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SOME CHANGES IN THE NAMES OF GENERA OF TRILOBITES.

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The writer had viewed with some complaisance the recent signs of revolt against the rules regarding priority and pre-occupation as laid down by the International Zoological Congress, believing that among paleontologists, the English speaking ones at least, there was a general agreement to follow the rules. At the recent meeting of the Paleontological Society, however, I was surprised to find that many of the American paleontologists were following the rules in a half-hearted manner; that is, that they were willing that the names of unknown or relatively inconspicuous genera should be corrected if necessary, but if the name were at all well known, they preferred to adhere to the long established although incorrect name. Now the arguments in favour of accepting the first name given to a genus, provided that the name is accompanied by a satisfactory diagnosis enabling one to recognize the organism indicated, are too well known to require repeating, and I can add nothing to what has already been said. In discussing one of the cases cited below, that of *Cryptolithus* versus *Trinucleus*, a paleontologist who protested strongly against giving up *Trinucleus* admitted that if he himself had proposed *Cryptolithus*, and if, seven years later a more distinguished man had proposed *Trinucleus* to take its place, he would have objected to the adoption of the later name. In these days, we are very careful not to say "I want credit for my work," but it is a popular saying, "Give credit where credit is due," and as we say it, we are more apt to slap our own chest than our neighbour's back. Why not be true sportsmen, and do to our predecessors what we would like done to us? Incidentally, it simplifies matters for the systematist.

In regard to preoccupation, it does seem as though the rule requiring that there should be no duplication of generic names within the confines of the whole animal kingdom was a little unjust. In former days, when there were naturalists, it probably was a little trying to read a paper on *Amphion*, and not