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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Following two specially funded palynological editions of the journal (Vol. 3 Pt. 2 and Vol. 4 Pt. 1), the present issue marks a welcome return to general micropalaeontology sensu lato. The fields of ostracods, foraminifera, conodonts, nannofossils, dinoflagellates and palynofacies are all covered here. The topics of research are widely varied, ranging from Carboniferous conodonts of Syria to Recent foraminifera of the North Sea, with much in between including an interesting study on the cytogenetics of marine ostracods. I hope the readership will agree that this is a well balanced collection of articles which should have a wide appeal.

The first article in the present collection is published posthumously on behalf of the late F. W. Anderson. This is an important study of English Purbeck/Wealden ostracods and I know that the ostracod world at least will appreciate seeing this in print at last. I should like to thank both Hugh Ivimey-Cook of the B.G.S. for getting the paper into publishable form and the Survey itself for financially contributing towards its publication.

There is no doubt that our Society has benefited enormously from the two palynological editions mentioned above. Membership has increased and, because of the obvious commercial value of palynology, both the journal and the Society have earned valuable respect from industrial organisations at home and abroad. John Richardson, Bernard Owens and Bindra Thusu were the key figures in these two issues and I know the membership will join me in registering sincere thanks.

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