

O. lunata. (The single specimen of *O. lunata* recorded from the lower beds in 1906 was found in a detached piece of chalk lying on a ledge about 5 feet up, which I then felt bound to assume against my own views to have been detached from the chalk against which it actually lay, but it is now obvious that it must have slipped down from above.)

I have also discovered that 4 inches above the highest flint band figured on the southern part there is a sudden but apparently conformable change from white chalk with *O. lunata* to grey chalk without *O. lunata*. Of this grey chalk a maximum of 18 inches is preserved, containing one definite line of very curious flints. It is a reasonable supposition that this grey chalk is the lowest part of that grey chalk which is the lowest member of the other main series, and that it supplies the hitherto missing link between the two series.

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THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

SIR,—I write to strongly express the hope that the suggestion of Dr. Charles Davison, in the February GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE, that the reports of discussions of papers read before the Geological Society should be printed exclusively in the Proceedings will *not* be adopted. Personally I find it very difficult to keep track of and insure the complete collection and preservation of the Proceedings, which I regard as of an ephemeral character and do not consider worth binding. If the discussions are omitted from the Quarterly Journal the report will be incomplete, and many valuable suggestions may be either lost entirely or only preserved by those paragons of method who bind the Proceedings. I would suggest that those who take part in the discussion should be requested, when proofs of the report of their remarks are submitted to them, to eliminate from them everything except what they believe, on mature reflection, to be of value, and that as far as possible the official reporters of the Society should act on the same principle. Then the discussion may be printed in the Quarterly Journal. I think a paper which when printed *in extenso* is materially damaged by the report of the discussion cannot be worth much. I have so great a respect for the views of Dr. Davison on most subjects that I regret to differ from him in this case.

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WE regret to record the death (which took place last year at Geneva) of the eminent Swiss Palæontologist, de Loriole, President of the Swiss Palæontological Society, an indefatigable worker for