

In part xii the author finishes with some "general conclusions", but we rather disagree with him that "some conclusions seem inevitable". The volume is so essentially a collection and statement of facts that part xii might well have been omitted without much loss, especially as those who will use the book presumably have, or should have, at least a general knowledge of the theories of the origin and concentration of oil and gas. That subject in itself is so extensive and important that to skim lightly over it in a page or two hardly strikes one as in keeping with the rest of the volume. As is essential to a book of this nature it is well indexed, which adds materially to its value as a work of reference.

The publishers are to be congratulated on the printing and general style of the book, though here and there exception might be taken to the proof-reading, which has been by no means perfect.

CORRESPONDENCE.

S. B. J. SKERTCHLY'S STONE IMPLEMENTS.

SIR,—I am anxious to trace the implements obtained by the late Mr. S. B. J. Skertchly from deposits of the districts around Brandon and Mildenhall, which he claimed to be of mid-Glacial age.

I should be glad if anyone in possession of any of these would kindly inform me of the fact, giving all details concerning the labels, and if possible, outline-figures of the specimens.

I trust that you will be able to help me by inserting this letter in the *GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE*.

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LINGULA IN THE CHALK.

SIR,—Mr. G. W. Butler will find published records, now of some standing, in Brydone's *Stratigraphy and Fauna of the Trimmingham Chalk* (London: Dulau & Co., 1900), and in Griffith & Brydone's *Zones of the Chalk in Hants* (London: Dulau & Co., 1911). At Trimmingham it has been found both in the white chalk and in the grey chalk.

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PHYSIOGRAPHIC RELATIONS OF LATERITE.

SIR,—At the end of his article in the May number of the *Magazine* Mr. F. Dixey gave a summary of the conditions affecting lateritization in Sierra Leone, but did not include a physiographic factor