

Drybrookia cubitalis H. Bolton, *Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc.*, vol. lxxx, 1924, pp. 17–21, pl. iii.

2. To the Museum of Practical Geology, Jermyn St.—(a) holotype of *Euidothyris holcophora* S. Buckman, from the *scissum* zone, near Sherborne, Dorset, figured in “Brachiopoda of Namyan beds” (*Pal. Indica*), pl. xx, fig. 32; (b) a specimen of *Nuttainia hibernica* Portlock, apparently that figured in “Geology of Londonderry,” pl. v, fig. 2 [= *Terataspis (Paralichas) kildarensis* Reed]. This is one of many specimens which originally served as a “Demonstration Series” in the days when the Royal School of Mines was intimately associated with the Geological Survey, and eventually formed the nucleus of the present teaching collection of the Imperial College.

3. To the Bristol Museum of Science and Art—holotype of *Ammonites comptoni* S. P. Pratt, *Ann. and Mag. Nat. Hist.*, viii, 1841, pp. 163–5, pl. iv, fig. i, recently re-figured in *Type Ammonites*, vol. v, pt. 45, April, 1924, no. cdlxxxv. The history of this specimen cannot be traced, but its identity with Pratt’s figure, first noticed by Mr. Buckman, is unquestionable. It now lies in the Museum which contains Pratt’s other Christian Malford types.

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THE NOMENCLATURE OF ROCKS

SIR,—Will you allow me a little space in which to reply to Mr. Sargent’s letter in the August number? With no ulterior motive, but with the apparently vain hope of causing an error to be rectified, I have made certain definite criticisms of his use of the rock-name “spilite”. It would be more to the point and certainly of greater interest if Mr. Sargent would discuss the facts, instead of indulging in baseless accusations of misrepresentation. His letter was evidently calculated to convey the impression to your readers that the title of the paper under discussion had been deliberately misquoted in order to gain a point at his expense. In point of fact I quoted the title printed on the cover of the “separata” of the paper, and used as the page heading, rather than the lengthy title of the paper itself. The reference as given was quite unambiguous, and Mr. Sargent is merely side-tracking the issue which, I venture to believe, has been clearly stated in my previous communications. The opinions of other petrologists interested in rock nomenclature would be of value.

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