

ing close upon more moderate views as to metamorphism, will probably come the recognition of Werner's old rule, as to the succession of these older rocks ; namely that the gneiss groups generally underlie those in which mica schist preponderates, and that the latter are overlaid by argillaceous and chloritic groups. Thus the ground will be cleared for an impartial investigation into the origin of the primitive formations.

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