

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

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**T**HE Society has lost one of its corresponding members in the person of Dr. Frederik Johnstrup, Professor of Mineralogy and Geology at Copenhagen, who died on the 31st December at the age of 76. He was appointed to the Chair in 1866, and published numerous memoirs relating to the Geology of Denmark; his well-known researches on the Geology of Greenland were commenced in the year 1876, and in 1888 he was appointed to the Directorship of the Geological Survey of Denmark.

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Among recent changes in the Mineralogical world it may be noted that Professor Chrustchoff has been called from Kharkov to the Chair at the Military Academy of St. Petersburg, and that Dr. J. S. Talmage has been elected to a newly founded Professorship of Geology in the University of Utah; while death has removed the distinguished Mineralogist and Crystallographer, Professor C. v. Haushofer, who since 1889 had been director of the Technische Hochschule at Munich.

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An interesting discovery has been announced by Professor Krenner, of Budapest, who describes a mineral containing no less than 59.5 per cent. of thallium, to which he has given the name Lorandite. He finds the mineral to have the formula  $TlAsS_2$ ; it occurs as red tabular or prismatic crystals belonging to the mono-symmetric system, and is found on realgar at Allchar in Macedonia.

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We have received from Messrs. George Philip and Son a geological map of Western Australia, executed by Mr. H. P. Woodward, the Government Geologist, which can be confidently recommended to all who desire a clear map of that interesting colony. The numerous gold fields

to which public attention has been so strenuously directed during the last year are well shown, and the routes of various explorers in the less known parts of the country are clearly indicated. The scale is about 50 miles to the inch.

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A Catalogue sent by Messrs. G. L. English, of New York, the enterprising firm of mineral dealers, makes it evident that the interest in minerals is by no means waning in the United States: the Catalogue extends to 124 pages, and with copious figures and descriptions practically constitutes a brief handbook; the very full list of recent acquisitions seems to contain most of the minerals of interest which have been lately reported from various parts of the world.

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