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POSTSCRIPT TO A "DESCRIPTION OF A NEW GENUS AND SPECIES OF CYSTIDEANS FROM THE TRENTON LIMESTONE AT OTTAWA."

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In the January number of this journal for the current year the writer endeavored to describe a new genus and species of blastoid-like cystideans from the Trenton limestone at Ottawa, under the name *Astrocystites Canadensis*. Since this description was published, the writer has been informed by Mr. F. A. Bather, M.A., of the Natural History Department of the British Museum, that Haeckel in 1896 separated *Asteroblastus tuberculatus*, Schmidt, from the typical *A. stellatus* of Eichwald, under the new generic name *Asterocystis*. Mr. Bather thinks that there is not sufficient difference between the words *Astrocystites* and *Asterocystis*, and it would obviously be inconvenient to use such essentially similar names for two such closely related genera. The writer, therefore, desires to be allowed to substitute the generic name *Steganoblastus* (from στεγάνος, closely covered, with reference to the large covering plates and covered mouth, as kindly suggested by Mr. Bather) for that of *Astrocystites*,