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**EDITORIAL NOTE.**

The GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE has suffered a heavy loss by the death of Professor J. E. Marr, Sc.D., F.R.S., on 1st October. The Editor began his geological career by attending Marr's lectures in the dark hole under the University Library at Cambridge, so well remembered by many senior geologists, and ever since that time he has been closely associated with the late Professor as pupil, colleague, and friend. Even after his retirement from the Woodwardian Chair of Geology, some three years ago, Professor Marr continued to give the advantage of his advice in the conduct of the Magazine, and the Editor desires to record his deep sense of personal bereavement. It is unnecessary to speak here of Professor Marr as a geologist: his achievements will be set forth in many formal obituaries: it is desired only to emphasize his intimate relations to the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE and its Editor.

**ORIGINAL ARTICLES.**

**On the Preparation of Geological Manuscripts.**

By THE EDITOR.

NO one who has not had personal experience of it can imagine the amount of labour thrown on the editor of a scientific periodical by the variation in the methods used by authors to indicate special kinds of type, and indeed, if the truth must be told, by the mistakes made by many authors as to what kind of type should be used. Quite often it is necessary, before a manuscript goes to the printers, to alter nearly every indication given as to the use of italics, capital headings, and so on, simply because the wrong signs are employed.

Now here there are two rather different questions involved. Firstly, there is the problem of inducing authors to conform to the