

**REVISED NOMENCLATURE FOR YORKSHIRE ESTUARINE SERIES**

SIR,—With the publication of Dr. Hemingway's welcome revision of the nomenclature of the Yorkshire Estuarine Series (*Geol. Mag.*, lxxxvi, 67–71), attention is focused on the inadequacy of a three-fold terminology to describe a four-fold natural division. There is, however, a danger of confusion in that Dr. Hemingway's proposal introduces different stratigraphical limits to his "Middle Deltaic Series" to those previously universally applied to the "Middle Estuarine Series". The only way of avoiding ambiguity is to apply place-names to all four of the deltaic divisions of the series and accordingly such names are proposed below. At the same time the writer suggests certain other minor modifications, such as the substitution of the word "Beds" for Hemingway's "Sub-Series".

Fox-Strangways	Hemingway	Sylvester-Bradley (here proposed)
Upper Estuarine Series	Upper Deltaic Series	Scalby Beds
Scarborough or Grey Limestone Series	Grey Limestone Series	Scarborough Beds
Middle Estuarine Series	Gristhorpe Sub-Series (= upper part of Middle Deltaic Series)	Gristhorpe Beds
Millepore Series	Millepore Series	Millepore Series
Upper part of Lower Estuarine Series	Sycarham Sub-Series (= lower part of Middle Deltaic Series)	Sycarham Beds
Eller Beck Bed	Eller Beck Bed	Eller Beck Bed
Lower part of Lower Estuarine Series	Lower Deltaic Series	Hayburn Beds

The two new terms proposed (Scalby Beds and Hayburn Beds) are named after two famous localities for plants in the respective strata.

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**AN INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR SEDIMENTARY  
PETROLOGY**

SIR,—Sedimentary petrologists from twelve different countries held an informal meeting in London last year after the XVIIIth International Geological Congress. As a first step towards the formation of some kind of international organization, it was resolved to set up immediately an International Secretariat for Sedimentary Petrology. Dr. D. J. Doeglas was unanimously elected international secretary.

The Secretariat intends first of all (1) to compile and maintain an up-to-date list of active workers in the subject (addresses, fields, publications, etc.);