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## CORRESPONDENCE

### INVESTIGATION OF THE TORRIDONIAN

SIR,—In view of Professor Read's recent plea for a reinvestigation of the Torridonian (Abstract Proc. Geol. Soc. London, No. 1459, 17th February, 1950) it is perhaps desirable to make clear that the writers have already been engaged in this work for some two years. It is proposed to communicate the results in a series of papers of which the first are in an advanced state of preparation.

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### KENT'S CAVERN, TORQUAY

SIR,—Since digging started in Kent's Cavern in about 1824, large quantities of archaeological and palaeontological material have been unearthed, but nowhere does there appear to be any complete record of the places in which this material is now deposited.

At the request of a Committee of Section H of the British Association for the Advancement of Science I am therefore now endeavouring to complete a detailed register.

If any of your readers should know of such material in private collections or in "forgotten" drawers and cupboards in museums and other public institutions, I should be most interested to know; the archaeological items include objects of the Bronze Age, Early Iron Age, and Roman period, as well as representatives of nearly all the palaeolithic industries.

I should also be very glad to have views as to the nature of the cause of the difference between the granular and the crystalline stalagmite in Kent's Cavern, and opinions as to how it may have been possible for fragments of the lower stalagmite to be broken off and included in the upper *without* the action of a stream (of whose hypothetical existence at any time there seems scanty evidence).

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