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EDITORIAL NOTES.

IN the list of those recommended by the Council for election to the Royal Society is included the name of Mr. A. Hutchinson, President of the Mineralogical Society. Mr. Hutchinson is well known for his researches on the chemical, physical, and optical characters of minerals. He has designed many ingenious pieces of apparatus in connexion with his special studies on these lines, and has effected many improvements in the methods of teaching mineralogy and crystallography at Cambridge. Professor D. M. S. Watson, whose name also appears in the list, was recently appointed to the chair of Zoology at University College, London. He has done much work in Vertebrate Palæontology and has been a contributor to the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE.

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WE are glad to hear that the sale of collections of rocks and minerals in aid of the Cornish Miners' Relief Fund has proved very successful, and that over £50 has already been raised by this means, while orders are coming in steadily. One result of this large demand is that there may be some slight delay in the delivery of the collections, since the time at Mr. Davison's disposal for this work is somewhat limited, and such a large demand was scarcely anticipated; however, all orders will eventually be filled in strict rotation as received.

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SOME time ago we received from a correspondent and contributor a suggestion that is worthy of consideration. At present there are many geologists in this country who have already taken up or desire to take up some particular subject of research; in fact, so many that there is danger of overlap and duplication. Our correspondent therefore suggests that the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE should start a kind of bureau for the registration of subjects of research. There is no doubt that any clashing of interests of this sort is most undesirable, and may possibly give rise to unnecessary friction between workers in geology. If any general desire should be expressed for a record of this kind we should be most happy to afford space in the Magazine for brief statements of the work which our readers are engaged in or propose to take up. Then in case of any overlap the parties concerned could settle their differences between themselves. We should, however, in any case, decline emphatically to act in any way as arbitrators in such matters, and would disclaim all responsibility except that of making known the facts. We invite correspondence on this subject, for publication or otherwise, as desired by the writers.