Medina and Clinton beds. Whilst there are various strong objections, therefore, to the assumed animal origin of these Climactichnites impressions, there would appear to be really nothing of any moment to militate against the assumption of their fucoidal origin. I am not, of course, sanguine enough to imagine that the views advanced in this communication will be readily accepted. Prejudices and preconceived opinions are not easily abandoned: nevertheless, in view of the very doubtful nature of these impressions, I would suggest that the generic names by which they are at present known should be modified respectively into Protichnides and Climactichnides. The change, whilst involving but a single letter, saves us from a too definite expression of what may be, and to my thinking most assuredly is, an erroneous view.

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