

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE Society has lost one of its Corresponding Members in the person of Professor G. A. Daubrée, the Director of the *École des Mines*, who died on the 20th of May, 1896, at the age of 82. Among his numerous publications on experimental geology and the allied subjects were many of extreme importance to the Mineralogist, especially in relation to the origin of minerals. In fact, the desire to explore the suggestive problems of mineral genesis seems to have inspired not only those remarkable investigations which are included in his *Etudes synthétiques de Géologie Experimentale* and in his well-known treatise on Underground Waters, but also his lively interest in Meteorites. The death of this eminent man is as great a loss to Mineralogy as to Geology.

We have also to record the following deaths which have taken place since the last issue of this Magazine :—On September 22nd, 1895, died Dr. Friedrich Nies, an ardent Mineralogist, who was Secretary of the Geological Association of the Upper Rhineland; and on October 10th, 1895, in his 49th year, Dr. Albert E. Foote, the well-known mineral collector and dealer, of Philadelphia, through whose enterprise and energy many new and important minerals were secured for the Museums of the United States and of Europe.

Among recent appointments are to be mentioned that of Dr. O. Mügge, of Münster, to the Professorship of Geology at Königsberg, of Dr. Karl Busz to the Chair at Münster vacated by him, and of Mr. H. A. Miers to the Professorship of Mineralogy at Oxford, in succession to Professor N. Story-Maskelyne, retired.

The following is the subject offered for competition by the Fürstl. Jablonowskische Gesellschaft, in Leipzig, for a prize of £50, to be awarded in 1899 :—

An experimental investigation upon the problem as to what are the

conditions which determine the development of the various simple forms, or their mutual combinations, in crystals; regard being also had to the literature which bears upon the subject. It is desired that the investigation shall take into account such substances as would yield results which might be extended to natural minerals.

The Memoir is to be written anonymously in German, Latin, or French, enclosed in a sealed cover with motto, and must be sent before the 30th of November, 1899, to the Secretary of the Society.

OBITUARY.

ALEXANDER HENRY GREEN, F.R.S.

THE Mineralogical Society has lost a prominent Member by the death of Professor Green on the 19th of August, 1896. He was born in 1832; having graduated as 5th Wrangler at Cambridge in 1855, he was in 1861 appointed an Assistant Geologist on the Geological Survey; in 1875 he was appointed Professor of Geology at the Yorkshire College of Science at Leeds, and was largely instrumental in achieving the success of that institution in its early days.

In 1888 he was elected to the Chair of Geology at Oxford. Though a Geologist by profession, he always took an active interest in Mineralogy; he was almost an original member of this Society, and was a member of Council on various occasions, beginning with the year 1879. He was gifted with a singularly clear and effective style which invested his words, whether spoken or written, with a great charm; of this his book on Physical Geology is a conspicuous example.

This power of lucid exposition rendered him a most attractive teacher, while his hearty and genial character endeared him to all those who enjoyed his friendship.