

Sedgwick frankly admitted the need of revision, remarking that his paper had been written in a slovenly and hasty manner, and that he had willingly and without reserve placed the MS. in the hands of the president. Unfortunately Warburton, in seeking to 'improve' the paper and produce harmony, made unjustifiable changes in nomenclature, and refused to allow Sedgwick to see proofs.

Sedgwick had adopted the term Protozoic for Lower Silurian and Cambrian; and Warburton altered the MS. so as to make Protozoic equivalent to Lower Silurian.

The refusal to send proofs to Sedgwick, and the publication of his papers and illustrations in unauthorised form, naturally caused grievous offence. It is inconceivable that such a proceeding could take place nowadays.

Sedgwick was a member of Council, in 1843, during the first year of Warburton's presidency, and during the second year Austen (afterwards Godwin-Austen), Buckland, De la Beche, Egerton, Falconer, Fitton, Horner, and Lyell—not to mention others—were on the Council, and it is impossible to believe that they would permit intentional injustice to be done to Sedgwick. Indeed, Sedgwick later on admitted that, 'With all the faults of the Reduction, it was obvious that Mr. Warburton had laboured hard at my Papers and Sections, and perhaps done his best to put them into a systematic form; and on that account I was willing, after I got over my first sorrow (and it was a *very great* sorrow, to endure the loss of perhaps the best two years' labours of my geological life), to excuse some of his blunders, and to overlook the overbearing manner in which he had treated me.'<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately the printed grouping misled De la Beche, who remarked in 1846, 'Sedgwick, you have given up a very good nomenclature!'<sup>2</sup> In that same year, in De la Beche's 'Index to the Colours and Signs Employed on the Geological Survey of Great lists of fossils in Sedgwick's papers above noted, but does not appear as par author.

<sup>1</sup> Preface to Catalogue (*op. cit.*), p. xxviii.

<sup>2</sup> 'Life and Letters of Sedgwick,' by J. W. Clark and T. McK. Hughes, vol. ii. 1890, p. 252.