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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Council of the Geological Society has made the following awards:—The Wollaston Medal to Dukinfield Henry Scott, M.A., LL.D., D.Sc., F.R.S., in recognition of the value of his researches in fossil botany. The Murchison Medal to Dr. Jakob Johannes Sederholm, in recognition of his researches in petrology, especially of the granites and gneisses of the Pre-Cambrian Complex of Fennoscandia. A Lyell Medal to Professor Sidney Hugh Reynolds, M.A., Sc.D., in recognition of the value of his researches in the stratigraphy of the Palaeozoic rocks and in vertebrate palaeontology. A second Lyell Medal to William Dickson Lang, M.A., Sc.D., for his researches in stratigraphy and palaeontology, especially with reference to the Bryozoa. The Wollaston Donation Fund to James Wright, for his researches on the Crinoidea of the Carboniferous Limestone of Scotland. The Murchison Geological Fund to George Slater, D.Sc., A.R.C.S., in recognition of the value of his researches in glaciology. The Lyell Geological Fund to Ben Lightfoot, M.C., M.A., for his researches on the economic geology of Southern Rhodesia.

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IN the list of New Year Honours we note with pleasure the conferment of a knighthood on Dr. E. H. Pascoe (St. John's College, Cambridge), Director of the Geological Survey of India.

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THE Fifteenth International Geological Congress will be held in South Africa in 1929. After much consideration the months of July and August have been chosen as most generally convenient. The inaugural session will be at Pretoria between 29th July and 12th August, and there will be excursions both before and after these dates. According to custom certain subjects have been chosen as specially appropriate for discussion in South Africa: those provisionally fixed are as follows: the differentiation of magmas; pre-Pleistocene glacial periods; the Karroo System. It is also proposed that as an economic study similar to the treatment of iron ores, coal, etc., at earlier Congresses, there should be a report on the gold resources of the world, since, as is well known, South

Africa is the largest individual producer. The Committee of Organization also state in their preliminary circular that they are open to receive further suggestions of special subjects for discussion. It is impossible in the space here available to give a list of the proposed excursions, which are numerous and will be of extraordinary interest. It is possible that the Committee may see their way to extend the sphere of excursions as far as the Zambesi; this part of the programme is to be in the hands of the geologists of Southern Rhodesia.

The Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa for the time being will be Honorary President of the Congress, and Dr. A. W. Rogers, F.R.S., will be President. The General Secretary is Dr. A. L. Hall, P.O. Box 391, Pretoria, to whom all communications should be addressed. Titles of papers intended for presentation and discussion at the Congress should reach the General Secretary before a date to be announced in a later circular: acceptance of a paper for reading, however, does not guarantee its publication.

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THE Geological Survey of Denmark will celebrate its fortieth anniversary in June, by a series of meetings and excursions to which foreign geologists are to be invited. Previous to the meeting in Copenhagen an excursion will be arranged to Bornholm, Denmark's outlying rocky island in the Baltic, which is replete with stratigraphical and all sorts of geological interest. Another party is to visit Moën and Zealand, where remarkable dislocations in the Senonian Chalk can be seen and studied.

The conference will be devoted to lectures and discussions on the geology of Denmark, interspersed with inspections of the Copenhagen museums, with their remarkable collections of minerals, fossils, and all sorts of pre-historic remains. Afterwards, an eleven-day excursion will enable foreign geologists to visit and inspect a wide range of glacial phenomena in Zealand, Funen, and Langeland, as well as on the mainland in Jutland. Full particulars, as to dates, accommodation, and special charges, will be sent on application to the Herr Direktor, Danmarks Geologiske Undersoegelse, Gammelmont 14, Copenhagen.