

The main points noted by Sir Nicolas Yermoloff in his report are: (1) The deposit was probably neritic, not of deep-sea origin. (2) Two forms could perhaps be considered new. (3) The deposit does not appear to be of very great antiquity. (4) Affinities to Mediterranean forms appear. (5) *Dictyocha* are present but not numerous.

Since Sir Nicolas Yermoloff's report was written, I have examined numerous old bore samples which are preserved in the Geological Museum at Cairo, and have found diatomaceous beds in many widely separated localities, such as:—

(a) At Hurghada, where a surface shale, covering a large area, is mainly composed of *Melosira*-like diatoms, and where other diatomaceous beds are found at a considerable depth in some of the wells.

(b) In wells at Jemsa.

(c) At Zeitia (in Palmer's Bore, and Ranim Island well).

(d) In wells sunk on the Island of Gaysum, where I found varieties of *Triceratium*, not reported from the Abu Shaar sample.

(e) In wells put down on Mulhamet Island; and

(f) In a second well at Abu Shaar.

About thirty samples from these various localities and oil wells were forwarded recently to Dr. Rendle, and we await with much interest the results of the expert examination of these.

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