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# LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

Geological Survey Branch,
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29th November, 1904.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for publication Part I of Monograph No. 13 (Palæontology Series) on the Silurian and Devosian Corals of New South Wales, by Mr. Robert Etheridge, Junior, Curator of the Australian Museum.

Hitherto great difficulty has been experienced in our attempts to establish a dividing line between the Upper Silurian and Devonian rocks of New South Wales, so much so that it has been found necessary to make use of the term Siluro-Deconian to describe those rocks near the junction between the two formations, and which were regarded by the late Mr. C. S. Wilkinson, Geological Surveyor-in-Charge, as Passage beds.

Obviously the first thing to do in order to clear up this difficult question is to have as complete a description as possible of the fossil forms occurring in the Silurian and in the Devonian formations respectively. The information thus made available will, it is hoped, enable the dividing line to be definitely fixed without much difficulty. The present volume, dealing with the genus Halysites, may be regarded as the first portion of this important work which has been undertaken by Mr. Etheridge.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant, EDWARD F. PITTMAN, Government Geologist.

The Honourable the Minister for Mines and Agriculture.