

## Secretary's Report, February 1968 - August 1968

### Introduction

The Society's activities during the first part of 1968 followed the plan now becoming familiar as the Society continues to develop. The outstanding event of the period happened not to the Society but to a member, the then Professor W.D. Evans. It was possible to include in the last issue of the journal an announcement of the gift of a Life Peerage, together with a short appreciation, as a frontispiece. Members will now know that Professor Evans chose the title of Lord Energlyn, of Caerphilly, in the county of Glamorgan.

### The Annual General Meeting, 1968

At this meeting, the Trust Deed establishing the Society's Trust Fund was formally approved by members and, later that evening, signed by the Trustees, Professor W.D. Evans, Dr. P.E. Kent and Dr. F.M. Taylor. The establishment of the Trust Fund necessitated a large number of changes to the Constitution. These and others, intended to tidy up the Constitution a little, were agreed to and a copy of the revised Constitution was sent out to all members with Circular No. 48.

Following upon the closure of the business meeting, the President then gave his first Presidential Address on "A description of Productive Coal Measures in the East Midlands". This address was published in the "Mercian Geologist" Vol. 2, No. 4.

The evening was concluded by a tour of the new Department of Geology, University of Nottingham, made at the invitation of Professor Evans, who then generously entertained members to supper at the conclusion of the tour.

### The Lecture Programme

The 1967-68 lecture programme was concluded by the talk given by Dr. E.L.G. Bowell, on "The Identification of Lunar Surface Materials"; the Nottingham Astronomical Society were invited to participate in this joint meeting. An audience of 80 heard a progress report on lunar surface exploration.

### The Collectors Evening

On the 6th April 1968, a large gathering of members and friends spent a profitable evening examining some 30 exhibits provided by 28 exhibitors. The Secretary apologises for any misrepresentation or omissions in the following list:-

I.C. Starmer	Pegmatite and apatite veins from Norway
S. Henley	Cornish Minerals (2nd collection)
A.J. Rundle & C.H. Rochester	Fossils from Holwell, Leics.
A.J. Rundle	Minerals and rocks from Italy and Morocco. Recent Brachiopods and Molluscs.
A.J. Rundle & W.A. Cummins	Cropston Reservoir fauna.
C.H. Rochester	British Fossils.
R.E. Elliott	Facies in Productive Coal Measures.

R.A. Naylor	British granites.
J.H. Sykes	Rhaetic rocks and fossils.
K. Spink	Canadian geology - Book and pamphlets Commentary with Canadian geological slides.
I. Horne	Selection from his collection.
P. Spencer	Coal Measure fossils.
A.E.G. Allsop	Jurassic fossils.
R.W. Morrell	Fossils and mineral specimens. Geological prints and books.
R.B. Elliott	Rocks from Skye.
N. Leiter	Mineral specimens collected from Ceylon and India.
J.R. Fletcher	British minerals.
C.N. Cooper	Chalk fossil sponges and others.
Miss E.M. Palmer	Shipman's sections and Lincolnshire photographs.
Miss E. Ramsell	Jurassic fossils.
Mrs. D.M. Morrow	Rocks from the Scottish Highlands.
S.R. Elliott	Common and unusual minerals.
H. Fox	Collection of Univalves.
Dept. of Geology	{ Ammonoids. Selected mineral specimens.
University of Nottingham	
East Midlands Geological Society	Publications.

The 1968 Excursion Programme commenced with a demonstration of the North Leicestershire and South Derbyshire mineralisation, conducted by Mr. R.J. King and Dr. T.D. Ford. For the first time it was found necessary to hire two coaches, to take over sixty people around the exposures. One of these coaches subsequently broke down on the motorway and had to be replaced, but, as the occupants of this coach hitched a lift on another to the next exposure, not too much time was lost. This excursion, demonstrating the ideas of Messrs. King and Ford on mineralisation in the area, was well received.

In June, the Society visited Nuneaton to see, for the first time, Cambrian rocks. Led by Dr. W.A. Cummins, the excursion illustrated, amongst other things, the variable contact of the Cambrian with the Pre-Cambrian within the space of one quarry.

A joint excursion with the Yorkshire Geological Society was arranged for July. The excursion was originally intended to visit ironstones in the south-east Midlands; unfortunately, the untimely death of Professor J.H. Taylor necessitated a change and the excursion visited the Permian rocks of Yorkshire. The Society is grateful to Mr. D.B. Smith of the Institute of Geological Sciences for leading this excursion.

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Printing this number of the journal was unfortunately delayed and it was not possible to issue the journal to members until the beginning of August. The number brought to a close Volume Two, which has turned out to be a little thicker than Volume One. Dr. W.A. Cummins acted as Editor from August 1967 through to October 1968, in the absence of Dr. W.A.S. Sarjeant, who spent the year as Visiting Professor at the University of Oklahoma: Dr. Sarjeant has now resumed his duties as Editor. The editorial board are now looking forward to the appearance of the first part of Volume Three.

## Financial Affairs

The Society's audited accounts and balance sheet were presented to members at the Annual General Meeting and also distributed with the circular following the meeting. The Treasurer would like to remind members that prompt payments of subscriptions, due on February 1st., by cheque or bankers order, saves a great deal of work on his part and also the anxiety of council members when the financial position of the Society is discussed from time to time!

## Membership

The state of membership on the 30th July 1968 was as follows:-

Ordinary Members	180
Joint Members	54
Junior Members	9
Honorary Members	2
Institutional Members and subscribers	103
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TOTAL	348
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## Conclusions

The executive officers of the Society have been helped increasingly during the year by individual members of the Society. Some of the tasks performed are becoming rather routine and our requests for their services may appear to be a little brusque and our thanks a little too casual. If this is the case, we apologise and extend herewith our grateful thanks to all those who have provided assistance, in whatever way, to the organisation and smooth operation of the Society.

F. M. Taylor