

## BUDLEIGH SALTERTON PEBBLES.

SIR,—Referring to Professor Bonney's interesting discovery<sup>1</sup> of schorlaceous rocks in the Budleigh Salterton pebble bed, which bed after all is but a new Red Conglomerate, it should be borne in mind that schorlaceous fragments are abundant in the breccias near Teignmouth, and elsewhere in the Red Rocks of Devonshire. It would be well to compare them, in order to ascertain, if possible, whether they have a common origin. Schorlaceous rocks, as is well known, vary greatly.

With respect to the suggestion now again brought forward by Professor Bonney that the Red Sandstones of Devonshire evidence currents from the westward,<sup>2</sup> the fact should not be overlooked that the mica schists found in the Bigbury Bay conglomerate, to the northward and westward of the Bolt Head, indicate transport from the south and east, harmonizes well with the commonly accepted view that many of the Budleigh Salterton fossiliferous quartzites are of southern derivation.

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## MISCELLANEOUS.

## "GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA."

A largely attended meeting was held in the Chamber of Mines Board-Room, Johannesburg, Transvaal, on February 4th, 1895, for the purpose of forming a Geological Society. Dr. Hugh Exton, F.G.S., occupied the chair and addressed the meeting. The following resolutions were then moved and seconded, and carried unanimously: (1) that a Society be formed to be called "The Geological Society of South Africa"; (2) that Mr. Lionel Phillips be the first Honorary President; (3) that Professor T. Rupert Jones, F.R.S., F.G.S., and Dr. W. Guybon Atherstone, F.G.S., be Honorary Vice-Presidents; (4) that Dr. Hugh Exton, F.G.S., be the first President, and Messrs. A. R. Sawyer, F.G.S., and John Ballot, the first Vice-Presidents. (5) The Executive Council was then formed as follows: Messrs. C. Aburrow, Ed. Button, A. R. Boucher, J. S. Curtis, J. A. Chalmers, S. Farrar, F.G.S., H. D. Griffiths, A. Goerz, L. Grahame, J. Dampier Greene, J. H. Johns, E. C. Jones, E. J. B. Knox, C. Wilson Moore, W. M. Phillips, T. Reunert, E. Kemper Voss, Peregrine O. Wilson, and F. White. (6) It was unanimously resolved that Mr. David Draper, F.G.S., be appointed Secretary of the Society. It was resolved that those gentlemen who signed their names at that meeting be the first members; that the list remain open till 28th February, after which election to be by ballot.

The greatest enthusiasm prevails, and the Secretary fully anticipates that 300 members will join by the end of the month. All communications for the Society should be addressed to David Draper, Esq., F.G.S., P. O. Box 450, Johannesburg, Transvaal.

<sup>1</sup> GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE, February, 1895, p. 77. [*Memo.*—"All showed tourmaline, so two of them were sliced. Both consisted mainly of granular quartz and tourmaline." Hence schorlaceous.—A. R. H.]

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.* p. 79.