

NOTES

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ON THE

"LIFE OF SIR W. E. LOGAN."

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The following brief remarks on this work are submitted by the writer for the consideration of American Geologists. They are written solely in the interests of truth and impartiality, and with a desire not only to place the facts concerning the Quebec group of Logan, and other questions referred to, in their true light before all those who are interested in the matter, but also to correct the erroneous impressions on these questions, which, it seems to me, the statements in the Appendix to the work referred to, are calculated to disseminate:—

On page 216 we read: "The four groups into which he then (1844) divided the strata met with, in the main hold good to-day." Of II., III., IV., this is correct, but can in no sense be said to be so of I., the whole relations of which have since been changed, as is in part shewn in the succeeding pages 218–219, and must now, as I have elsewhere shown, be still further modified. The Pillar Sandstones are not Middle Silurian, they are inter-stratified with Levis graptolitic shales, and they themselves hold graptolites, crinoid joints and other fossils. They are mainly below and