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My dear Chester,

Thanks for your note. I agree with you that discussion following a paper, especially one delivered at a meeting, is a desirable feature when the author has the opportunity to answer his critics. In respect to contributions to journals, it is usual for criticism to be accepted only for following issues. The great mistake is for the editor to give the impression of accepting the responsibility for all that appears in a journal devoted to a subject in which thought is believed to be free, or equally to give the impression of bullying and harassing some authors for the benefit of some, not always disinterested, and ^{equally} ~~sometimes~~ not always well informed, associates.

The first two Geographica have arrived and are on the combination room table. I rather fancy they will be very acceptable.

Sincerely yours,