

factory an example as the original Antwerp skull. Mr. Ray Lankester has also obtained flattened claw-like teeth from the Red Crag, which agree in external character with those of the *Micropteron Sowerbiensis* in the museum at Oxford; and are, in all probability, the denticles of the bident lower jaw of some of the crag *Belemnosphii*. The Palæontographical Society have announced the publication of a monograph of the Crag Cetacea by Professor Owen, which cannot fail to be of the greatest interest at the present time, when the Cetacea are attracting so much the attention of osteologists.

SENARMONTITE, FROM CORNWALL.—I have not been able to discover whether this mineral has hitherto been found in the British Isles. No mention is made of it in Greg and Lettsom's Mineralogy, nor am I aware of the existence of any other specimen than the one in the British Museum. The crystals are of the usual form, viz.: regular octahedrons, about two lines in thickness, opaque, and accompanied with minute crystals of carbonate of lead. They line the interior of a cavity in Jamesonite, which is associated with Bleinierite. This specimen is from near Endellion, in Cornwall.—T. DAVIES.

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF GREAT BRITAIN.—We understand that it is in contemplation to increase the staff of the Geological Survey, by a large addition to its ranks, with a view to the completion of the Survey within ten years. While we are glad to notice a development of further energy and interest in this important work, it remains to be seen whether sufficiently skilled assistance for this object can be obtained from practical geologists at the low rate of remuneration usually offered to scientific labourers.

NEW CLASSIFICATION OF METEORITES.—In the "American Journal of Science" for January, 1867, Mr. C. U. Shepard gives a new classification of meteorites, with an enumeration of meteoric species. The author first arranges them under three classes—(1) *Litholites*, stony; (2) *Lithosiderites*, stone and iron mixed; (3) *Siderites*, chiefly iron. These are separated into sub-classes, and these again into orders; but we must refer our readers to the original paper for these details. The author gives a list of those species of minerals which are supposed to have existed in meteorites anterior to their arrival within our atmosphere; they are: Chamasite, Tænite, Oktibbehite, Schreiberite, Rhabdite, Chalypite, Ferrosilicite, Troilite, Graphitoid, Kabaite, Chromite, Quartz, Olivine, Augite or Eustatite, Piddingtonite, Shepardite, Anorthite, Labradorite.

OBITUARY.

ALBERTO CAV. PAROLINI, Nobile de Bassano, was born in August, 1788. He was much attached to science, and was mainly instrumental in founding a Museum of Natural History at his native town, Bassano. So early as 1819 he had been elected a Foreign Member of the Geological Society of London. He was the author of several papers published in the Journal of the Royal Venetian Institute of Science, Literature, and Art. He died in January, 1867.