

to the fusing point of certain bodies being augmented by pressure. In taking down this sentence from the lecturer's lips, I was in some doubt as to the words used, and I recorded those which I understood him to utter. You, however, have set the passage right by means of a very simple alteration. My second error was the substitution of the word *decomposed* for *recomposed*. This obviously arose from similarity of sounds. On page 367, the letter "p" is inserted in Professor Thomson's name, but I find that Dr. Sterry Hunt has himself committed the same mistake in the report of his lecture in the *Chemical News*. My fourth error is the substitution of the word *ault* for *coal*. This occurred in transcribing my notes.

Of the other *errata*, three are what are familiarly termed "printers' blunders." They consist of the substitution of the words *seven* for *several*, *orchid* for *orchard*, and *mutation* for *nutiation*. These might have been avoided if I had seen a proof before the Magazine went to press.

The remaining thirteen corrections are, in reality, emendations of the lecturer's own words, and departures from the actual language of the lecture. These errors are, for the most part, only such as are common to unwritten discourses; but they cannot, as Dr. Sterry Hunt would imply, be with any fairness classed under his description of "mistakes into which the reporter has fallen;" and I must beg leave to protest against being held responsible for the lecturer's own inaccuracies of expression.

If Dr. Hunt prefers the version of his lecture given in the *Chemical News*, it cannot be because it approaches more nearly to what he actually said than the version which you have published. If the *Chemical News* report was founded upon shorthand notes at all, the author has performed the work of revision so vigorously that the original transcript has disappeared.

I am, Sir, obediently yours,

THE SHORTHAND WRITER.

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SHELLS ON THE GREAT ORMESHEAD.

To the Editor of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

DEAR SIR,—Owing to my absence from Cambridge, I have only lately seen Mr. Maw's letter, in the August number of the Magazine. The shells which I found at Gwydyf were by no means in such numbers, or in such a condition, as to suggest to me the idea that I was on a kitchen-midden. If that be the case, they are very different to those in the kitchen-middens on the N.W. side, and, though I cannot speak positively, I am disposed still to adhere to my original opinion. Yours very truly,

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