XLIX.—On the Geological Distribution of the Rhabdophora.
By Charles Lapworth, F.G.S. &c.

Part II. DATA.

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Bala Formation.

In the present state of our knowledge it is impossible to fix upon the physical or palæontological line of demarcation between the Llandeilo and Bala (or Caradoc) formations. The Upper Llandeilo and Lower Bala rocks both consist, in great part, of dark and more or less carbonaceous shales, tolerably prolific in Graptolites. In the south of Scotland, strata of this nature (the Glenkiln Shales), unequivocally superior in systematic position to the generality of the Welsh Llandeilo rocks, afford a Graptolite fauna of a most distinctive character, but which, upon the whole, has a facies intermediate between that of the typical Llandeilo of Siluria and that discoverable in strata of undoubted Bala age. I have hitherto looked upon this Glenkiln fauna as of Upper Llandeilo age. Not only, however, have I failed this summer in detecting many of its most characteristic species in the highest Llandeilo rocks of South Wales, but the recent researches of American geologists appear almost to demonstrate that in New York and Canada a similar fauna is characteristic of the shaly strata immediately overlying the Trenton Limestone in other words, of shales admittedly homotaxeous with the lower beds of the British Bala formation. This also appears to be the systematic place of the same fauna in Ireland and in Scandinavia. Till the lowest boundary of the Bala has been satisfactorily settled by careful research in the typical districts of North Wales, it is perhaps a matter of no great moment whether the fauna in question be considered as of Upper Llandeilo or of Lower Bala age. At present, however, the balance of evidence leans decidedly in the latter direction. It will therefore be more convenient to regard this peculiar fauna, provisionally, as of Lower Bala age.

Llandeilo-Bala or Lower Bala.

Scotland.—The Glenkiln or Lower Moffat shales of the south of Scotland, above referred to, yield, both in the typical localities near Moffat and in the district of the Leadhills, the following species:—

Didymograptus superstes, Lapw. Coenograptus gracilis, Hall.

Comograptus surcularis, Hall.
— explanatus, Lapw.

Cœnograptus pertenuis, Lapw.
Leptograptus flaccidus, Hall.
Dicellograptus divaricatus?, Hall.
— patulosus, Lapw.
— sextans, Hall.
Dicranograptus formosus, Hopk.
— ziczac, Lapw.
— Nicholsoni, Hopk.
— ramosus, Hall.
Clathrograptus cuneiformis, Lapw.
Glossograptus Hincksii, Hopk.
Lasiograptus Harknessi, Nich.

Lasiograptus? bimucronatus, Nich.
Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.
— dentatus, Brongn.

— angustifolius, Hall. — tricornis, Carr. — Whitfieldi, Hall.

— Whitfieldi, Hall. — euglyphus, Lapw.

Climacograptus bicornis, Hall.
— Scharenbergi, Lapw.

—— perexcavatus, Lapw. —— ? cælatus ?, Lapw.

The lowest or Stinchar Division of the Lower Palæozoic rocks of Girvan includes the two conglomerates of the valley of the Stinchar, with an intermediate limestone (Craighead) and some overlying shales. The Crustacea and Brachiopoda are of a Lower Bala type with numerous Llandeilo (Trenton) affinities. The Graptolites I have collected from this division include, among others, the following Glenkiln forms:—

Dicranograptus formosus, Hopk.
— ramosus, Hall.
Glossograptus Hincksii, Hopk.
Lasiograptus Harknessi, Nich.
Dicellograptus moffatensis?, Carr.
Leptograptus flaccidus, Hall.
Climacograptus Scharenbergi,
Lapw.

Climacograptus bicornis, *Hall*.
—— cælatus, *Lapw*.
Diplograptus tricornis, *Carr*.

— dentatus, Brongn.
— foliaceus, Murch.
— angustifolius, Hall.
— euglyphus, Lapw.

Ireland.—Every form of Graptolite enumerated in the Glenkiln list given above has been detected in similar association in corresponding rocks (Ballygrot beds) in the Lower Palæozoic strata of county Down by my friend Mr. William Swanston, F.G.S., at Ballygrot and other localities to the south of Belfast Lough*.

Portions of the same fauna have also been recognized at several localities in the south of Ireland. In Tramore Bay, county Waterford, the following forms were collected by officers of the Geological Survey, from dark shales interbedded with fossiliferous rocks full of Lower Bala fossils†.

Didymograptus, sp. (Hisingeri, Baily).

Dicellograptus sextans, Hall.

Cœnograptus gracilis, Hall.

Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch. Climacograptus bicornis, Hall. Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall.

In the neighbourhood occur Leptograptus flaccidus, Hall, and a species of Didymograptus (Hisingeri).

* Swanston, Trans. Belfast Naturalists' Field-Club, Appendix, 1876-1877.

† Memoirs Geol. Surv. Ireland, Explanation Sheet 167, &c., p. 23, et seq.; also Baily, Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc. 1869, vol. xxv. pp. 158-162.

At Balleymoney near Gorey, in the adjacent county of Wexford, a similar group of forms is met with, viz.:—

Didymograptus (Hisingeri). Dicellograptus sextans, *Hall*. Leptograptus flaccidus?, *Hall*. Diplograptus mucronatus, Hall. Climacograptus (bicornis?), Hall. Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall.

The most prolific locality, however, appears to be that of Six-Mile Bridge, county Clare, on the western slope of the Slieve Bernagh mountains. From this locality Mr. Baily quotes

Cœnograptus gracilis, Hall. Dicellograptus sextans, Hall. Climacograptus bicornis, Hall. Diplograptus Baylii, Carr.
—— foliaceus, Murch.
Didymograptus, sp. (Hisingeri).

and some others.

Wales.—The Graptolitic black mudstones of Llanfaelrhys, Anglesey, noticed by Mr. Salter, probably belong also to this doubtful horizon. They occur in the neighbourhood of limestones of Bala age, and yield Dicranograptus formosus*, Hopk., Climacograptus Scharenbergi, Lapw., and species of Didy-

mograptus.

America.—The typical Glenkiln fauna of South Scotland reappears almost unmodified in corresponding strata on the continent of North America. It is confined to the convoluted shales that form the banks of the Hudson River in the neighbourhood of Albany, and to their Canadian equiva-These so-called Hudson-River shales were formerly regarded by the great majority of American palæontologists as the representatives of the Lorraine shales that form the highest member of the Ordovician of Western New York. have myself advocated the theory that they are of much earlier date, and inferior in systematic position to the Trenton Limestone. In the face of recent discoveries, however, neither of these theories appears to be any longer tenable. Mr. Whitfield's opinion, that they correspond, generally speaking, to the Utica Slates of Western New York and Canada, is probably the nearest to the truth; but it is possible that some of the fossils quoted from them belong in time to the upper beds of the Trenton Limestone of the west.

At the locality of Norman's Kiln, near Albany, Professor

Hall has collected

Clematograptus multifasciatus,

Hall.

Didymograptus serratulus, Hall.

— superstes?, Lapw.

Cœnograptus gracilis, Hall.
—— surcularis, Hall.
Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall.
—— furcatus, Hall.

^{*} Salter, Mem. Geol. Survey, vol. iii. p. 256; Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc. vol. viii. p. 359.

Dicellograptus sextans, Hall. - divaricatus, Hall. Clathrograptus Geinitzianus, Hall. Diplograptus marcidus, Hall. — Whitfieldi, Hall.

Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch. - mucronatus, Hall. —— angustifolius, Hall. Glossograptus spinulosus, Hall. Climacograptus bicornis, Hall.

Of these species the following occur in similar beds in the valley of the St. Lawrence, Canada*:—

Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch. Climacograptus bicornis, Hall. Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall.

Dicellograptus sextans, Hall. —— divaricatus, Hall. Comograptus gracilis?, Hall.

From the enigmatical Taconic shales of the valley of the Hudson, Dr. Emmons collected a few of the same forms +, viz. :-

Comograptus gracilis, Hall. Glossograptus ciliatus, Emm. Didymograptus, sp.

and from shales in Augusta County, Virginia, possibly of the same geological age, Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall, and several other species of Graptolites of the Norman's-Kiln type. A few like forms are also quoted by him from the shales of Parrotsville, Tennessee, which are apparently upon a similar geological horizon.

The only Graptolite hitherto quoted from the true Trenton Limestone is Diplograptus amplexicaule, Hall ‡. The overlying Utica Slate affords at Oxtumgo Creek, Fort Plain, New

York, the following species §:—

Didymograptus serratulus?, Hall. Climacograptus bicornis, Hall. Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.

Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall.

From strata overlying the Trenton Limestone of Nevada, Dr. Charles White enumerates

Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall. Diplograptus hypniformis, White.

Diplograptus quadrimucronatus, —— foliaceus, Murch.

Australia.—A few forms of this Llandeilo-Bala fauna are enumerated by Professor M'Coy from the so-called Llandeilo Flags of Australia. The forms that may possibly belong to this general horizon are

* Hall, 20th Report State Cabinet, New York, p. 221. † Emmons, 'American Geology,' vol. i. pp. 104, 110. † Hall, Pal. New York, vol. i. p. 79. § Whitfield, Report 100th Meridian, vol. iv. p. 10.

Dr. C. White, Report West 100th Meridian, vol. ii. Palæontology,

¶ M'Coy, 'Prodromus Palæontology of Victoria,' decade ii. pl. xx. &c.

Didymograptus extensus?, Hall., Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall.——furcatus, Hall.

Coenograptus gracilis, Hall. Goniograptus Thueauri, M'Coy.

Higher Bala or Caradoc Formation.

Wales.—We now ascend into the rocks of which the Bala or Caradoc age is unequivocal. The most prolific graptolitiferous rocks of this date known to myself in Wales are exposed in the railway-cutting a little west of the town of Conway. Here the black shales of the district are crowded with poorly preserved forms, principally*

Dicranograptus Clingani, Carr. Idiograptus margaritatus, Lapw.

Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch. Climacograptus bicornis, Hall.

In the railway-cutting near the tunnel above Cynghordy station, South Wales, the black shales of Bala age have afforded me

Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch. Climacograptus bicornis, Hall.

Dicellograptus Forchhammeri, Gein.

and a few others.

In the Harnage shales of the Caradoc area of Shropshire, Diplograptus foliaceus is not uncommon. A species of Climacograptus, allied to C. Wilsoni, Lapw., was met with by myself at Soudley. An example of D. foliaceus, Murch., from the Caradoc of Robeston Wathen, is preserved in the Jermyn-Street Museum†.

Scotland.—The higher Caradoc beds of Wales are represented in South Scotland by the Middle Moffat beds, or Hartfell Shales. Up to the present date I have collected from

these the following species:—

Pleurograptus linearis, Carr.
—— radiatus, Lapw.
Amphigraptus divergens, Hall.
Leptograptus flaccidus, Hall.
—— capillaris, Carr.
Dicellograptus moffatensis, Carr.
—— anceps, Nich.
—— Forchhammeri, Gein.
—— Morrisi, Hopk.
—— caduceus, Lapw.
—— elegans, Carr.
—— complanatus, Lapw.
Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall.
—— Nicholsoni, Hopk.
—— Clingani, Carr.

Glossograptus Hincksii, Hopk.
Lasiograptus Harknessi, Nich.
Idiograptus margaritatus, Lapw.
Retiolites fibratus, Lapw.
Climacograptus bicornis, Hall.
— caudatus, Lapw.
— tubuliferus, Lapw.
— Wilsoni, Lapw.
— Scharenbergi, Lapw.
Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.
— tricornis, Carr.
— truncatus, Lapw.
— quadrimucronatus, Hall.
— socialis, Lapw.
— euglyphus, Lapw.

^{*} Compare also Salter, Memoirs Geol. Surv. vol. iii. pl. xii. &c. † Case iv. $|\frac{2}{28}$.

The second or Ardmillan Division of the Girvan rocks is composed of the four successive subgroups of the Pinmore, Tralodden, Shalloch, and Drummuck beds. The Pinmore beds have yielded me

Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall.
Dicellograptus moffatensis, Carr.
Leptograptus flaccidus, Hall.
Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.
— euglyphus, Lapw.

Diplograptus tricornis, Carr.
Climacograptus Scharenbergi,
Lapw.
—— cælatus, Lapw.

The Tralodden beds afford

Dicellograptus elegans, Carr.
—— Forchhammeri, Geinitz.
—— Morrisi, Hopk.
—— complanatus, Lapw.
Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.
—— socialis, Lapw.

Diplograptus truncatus, Lapw.
— quadrimucronatus, Hall.
Climacograptus bicornis, Hall.
— tubuliferus, Lapw.
Idiograptus aculeatus, Lapw.

The Shalloch or Nematolites-beds yield only a few specimens of

Dicellograptus Morrisi, Hopk. Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.

Diplograptus truncatus, Lapw. Idiograptus margaritatus, Lapw.

The Drummuck beds are also very poor in Graptolites. The only forms hitherto collected from them by Mrs. Gray or myself include

Dicellograptus anceps?, Nich.

Diplograptus truncatus, Lapro.

Ireland.—The central member of the Black Graptolitic shales of county Down has yielded to the industrious researches of my friend Mr. William Swanston the following Hartfell species:—

Leptograptus flaccidus, Hall.
Dicellograptus caduceus, Lapro.
— moffatensis, Carr.
— Forchhammeri, Geinitz.
— Morrisi, Hopk.
Dicranograptus ramosus, Hall.
— Clingani, Carr.
— Nicholsoni, Hopk.

Climacograptus bicornis, Hall.
— Scharenbergi, Lapw.
— tubuliferus, Lapw.
Retiolites fibratus, Lapw.
Diplograptus truncatus, Lapw.
— foliaceus, Murch.
— quadrimucronatus, Hall.
— tricornis, Carr.

Sweden.—The Swedish Graptolite-bearing rocks that correspond to the Llandeilo and Bala strata of Britain are the Middle Graptolite-Schists of Linnarsson (Dicranograptus-Schists of Dr. Tornquist) and the overlying Trinucleus-Schist. These beds repose at once upon the Orthoceras-Limestone (Arenig), and are surmounted by the Brachiopod-Schists (Llandovery) that form the basal formation of the Swedish Silurian proper. According to the most recent communica-

tions of Mr. Linnarsson, the Middle Graptolite-Schists of Scania are composed of the following subgroups of strata in ascending order *:—

(a) Zone with Phyllograptus typus (Hall?),

containing, in addition to *Phyllograptus typus*, representatives of the under-named British species:—

Didymograptus patulus, Hall.
—— geminus, His.
Diplograptus Hopkinsoni, Nich.

Climacograptus confertus, Lapw.
—— perexcavatus, Lapw.

—— Scharenbergi, Lapw.

(b) Zone with Didymograptus geminus (Didymograptus Murchisoni of British Palæontologists).

This is characterized, like the corresponding British zone, by the abundance of the tuningfork-shaped Didymograpti generally known under the names given above. They occur together with many of the same forms common in the underlying zone (with the notable exception of Phyllograptus) and the addition of Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.

(c) Zone with Glossograptus Hincksi, Hopk.

The chief fossil of this zone is a beautiful form of Glosso-graptus doubtfully referable to Hopkinson's species. The Murchisoniform Didymograpti are wanting; and only a single patulous species remains. Dicellograptus (Dicellograptus moffatensis?, Carr.) makes its first appearance in this zone.

(d) Zone with Diplograptus mucronatus (Linnrs.).

The characteristic fossil of this zone is a peculiar Graptolite, probably an *Idiograptus*. The associated forms are identical with, or allied to, the British species:—

Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.
— tricornis, Carr.
— teretiusculus, His.

Climacograptus caudatus, Lapw. Dicellograptus sextans, Hall. —— moffatensis, Carr.

(e) Zone with Climacograptus Scharenbergi, Lapw.

This is marked by the prevalence of the species to which the zone owes its name, and rarer examples of the representatives of

Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.

— Hopkinsoni?, Nich.

Diplograptus teretiusculus, His. Didymograptus superstes, Lapw.

^{*} Linnarsson, Geol. Föreningens Förhandl. 1879, Bd. iv. no. 8.

(f) Zone with Dicranograptus Clingani, Carr.

This is locally prolific in the British forms

Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch.
— quadrimucronatus, Hall.
Climacograptus bicornis, Hall.
— caudatus, Lapw.

Lasiograptus, sp. n.
Dicranograptus Clingani, Carr.
DicellograptusForchhammeri, Gein.
— Morrisi, Hopk.

(g) Zone of Orthis argentea, His.

The only species noted from this zone is an undetermined

form of Climacograptus.

These results harmonize the data previously collected from the district by former observers*, and are in strict concordance with the little that is yet known respecting the fossils of the corresponding strata in Westrogothia, Dalarne, and the island

of Bornholm †.

The zones (a) and (b) represent those British strata which, pending the advent of a more suitable title, we may term the Passage-beds between the Arenig and Llandeilo formations. The zone (a) is essentially Arenig in its general facies. The zone (b) is the exact representative of the Lower Llandeilo or Murchisoni-zone of Abereiddy Bay. The zones (c) and (d) are, as Linnarsson remarks, distinctly of Llandeilo age. Zone (e) is probably the equivalent of the transitional Glenkiln shales of South Scotland. Zones (f) and (g) are, as Linnarsson observes, the Swedish representatives of the main mass of the Hartfell shales, and are therefore of unequivocal Bala age.

The highest strata of the Swedish Ordovician are the socalled *Trinucleus-Schists*. The only Graptolites they have

yielded hitherto are ‡

Diplograptus pristis, His.

Dicellograptus elegans, Carr.

America.—The Hudson-River group or Lorraine Shales of New York and Canada, and their western representative the Cincinnati group of Ohio, occupy the systematic place of the British Caradoc rocks. Only a few Graptolites are yet known from these beds. From the Cincinnati group Hall enumerates§

Climacograptus bicornis, Hall.
— typicalis, Hall.

Diplograptus putillus, Hall.

† Johnstrup, Forh. Skand. Naturf. 11 (Copenhagen, 1873), pp. 305-308.

‡ Conf. Linnarsson, Geological Magazine, June 1876.

§ Hall, Grapt. Quebec Group, p. 44, &c.

^{*} Tornquist, Œfvers. af K. Vet. Akad. Förh. 1875, no. 10, 4; Linnarsson, Geol. Fören. no. 22, 1875, &c.

In the Utica or Hudson-River Shales of Lake St. John, Lower Canada*, occur

Leptograptus flaccidus, Hall. Diplograptus mucronatus?, Hall.

Diplograptus quadrimucronatus,

Retiograptus? eucharis, Hall.

From the Lorraine Shales of New York Professor Hall figures

Amphigraptus divergens, Hall.

Diplograptus hudsonicus, Nich.

and some other species †.

In the corresponding beds near Montreal occur Climacograptus bicornis, Hall, Diplograptus foliaceus, Murch., and Dicranograptus Nicholsoni, Hopk.‡.

L.—Note on the so-called "Farringdon (Coral-Rag) Sponges" (Calcispongiæ, Zittel). By H. J. CARTER, F.R.S. &c.

A FEW days ago, while turning out the contents of a box, I found a parcel of fossils labelled "Coral Rag," and, on opening it, not only saw that it contained several beautiful specimens of the so-called "Farringdon sponges," but recollected that these fossils had been given to me by a dear fellow student who lived at or near Farringdon in Berkshire, and whose untimely decease, somewhere about forty years ago, was about coeval with the present; thus the parcel seems to have been

unopened for this lapse of time.

At once I observed that the Farringdon sponges belonged to the Order called by Professor Zittel, in his "Studies on Fossil Sponges " &, "Calcispongiæ," which were first brought to my notice by his kindness in not only sending me entire specimens of these sponges themselves from the "Upper Jura, &c.," but slides of Peronella multidigitata and P. cylindrica respectively-showing that these, at least, contained triradiate spicules which, in the former, to me as well as to himself, seemed to be identifiable only with those of a recent Calcisponge.

* Hall, Grapt. Quebec Group, pp. 143 &c.

† Hall, Grapt. Quebec Group, p. 13; Palæontology New York, vol. i. pl. 72.

† Logan, 'Geology of Canada,' p. 200.

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