page 34) as being due to misidentification. As to "the other anomalies," according to Arkell (1956, page 104) "doubt is inevitably cast on them also."

The chapter on historical geology appropriately summarizes the objective of stratigraphy.

Students of stratigraphy, particularly beginners, will find the appendix with its practical suggestions for field work and for graphic presentation of results to be a very useful part of the book. The list of references to various manuals could be profitably enlarged by including Busk's Earth Flexures, Suggestion to Authors, and a few others.

Minor points, critically mentioned in the preceding paragraphs, do not detract from the general excellence of the book. Stratigraphic Principles and Practice merits favorable consideration for adoption as a text in stratigraphy.

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Biochemistry of Plants and Animals. M. Frank Mallette, Paul M. Althouse, and Carl O. Clagett. Wiley, New York, 1960. xiii + 552 pp. Illus. \$8.50.

In writing this textbook the authors had to cope with the difficult problem of presenting a vast amount of biochemical knowledge, in its many ramifications, to students of agriculture with limited preparation in modern physics, chemistry, and biology. Their solution is the best testimony of their broad scientific approach to complex subject matter and of their educational skill. I was surprised and impressed to find such advanced topics as the function of deoxyribonucleic acid and ribonucleic acid, nicotinamide adenine dinucleoxide, adenosine triphosphate, biotin, gibberellic acid, auxins, and antiauxins discussed on an elementary level.

In the excellent chapter on mineral metabolism, radiation and radioisotopes are mentioned; in the very good chapter on feedstuffs, the use of antibiotics in livestock feeding has been given proper attention. Although written primarily to serve as a biochemical foundation for those studying the agricultural sciences, the book can also be recommended to all who wish to obtain a condensed review of the present status of biochemical knowledge.

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Spectra and Analysis. A. A. Kharkevich. Translated from Russian. Consultants Bureau, New York, 1960. 228 pp. \$8.75. Translated from the revised edition published by the State Press for Technical and Theoretical Literature, Moscow, 1957.

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Tables of Lommel's Function of Two Variables. E. N. Dekanosidze. Translated from Russian by D. G. Fry. Pergamon, New York, 1960. 499 pp. \$20.

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