

NOTE ON THE MOLLUSCA FROM THE RAINWASHES AT GODSTONE.

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ABOUT sixteen species of Mollusca were obtained from the rain-wash above the old chalk-pit, the most noteworthy species being *Helix pomatia*, Linn., *Theba cantiana* (Mont.), *Azeca menkeana* (Pfr.), and *Vertigo pygmæa* (Drap.). The occurrence of the second species clearly shows that this is a modern deposit, since this species has been introduced into England in post-Roman times.

Thirty-two species were collected from the rain-wash east of Quarry Farm, the noteworthy species being *Punctum pygmæum* (Drap.), *Theba cartusiana* (Müll.), *Polita alliaria* (Mill.) *Helicella gigaxii* (Pfr.), *Helix pomatia* Linn., and *Vertigo pygmæa* (Drap.). This deposit may well be of Roman or late Celtic age. The presence of *Theba cartusiana* (Müll.) is of importance. At the present time it is extinct on the North Downs, though it has been found fossil in a number of deposits ranging along the downs from Otford to Greenhithe. It still lives in East Kent and on the Sussex Downs. The absence of *Theba cantiana* (Mont.) and *Helix aspersa* (Müll.), except in the top soil, confirms the view that these species are late introductions.

EXCURSION TO ASHTEAD, HEADLEY-ON-THE-HILL AND THE VALLEY OF THE RIVER MOLE.

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Excursion.*

ON arrival at Ashted Station the party, numbering about 60, walked southwards, and soon after crossing the main Croydon-Guildford road entered Ashted Park, where the Director gave a short description of the geological structure of the district. As on previous occasions, he emphasised the importance of the road just mentioned as marking, for nearly thirty miles, the junction of the Chalk and Eocene formations.

Bishop's Pit, at the corner of Headley Lane, was found to be partly occupied by the military, but the Chalk near the entrance was examined, and the zone fossil *Marsupites* found. Here the Director gave a short demonstration of the value of the shape