

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.