

Secretary's Report, January - May 1965

In January 1965 the Society met for the first time outside Nottingham when members assembled at Newark Museum for an illustrated lecture by Dr. R. J. Firman on "Nottinghamshire Gypsum". The meeting was organised with the full co-operation of Newark Museum who let the Society use the Tudor Hall; they also allowed us to mount a small exhibition. The meeting attracted a good deal of attention and the hall was full, attendance exceeding 100. It is intended to hold further meetings outside Nottingham in future.

February saw our first Annual General Meeting at the Department of Geology, Nottingham University, by kind permission of Professor W. D. Evans. About 80 members were present. The Secretary in his report commented on the continued growth of the Society both in individual and Institutional members and the support given to our meetings and excursions. The Treasurer then presented his report, which showed that the Society was in a sound financial position. Following this, Dr. W. A. S. Sarjeant presented the Journal report. He outlined the cost to the Society of the Journal and showed that such costs as there were would be covered. The Journal, stated Dr. Sarjeant, had been well received and we had every reason to see it established as an important contribution to Britain's geological literature. Mr. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. Sarjeant and the Editorial Board. The reports were approved by the members. Next the election of officers took place. One member of the previous Council, Mr. Salt, had indicated that he did not wish renomination because he would be away from Nottingham and unable to attend if elected; and another, Miss Brindley, did not wish to stand again, because of family commitments. Mrs. D. M. Morrow and Mr. L. J. Willies were elected in their stead. The present constitution of the Council is shown in front of this journal. Following the election, Mr. P. C. Stevenson, the President, gave his Presidential Address on "Diamonds".

March saw our second member's exhibition entitled 'Collector's Evening'; this was a great success, attracted over a hundred people and was well reported in the local press. The number of members contributing material for display was up on our first exhibition; they were as follows:-

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------|--|
| 1. | C. P. H. Barnes | Problematica - Algae. |
| 2. | D. Beasley | Selected specimens from Derbyshire limestones. Upper Cambrian and Lower Ordovician geology of Cader Idris. |
| 3. | R. E. Elliott | A Coal Measures cyclothem. |
| 4. | S. Henley | A selection of Pennine minerals. |
| 5. | R. S. Jackson | Specimens illustrating cleavage, lineation and faulting. |
| 6. | P. J. R. Knapp | Specimens from the Lake District and elsewhere. |
| 7. | R. W. Morrell | Coral and mineral specimens from North Wales, Dudley and Derbyshire. |
| 8. | Mrs. D. M. Morrow | Selected igneous rocks. |
| 9. | J. Scarborough | Quartzite pebbles from the Trent Alluvium. |
| 10. | P. C. Stevenson | Industrial diamonds.
Converging rock types. |
| 11. | J. H. Sykes | Selected Chalk fossils. |

- | | | |
|-----|-------------------------|---|
| 12. | C.R. Tasker
& H. Key | Industrial mineral formations, ironstones and slags.
Lake District rocks.
Problematica. |
| 13. | Dr. F.M. Taylor | The Toton Lane Oil Seepage.
Derbyshire Rugose corals.
<u>Conchidium knighti</u> from Downton, Shropshire. |
| 14. | R. J. A. Travis | Foraminiferal limestone.
Selected Coral specimens. |
| 15. | L.H. Waring | Permian rocks from the Nuthall District, Nottingham. |
| 16. | Miss M. Wild | Tunisian mineral and rock specimens. |
| 17. | V. J. Wilkinson | Specimens to be identified from Keswick, Dorset and elsewhere. |
| 18. | L.M. Willies | Hong Kong geology; transparencies and specimens. |

It is intended to hold further exhibitions, for we have found these more informal type meetings to be of great value in letting our members get to know each other and to find those with interests similar to their own.

The first field excursion of the spring was led by Mr. R.E. Elliott, and the party included a number of students from a local Technical College, it being the policy of the Society to co-operate with such institutions. The subject of the excursion was "The Lower Keuper and Triassic Faulting in North Nottinghamshire." As this is the subject of a separate report I will not comment except to say that those attending found it a very fine meeting.

Future meetings of the Society include a general tour of the area to the Northwest of Nottingham; a weekend in the Cotswolds; the geology of the M. 1.; and the igneous rocks of Waterswallows, Derbyshire. Indoor meetings include one planned for Matlock and a series in Nottingham, the first of which will be in November when Dr. R.A. Howie of King's College will speak on "Gemstones".

Groups have been organised within the Society to undertake work on the Keuper Marl, under Mr. Elliott; the tracing of a glacial channel at Sproxton, under Mr. Stevenson; and the recording of temporary exposures, under Dr. Taylor. The Society intends to extend the number of such projects and the Council welcomes suggestions from Members. A difficulty experienced with regard to project work has been transport; lack of it has forced us to hold up the commencement of further projects, and certain Members who wished to participate in those projects now under way have been unable to do so. This problem is under discussion and there are a number of signs that a solution is near. Looking back on a full year's activity, we are well satisfied with what has been achieved to date and anticipate that activities will increase in tempo during the coming year.

R. W. Morrell