

CORRESPONDENCE.

HIGH-LEVEL SHELLY DRIFT.

SIR,—Mr. Crook (GEOL. MAG., January, 1911) is wrong in supposing that the upholders of the land-ice hypothesis for the origin of our high-level shelly drifts are satisfied by the rendering of their views as usually stated by the opponents of the hypothesis, and he credits them undeservedly with docility in the matter. As only one of the upholders in question I venture to refer Mr. Crook to a letter of mine in *Nature* for May 6, 1897 (vol. lvi, p. 10), which displays a really deplorable lack of docility. Since that was written I have repeatedly set forth the full argument, in a more subdued tone, in applying the hypothesis to specific instances—e.g., in memoirs on the Isle of Man, on the Dublin district, on the Belfast district, and in an address to Section C of the British Association, York, 1906—referring in the last, among other instances, to observations in North Greenland even more illustrative than that to which Mr. Crook draws attention. Finally, last summer, in Spitzbergen, I saw for myself some remarkable examples of the entanglement and uplift of marine detritus by glaciers and its incorporation with the morainic products of land-ice.

It has been persistently explained that our *high-level* shelly drifts are believed to represent, not a bodily transportation of their material *en masse*, but an uplifting and scattering of the marine detritus piecemeal by the advancing ice-sheets. Statement of the case has of late grown wearisome even to its upholders by unavailing reiteration, and the misapprehension which has impressed Mr. Crook will no doubt continue to reveal itself from time to time as blandly as ever.

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MISNAMED LOCALITIES AND THE *UINTACRINUS* CHALK
AT KESTON.

SIR,—In September last you kindly published a letter from me respecting the discovery of the Marsupite zone at Farnborough in Kent. By some accident this appeared as *Marsupites* in Surrey, which zone had been worked by Mr. George Young, F.G.S., and described by him in the Proceedings of the Geologists' Association. I did not see the letter for a long time after its publication, or should have written at once to correct the error.

In October last, while examining the chalk by the roadside immediately opposite Keston Church, where about 18 inches of it are revealed above the footpath, I discovered ample proof of the presence of the *Uintacrinus*-zone, which I had previously discovered at Orpington, Fox Hill, and West Wickham. The great point of interest attached to this is that the fauna revealed in the Leave's Green Pit a few yards south of Keston Church is that of the