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EDITORIAL NOTES.

IT is our sad duty to begin this first number of the new volume with a brief reference to the death on 9th December last of the Rev. Thomas George Bonney, M.A., B.D., Sc.D., F.R.S., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, Hon. Canon of Manchester and Emeritus Professor of Geology in University College, London, formerly Secretary and President of the Geological Society and of the British Association, at the age of 90 years. Professor Bonney must have been one of the oldest, if not the oldest, of British geologists. As, however, he began his geological career somewhat later than some of his contemporaries, his name does not appear in the list given in our last number of living geologists mentioned in the first volume of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE. Nevertheless, the present Editor has a distinct recollection of being told by the late Dr. Henry Woodward that at a very early period in the history of the Magazine, within a year or two of the commencement, Professor Bonney came forward with characteristic self-effacing generosity and tided over an awkward financial situation, thus enabling the Magazine to get a clear start on its long career under Dr. Woodward's editorship. It is hoped that an appreciation of Dr. Bonney's geological work, both as a teacher and an investigator, and of his influence on the general scientific thought of his time, will appear in our next number.

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CECIL EDGAR TILLEY, Ph.D., of Emmanuel College, has been appointed Demonstrator of Petrology in the University of Cambridge, in succession to Mr. J. M. Wordie, of St. John's College, who has resigned the post owing to pressure of other duties. Dr. Tilley's recent work on metamorphism is no doubt familiar to our readers.