

of the "Grey Stage" basalts of the highland to the low-lying Pliocene deposits shows "in the clearest manner" (*Om Islands Geologi*, p. 34) that the "Grey Stage" is pre-Pliocene.

Dr. Pjeturss refers to the work of J. H. Lindal who has discovered inter-glacial sediments and basalts in Viðidal, north Iceland (*Abstr. Proc. Geol. Soc. Lond.*, June, 1939, p. 104). According to Lindal these deposits with their covering basalts rest unconformably upon the floor of a broad valley over 2,000 feet below the plateau surface, and when they were laid down the essential features of the valley as it exists to-day were already in being. This occurrence affords no support to the hypothesis of the Quaternary age of the upper basalts of the plateau.

As Dr. Pjeturss refers to the pioneer work in which he has proved the great extent and thickness of the Quaternary formation in Iceland this is an opportunity to record the great appreciation which all students of Icelandic geology have of the value of his researches. I only differ from him in respect to his interpretation of the rocks in the middle northern part of the country.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Albert Medal of the Royal Society of Arts for 1939 has been awarded, with the approval of the President, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, to Sir Thomas H. Holland, K.C.S.I., K.C.I.E., D.Sc., LL.D., F.R.S., "for his services to the mineral industries."
