

with Dr. Dwerryhouse, but nothing comparable with the scale on which the gravel and concrete hunters work to-day. The dimensions of the exposure and the rapid rate of working provide an excellent opportunity for studying structures only rarely to be seen in this country, and make it imperative that some competent glaciologist should watch the progress of the work and record the structures revealed in the developing face.

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#### BATHONELLA AND VIVIPARUS

SIR.—Dr. Cox has put forward arguments in favour of regarding *Valvata comes* from the Viviparus Marl of Oxfordshire as a marine species of another genus. Dr. Yen contends that the *Viviparus* itself (*V. langtonensis*) is a marine species of his genus *Bathonella*. It therefore seems desirable to place on record the occurrence of two forms from the Viviparus Marl that are more certainly of freshwater origin. From samples collected at both Castle Barn and Sharp's Hill, the Marl has yielded an undescribed species of the ostracod genus *Metacypris*, and the gyrogonites of a Charophyte. Recent Charophyta are exclusively freshwater. Recent *Metacypris* inhabit the almost freshwater broads of the Fenland. Both Charophytes and *Metacypris* are abundant associates of *Viviparus* and *Valvata* in the Cherty Freshwater Beds of the Middle Purbeck of Dorset. At the same time, it must be admitted that I have also found gyrogonites (but not *Metacypris*) in certain members of the underlying Sharp's Hill Beds usually regarded as marine.

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#### BATHONIAN AMMONITES

SIR,—I am anxious to examine for a monograph in preparation all ammonites from the Fuller's Earth, Fuller's Earth Rock, Stonesfield or Cotswold Slates, Great Oolite, Forest Marble, and Cornbrash. If any collector or curator will send me material on loan it will be gratefully acknowledged and carefully returned as soon as examined. Ammonites are so rare in some of these formations that even a fragment may be something new and stratigraphically important if accurately localized.

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#### EAST ANGLIAN DRIFTS

SIR.—Mr. Baden Powell's paper on East Anglian drifts<sup>1</sup> adds greatly to our knowledge: his data, which must have cost much time and labour to amass, will, I feel sure, be of permanent value. Nor would I quarrel with his sequence, if the Hoxne beds could be placed on top of all, not in the middle. But though in accord with current practice, the four glaciations claimed, with their appropriate intervals, can, and should, be challenged.

<sup>1</sup> D. F. W. Baden Powell. The Chalky Boulder Clays of Norfolk and Suffolk. *Geol. Mag.*, Oct., 1948, pp. 279–296.