interest in connexion with the subject.² “On 15th [July, 1903] I . . . camped at Kajura, and at this place had my first adventure . . . My nose in the air and my ears set to catch the slightest sound, while I strained every muscle to push myself forward through the thicket, when there was a sudden airy feeling underneath, and the next moment I found myself jammed hard and fast in a regular death-trap set for antelope. It was a pit about 2 feet wide at the top but narrowing at the bottom to a few inches, the total depth being over 10 feet . . . These holes are dug by the natives in all the game country, and the mouth of the pit is usually very skilfully covered over with a layer of thin twigs and grass . . . I have seen them specially made for elephant.”

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¹ Q.J.G.S., February, 1905, vol. lxi, p. 38.

² A. B. Lloyd, *Uganda to Khartoum*, pp. 96, 97, 98.