

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWQUAY: FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER.

SIR,—Revisiting Newquay this summer after an interval of fifteen years. I found the sections which were described in the *GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE* (1907, p. 10 *et seqq.*) so much changed that a note to that effect seems called for. No one now visiting the place could see or recognize the features then visible. To begin with sand has accumulated to such an extent in Fistral Bay that the 10 feet of killas formerly visible all round the little bay, is, save at the southern end, all concealed and instead of low cliffs only sand slopes exist. The miniature arched rock of indurated sand in Nun Cove is broken through, only the two side pillars remaining, while the seaward one has been slightly displaced.

The fallen material at the base of the little cliffs under the Headland Hotel being no longer removed by the sea the upper portions have simply crumbled down, obscuring the sections, and only in two small places was the *Helix nemoralis* zone properly recognizable. The two cooking sites and the hut platform have quite disappeared, and other sections not immediately next the sea are overgrown. Only on the west side of the Headland itself where the heavy surf beats in rough weather, was erosion obvious.

Perhaps this may be a fitting opportunity to put on record a pregnant suggestion which I received from Col. Godwin-Austen, namely, that the layers of mussel shells in the dunes might be accounted for otherwise than I suggested. The theory propounded in my paper was that in times of dearth of other food the mussels had been carried up by gulls and crows to devour their contents at leisure. The Colonel's hypothesis was that when very severe frost coincided with low tide, the molluscs would be killed off wholesale, and the empty shells thus released in quantities would be borne landwards periodically in subsequent gales.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLES.

**Pliocene (Tertiary) and Early Pleistocene (Quaternary)
Mammalia of East Anglia, Great Britain, in Relation
to the Appearance of Man.**

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IN studying the evolution and distribution of the Proboscidea and the arrival of man in Great Britain (Osborn, 1922, 1922*a*, 1922*b*), the writer has recently had occasion to review the faunal researches of Lydekker and Newton, and the collection of Mr. A. C. Savin, in connexion with the very interesting question of the geologic correlation of Great Britain with the Upper Pliocene fauna of Europe to the south-east, and of the Scandinavian Glaciation I on the north, with the advent of the northern forest, the boreal, and the Arctic mammal fauna of Great Britain.

A résumé of the geologic conditions cited by Geikie (1882) and Prestwich (1871), more recently reviewed by Clement Reid (1890), is as follows:—

The south-eastern counties of England began to subside toward the close of the Pliocene and some fluviomarine sandbanks and shelly deposits were laid down, termed "Crag", and subdivided, according to their proportion of living species, into the following descending series:—

	Feet.
FOREST BED group	10 to 70
Exposed for many miles at the base of glacial deposits of cliffs on north-east coast of Norfolk.	
CHILLESFORD beds—Chillesford Clay [= Weybourn Crag].	1 ,, 8
Chillesford Sand with shells	5 ,, 8
A thin local deposit in Suffolk. Two-thirds of the Mollusca still live in Arctic waters.	
NORWICH CRAG	5 ,, 10
Fluviomarine or Mammaliferous Crag: of Mollusca, 93 per cent still living; northern species of molluscs, e.g. <i>Astarte borealis</i> , forerunners of Arctic invasion.	
RED CRAG	25
Of Mollusca, 92 per cent still living; of corals, 14 out of 25 species still native.	
WHITE CRAG	40 ,, 60
(Suffolk, Coralline, or Bryozoan Crag.)	

According to Prestwich (*vide* Geikie, 1882, p. 872), the evidence of change of climate derivable from the English Pliocene Mollusca may be grouped as follows:—

	Molluscan species now restricted to	
	Northern Seas.	Southern Seas.
Norwich Crag	19	11
Red Crag	23	32
White Crag	14	65

According to Clement Reid (1890, p. 6), "The 'Nodule Bed' seems to be nearly co-extensive with the Red Crag, and probably also with the Coralline Crag, though often too thin to be of any economic importance. . . . A large proportion of the [mammalian] fossils appears to belong to a period somewhat earlier than the Crag, though still truly Pliocene. . . ."

According to the same author (op. cit., p. 139), "The most probable view seems to be that the two deposits [Chillesford, Weybourn] are synchronous, and that the Chillesford Clay passes laterally into the Weybourn Crag, or, at any rate, that the Weybourn Crag is equivalent to the upper part of the Chillesford Clay."

During the writer's visit to Cromer, accompanied by Mr. J. Reid Moir, he had the good fortune to examine the remarkable collection made by Mr. A. C. Savin. The writer is indebted to Mr. Savin for a letter, dated 21st November, 1921, together with notes, from which the following quotations are taken.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS BY MR. A. C. SAVIN: QUOTED WITH SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS AND OMISSIONS.

"I enclose a list of the *Forest Bed* vertebrates up to date, but there are still several forms to add later on. Mr. M. A. C. Hinton has a lot of my smaller things which he is now at work on. These include new voles, hare, hedgehog, etc. He hopes to publish the result shortly. One interesting addition is *Felis spelæa*, which is new to the *Forest Bed*.

"I have made a few notes relative to the horizon of the various species, from which you will gather that I do not think it possible to assign any particular level to any one species. I record in my catalogue the exact locality of each specimen, but cannot find a hard and fast horizon for any one species.

"*Proboscidea*.—At Mundesley some of the large bones of *Elephas meridionalis* in the 'Gunn Collection' were gotten out of the 'Pan' at a high level, i.e. 4 feet above the beach; on the other hand, others were obtained from a deep low or scour half-way down the beach, quite 15 feet lower down, and so on with most of the other animals. *Elephas meridionalis* is found generally all along the coast, but mainly at Mundesley and Bacton in the 'Pan' (gravel with oxide of iron) at the base of the cliff, also in the 'lows' or places scoured out half-way down the beach, in a greenish sandy clay. I do not think any definite horizon can be given; this applies also to *antiquus* and *primigenius*.

"No *Mastodon* remains have ever been found on the Norfolk coast; they only occur in the Red Crag of Suffolk and the Norwich

Crag near that city. There is no Crag on the coast (except the Weybourn Crag) and the *Mastodon* has been found on this coast only near Norwich, in the Norwich Crag, which is quite distinct from the Weybourn Crag. The mammals and shells in the Norwich Crag are of a different period altogether. The Red Crag does not occur upon the coast of Cromer. It is found chiefly in Suffolk, where it rests upon the London Clay. Between the Red and the Weybourn Crag the Norwich Crag occurs.

"The lowest division of the *Forest Bed* series, i.e. the *Lower Freshwater Bed*, is only known from cakes of peat thrown up on the beach after storms. I believe there was a fragment of it showing years ago at low-water between East Runton and Cromer, a tough greenish clay resting on the Chalk, with a few fish-bones in it. It is either washed away or out to sea and not uncovered by the tide, as I have not seen it for many years. The *Forest Bed* on the foreshore at East Runton is often so mixed up with the shelly Weybourn Crag that it is very difficult to say which bed the bones are in. The vole, shrew, myogale, and other small forms are rarely found. The Weybourn Crag rests on a layer of large flints which are embedded in the Chalk.

"The *Upper Freshwater Bed*, West Runton, contains nearly all the *Forest Bed* land mammals, but only fragments of elephants' teeth, and up to the present no hippopotamus.

"The divisions of the *Forest Bed* do not occur in the cliffs at Cromer. Clement Reid shows only the Contorted Drift above the Pliocene beds at Cromer.

"The Chalky Boulder-clay, which in point of time comes after the Boulder gravels, does not occur in the cliffs of the Norfolk coast.

"The Arctic Freshwater Bed (*Leda myalis*) is on the approximate level of ordinary high tide."

PAST AND PRESENT FAUNAL LISTS OF CRAG AND FOREST BED VERTEBRATES.

The accompanying faunal lists are those derived from the valuable papers of Lydekker (1886, 1887, 1891), Newton (1880, 1887, 1890), Reid (1890), Leney (1902), Hinton (1902-1914), a bibliography of the latter being given at the close of this paper. Most complete and most recent is the list prepared at the writer's request by Mr. A. C. Savin, largely based on his own collections and observations and carefully classified. To this list have been prefixed certain notes on synonymy according to American usage. This list is also amplified by a number of faunistic insertions kindly entered by Mr. Hinton, which are placed in square brackets [].

The writer is greatly indebted to the authorities of the British Museum, and especially to Mr. Martin A. C. Hinton, for the valuable notes, comments, and additions which he has inserted throughout the text, each of these notes being accompanied in the present printing by his initials (M. A. C. H.).

Mammals, Extinct.—Probably not one of the species occurring in the Forest Bed series, or in the older deposits mentioned in this paper, is identical with any form now existing. The references to recent species made by earlier writers on the subject were based either upon imperfect material or misconceptions. Each form as it becomes known by proper material proves to be extinct; but in the case of several of the species the material is still only sufficient to permit of a generic determination. This was the opinion of Dr. Foisyth Major, expressed about 1908 in the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE, and, after many years' work on Forest Bed remains, it has become my opinion also. (M. A. C. H.)

Reference should be made to Kennard, "The Pleistocene Succession in England," *Proc. Prehist. Soc. East Anglia*, vol. ii, part ii, 1916, and to the papers of Hinton and Forsyth Major cited therein.

Derived Specimens.—The faunal lists are complicated by the presence of *derived* specimens washed into these fluviatile formations from underlying beds, especially from such ancient beds as the Eocene London Clay, e.g. *Hyracotherium*, *Coryphodon*; also possibly from Pliocene beds, e.g. *Mastodon longirostris*, *Rhinoceros schleiermacheri*. These certainly derived specimens and species are also placed in square brackets [] to indicate that they are of older age or are species wrongly referred. There is, for example, no possibility that the Lower Pliocene species *Mastodon longirostris* Kaup occurs in the Red Crag.

These faunal lists are, therefore, of a preliminary character, but it is hoped that they will serve a useful purpose in the advance of our knowledge of Pliocene and Pleistocene correlation, on which the author has been engaged for many years.

MAMMAL FAUNA OF THE RED CRAG AND UNDERLYING NODULE-BED. MAMMAL FAUNA OF THE NORWICH CRAG.

Newton, E. T., "On Some New Mammals from the Red and Norwich Crag": *Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc., London*, vol. xlvi, 1890, pp. 444-53.

- Lutra dubia*. Similar to Sansan species. (Nodule-bed.)
Phoca Moorii Newt. Similar to Belgian form. (Nodule-bed.)
Phocanella minor Van Beneden. Similar to Belgian Pliocene specimens. (Nodule-bed.)
Trogontherium minus Newt. Similar to *T. Cuvieri*. (Nodule-bed.)
Mesoplodon floriss Newt. Similar to *M. Floweri* of Red Crag of Suffolk.
M. scaphoides Newt. Similar to *Belemnoziphus* Huxley. (Nodule-bed.)
Ailurus anglicus Dawk. Similar to specimens Red Crag of Suffolk (raccoon?); also to *A. fulgens*. (Nodule-bed.)

Lutra Reevei Newt. Similar to *L. (Enhydriodon) sivalensis*. [Referred to *Latax* by Pohle, *Archiv. f. Naturg.*, 1919 (1920), Abt. A, Heft 9, p. 167. M. A. C. H.]

Lydekker, R., "Note on Some Vertebrata from the Red Crag": *Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc., London*, vol. xliii, 1886, pp. 364-8; *Catalogue of the Fossil Mammalia in the British Museum*, Part IV, 1886, pp. 26, 55, 113.

Loney, Frank, "A List of the Type, Figured, and Described Fossils in the Norwich Castle Museum": *Geol. Mag.*, 1902, pp. 166-71, 220-31.

- Hyæna antiqua* Lank. = *H. striata* (fide Lyd.). Similar to *H. arvernensis*.
Mastodon arvernensis. Frequent (cf. Lyd. *Brit. Mus. Cat.*, 1886, pt. iv, p. 55).
[M. ? longirostris (fide Lyd.)] (Probably a "derived" specimen. H. F. O.)
M. Borsoni. Three specimens in *Brit. Mus.* (fide Lyd., *Brit. Mus. Cat.*, 1886, p. 26).
Sus palæochærus. Similar to *S. erymanthius*, Pikermi. [Probably four species of "*Sus*", two derived and two possibly contemporaneous. M. A. C. H.]
Tapirus ? sp. arvernensis. Similar to *T. elegans*, Up. Plioc., S. France.
Hipparion ? sp. gracile. Similar to *H. crassum* Gerv., Plioc. of France. (Possibly a "derived" specimen. H. F. O.)
Rhinoceros ? Schleiermacheri. (Possibly a "derived" specimen or wrongly referred. H. F. O.)
R. etruscus ?
R. ? incisivus. (Certainly "derived" or wrongly identified. H. F. O.)
Diomedea ? sp. (albatross). Southern Ocean.
Elephas meridionalis. Two specimens in *Brit. Mus.* (fide Lyd., *Brit. Mus. Cat.*, 1886, p. 113). (Is this similar to the typical *E. meridionalis* of Nesti? H. F. O.)

Suffolk Crag Cetacea.

Lydekker, R., "The Cetacea of the Suffolk Crag": *Quart. Journ. Geol. Soc.*, London, vol. xliiii, Feb., 1887, pp. 7-18.
Belemnoziphus Huxley.
Balaena primigenia. Similar to Belgian form.
Balenoptera.
Herpetocetus.
Eucetus.
Balenodon.
Hyperoodon.
Squalodon.
Orca.
Uria troile (guillemot). Lyd., *Ibis*, vol. iii (6), 1891, p. 395.
Mastodon arvernensis. Fide Lyd. *Brit. Mus. Cat.*, 1886, pt. iv, pp. 54-5.
Elephas meridionalis. Fide Lyd. *Brit. Mus. Cat.*, pt. iv, 1886, p. 113; *Depéret, Mém. Soc. Geol. France Paleon.*, Mem. No. 3, 1890, pp. 190-1; two specimens in Norwich Castle Mus., Loney, *Geol. Mag.*, 1902, p. 171.
Cervus sp. Three specimens Gunn Coll., Norwich Castle Mus., Loney, *Geol. Mag.*, 1902, p. 168.
C. Sedgwickii. Norwich Castle Mus., Loney, *Geol. Mag.*, 1902, p. 167.
Delphinus delphis. Norwich Castle Mus., Loney, *Geol. Mag.*, 1902, p. 168.
Arvicola (Evotomys) intermedius. Norwich Castle Mus., Loney, *Geol. Mag.*, 1902, p. 166.
[*Arvicola* does not occur; all these remains are referable to *Mimomys* and most of them to *M. pliocenicus* Forsyth Major, *Proc. Zool. Soc.*, 1902, i, p. 102. M. A. C. H.]

Reid, Clement, "The Pliocene Deposits of Britain";
Mem. Geol. Surv. United Kingdom, 1890, Appendix I,
 Table I (by E. T. Newton).

(Nodule-Bed.)

**Felis pardoides* Owen.
 **Canis lupus* Linn.
C. ? primigenius Lank.
 [Pterodon ? sp. (Eoc.)] (Derived.
 H. F. O.)
 **Hyæna striata* Zimm.
Hyænarctos.
Ailurus anglicus Dawk.
Ursus arvernensis ? Cr. & Job.
Lutra dubia Blainv.
Antilope ?

Machærodus ?
 **Lutra vulgaris* ?
L. Reevei Newt.
Gazella anglica Newt.
Cervus ardeus Cr. & Job.
C. carnutorum Lang.
C. Falconeri Dawk.
C. suttonensis Dawk.
Equus Stenonis Cocchi.
Mastodon arvernensis Cr. & Job.
Elephas [?] *antiquus* Falc.

* IMPORTANT NOTE.—No recent species really occur; specimens referred to recent species are either misdetermined or else too fragmentary to permit of exact determination.—M. A. C. H.

MAMMAL, BIRD, AND FISH FAUNA
 OF THE NORWICH CRAG.

Cervus dicranoceros Nesti.
C. Falconeri Dawk.
C. suttonensis Dawk.
C. verticornis Dawk.
Xiphodon platyceps Flower [Eoc.]
Sus antiquus ? Kaup.
S. palæochærus Kaup.
 **Equus caballus* Linn. ?
Hipparion gracile Kaup.
 [Rhinoceros ? *incisivus* Kaup.] (Reference erroneous. H. F. O.)
 [R. *Schleiermacheri* Kaup.] (Reference erroneous. H. F. O.)
Tapirus arvernensis Dev. & Bou.
 [Hyracotherium *leporinum* Owen.] (Derived from London Clay. H. F. O.)
 [Coryphodon.] (Derived from London Clay. H. F. O.)
Mastodon arvernensis Cr. & Job.
M. Borsoni Hays.
 [M. ? *longirostris* Kaup.] (Derived, or erroneous. H. F. O.)
Elephas meridionalis Nesti.
 **Castor fiber* Linn.
C. veterior Lank.
Trogontherium minus Newt.
Acipenser.

Elephas meridionalis ?
Arvicola intermedius Newt.
Trogontherium Cuvieri Owen.
T. minus Newt.
Uria troile Linn.
Mergulus.
Acipenser.

Adams, A. Leith, *Monograph on the British Fossil Elephants*,
 1877-81, London.

Elephas antiquus.

Elephas antiquus.

PARTIAL SUMMARY OF THE ABOVE LISTS.

Types of Animals which make their Last Appearance in the Upper Pliocene Red Crag and the Norwich Crag and do not Survive into the Forest Bed.	Upper Pliocene Red and Norwich Crag Types which Survive in the Forest Bed.	Pleistocene Types which First Appear in the Forest Bed.
<i>Ailurus anglicus</i> . <i>Mastodon arvernensis</i> . <i>M. Borsoni</i> . <i>Hipparion</i> ? <i>gracile</i> . <i>Rhinoceros</i> ? <i>Schleiermacheri</i> . <i>Rhinoceros</i> ? <i>Halitherium</i> ? sp. <i>Felis</i> ? <i>pardoides</i> . <i>Hyænarctos</i> ? sp. <i>Ursus</i> ? <i>arvernensis</i> . <i>Antilope</i> ? sp. <i>Gazella anglica</i> . <i>Trogontherium minus</i> . <i>Sus palæochærus</i> . <i>Tapirus arvernensis</i> .	<i>Elephas meridionalis</i> . <i>E. antiquus</i> . ¹ <i>Hyæna striata</i> . <i>H. antiqua</i> . <i>Rhinoceros etruscus</i> . <i>Equus stenonis</i> . <i>Cervus carnutorum</i> . <i>Machærodus</i> ? sp. <i>Trogontherium Cuvieri</i> .	<i>Elephas primigenius</i> . <i>Equus caballus fossilis</i> . <i>Rhinoceros megarhinus</i> . <i>Hippopotamus amphibius Sus scrofa</i> . <i>Bison bonasus</i> . <i>Caprovis Savinii</i> . <i>Ovibos moschatus</i> . <i>Alces latifrons</i> . <i>Capreolus capreolus</i> . <i>Cervus elaphus</i> . <i>Ursus spelæus</i> . <i>Felis spelæa</i> . <i>Macacus</i> . Varied forest rodent fauna. Northern forest small carnivora.

Mammal fauna of East Anglia in Upper Pliocene time closely similar both in generic and specific types to the mammal fauna of northern Italy, Val d'Arno, also of the Upper Pliocene of southern France.

CONCLUSIONS.

The Norwich Crag presents a distinct advance over the Red Crag in its mammalian, as well as in its molluscan fauna; it is more modern. The correlation of the Red Crag and, in a less degree, of the Norwich Crag with the *Val d'Arno supérieur* of northern Italy, is very close indeed, as long ago observed by Hugh Falconer, and marks the close of Pliocene time in Great Britain.

(1) The two Craggs contain the prevailing forest-loving fauna of a warm north temperate climate with certain African, south Eurasiatic, and a very few north Eurasiatic elements such as *Trogontherium*.

(2) The post-Crag extinction of at least fourteen types of mammals, notably *Mastodon arvernensis*, *M. Borsoni*, *Gazella*, *Tapirus*, marks the advent of a cold period in Great Britain as it does in northern Italy.

(3) The Forest Bed arrival of tundra and northern forest types, such as *Elephas primigenius*, *Ovibos moschatus*, *Alces latifrons*, is a feature of the northern latitude of East Anglia during the period of

¹ *Fide* A. Leith Adams, *British Fossil Elephants*, 1877-81, pp. 13, 14, pl. xxvi; Richard Lydekker, *Catalogue of Fossil Mammalia*, 1886, pt. iv, pp. 123, 124; Guy E. Pilgrim, "On the Occurrence of *Elephas Antiquus* (*Namadicus*) in the Godavari Alluvium, with Remarks on the Species, its Distribution, and the Age of the Associated Indian Deposits": *Rec. Geol. Surv., India*, xxxii, pt. iii, 1905, p. 217.

the first Scandinavian glaciation, which has no parallel in southern France or in northern Italy.

(4) The survival from the Red and Norwich Crag in the Forest Bed of warm temperate types, such as *Elephas meridionalis*, *E. antiquus*, *Hyæna striata*, *Rhinoceros etruscus*, *Equus stenonis*, *Machærodus*, is exactly paralleled by the same genera and species occurring in southern France and northern Italy during the long, warm First Interglacial period. During this period there appear for the first time in Great Britain certain African types, like the *Hippopotamus*, and there become more abundant in Great Britain the African elephant type, *Elephas (Loxodonta) antiquus*, as well as the *Hyæna*.

(5) Both in northern Italy and in East Anglia the forests become filled with a highly varied cervine fauna, including a great variety of species of deer. There is also a rich rodent fauna, and forest types of carnivores like the bear.

The Red and Norwich Crag and the successive faunal divisions of the Weybourn and Forest Bed wholly justify the conclusion of James Geikie that we have abundant proofs in East Anglia of the close of Pliocene and of the beginning of Pleistocene conditions. Man appears in Britain under true Tertiary conditions of the climate, of the fauna, of the flora. Two points are clearly established:—

First: The discovery of remains of human (Foxhallian) industry within and beneath the Red Crag adds the highest Primate to this fauna, namely, a species of man probably referable either to *Homo* or to *Eoanthropus*, as made known through the researches of J. Reid Moir and E. Ray Lankester. Second: The next appearance of man is in the Cromerian industry of the base of the Forest Bed, immediately overlying the Weybourn, also made known through the researches of Moir and of Lankester. This is no longer Tertiary man, but Quaternary man, found with a true Lower Quaternary fauna and flora closely comparable to that of southern France and of the 40th parallel in the United States.

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<i>Delphinus delphis.</i>	<i>Despinus aciphus.</i>
<i>Delphinus</i> sp.	<i>Delphinus</i> sp.
<i>Balaena biscayensis.</i>	<i>Balaena biscayensis.</i>
<i>Physeter macrocephalus.</i>	<i>Physeter macrocephalus.</i>
<i>Orca gladiator.</i>	<i>Orca gladiator.</i>
Cave Bear.	<i>Ursus savini.</i>
Fossil Grizzly Bear.	<i>Ursus ferox fossilis.</i>
Wolverine.	<i>Gulo luscus.</i>
Wolf ? sp.	<i>Canis lupus.</i>
Red Fox— <i>Vulpes vulpes crucigera.</i>	<i>Canis vulpes.</i>
<i>Canis</i> sp.	<i>Canis</i> sp.
<i>Hyæna striata antiqua.</i>	<i>Hyæna ? striata.</i>
Sabre-tooth Tiger.	<i>Machærodus</i> sp.
Pine Marten— <i>Martes martes martes.</i>	<i>Mustela martes.</i>
Weasel— <i>Mustela nivalis nivalis.</i>	<i>Mustela vulgaris.</i>
Otter— <i>Lutra lutra.</i>	<i>Lutra vulgaris.</i>
Fossil Walrus— <i>Odobenus.</i>	<i>Trichechus Huxleyi.</i>
Bearded Seal— <i>Erymnathus barbatus.</i>	<i>Phoca barbata.</i>
<i>Phoca</i> sp.	<i>Phoca</i> sp.
Cave Lion.	<i>Felis spelæu.</i>
<i>Felis pardoides.</i>	
QUADRUMANA.	
<i>Macacus</i> sp. ⁷	<i>Macacus</i> sp.

¹ Should be given full specific rank.—M. A. C. H.
² No determinable trace of this species.—M. A. C. H.
³ *Neotoma* does not occur in the Upper F. B., but in the I East Runton, and perhaps in Norwich Crag.—M. A. C. H.
⁴ For *Castor*, *Trogontherium*, and *Sciurus*, see Hinton (191 works therein cited).

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