

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE ORIGIN OF THE DWYKA CONGLOMERATE.

SIR,—There would appear to be something abnormally stimulating in the Geology of South Africa, of a kind indeed to stir the imagination of certain of its disciples, for only thus is one to explain Dr. Sandberg's whole-hearted resurrection in your March number of the long-abandoned idea of the volcanic origin of the celebrated Dwyka "Conglomerate".

Dr. Sandberg has quoted widely from my writings and has conjured up curious difficulties therefrom, but from the nature of his arguments I am reluctantly led to doubt whether much, if anything, is to be gained through attempting to dispose of his criticisms point by point.

Providentially, however, a splendid opportunity for testing these two rival hypotheses will be presenting itself in 1929 through the meeting of the International Geological Congress in South Africa, when it will be our inestimable privilege to conduct a course of geologists, drawn from all parts of the globe and including vulcanologists as well as glaciologists, over what it is hoped will be admitted by Dr. Sandberg as representative sections of the Dwyka Series. To no higher or more impartial authority could appeal be made, and I shall be well content to transfer this engrossing problem to the consideration and judgment of the members of the Congress.

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