

Notices

Meetings

Ordinary Meetings of the Society during the Session 1953–1954 :—

Monday, 26th October, 1953

Monday, 22nd February, 1954

Monday, 30th November, 1953

Monday, 31st May, 1954

Annual General Meeting : Monday, 3rd May, 1954.

The Seventh International Congress for the History of Science will be held in Jerusalem from 4th to 12th August, 1953. Further particulars may be obtained from Prof. F. S. Bodenheimer, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel.

Obituary

We regret to have to record the death of Cyril Edward Nowill Bromehead, who died suddenly at his home at Witney, Oxfordshire, on the 14th December last, at the age of 67. Mr. Bromehead was a Founder Member of the British Society for the History of Science, and served on its first Council. He was educated at Marlborough and Merton College, Oxford. By profession a geologist, he joined the Geological Survey of Great Britain in 1909, remaining with the Survey until he retired with the rank of District Geologist in 1949, except for service in Flanders during the 1914–18 War, when he was severely wounded. Apart from numerous contributions to geological science, issued in official Memoirs and in the publications of learned societies, for many years Bromehead took an active interest in the history of his science. His special field lay in that borderland between geology and mineralogy, archaeology and the arts as practised in antiquity. In pursuing these studies his interest in the classics and, not least, his knowledge of Greek and Latin stood him in good stead. Among the subjects that attracted him, and on which he has published, we may mention Practical Geology in Ancient Britain, Ancient Mining, the History of Water Supply, Ships Loadstones, and the Relation of Natural Resources to the Arts. What is perhaps one of his more outstanding contributions to the history of geology was read to the Geological Society of London, in 1947, under the title of a Geological Museum of the Seventeenth Century. In this paper Bromehead describes five volumes labelled "Fossils" which were included in a collection of Italian drawings purchased by George III in 1762, and are now in the Library at Windsor Castle. These he identified as representing specimens in the Museum of the Accademia dei Lincei in Rome in 1626, some of which were drawn either by, or for Francesco Stelluti, a member of the Accademia, and reproduced by him in a little work on fossil plants, dated 1637, and believed to be the first on this subject.

Bromehead will be missed by a wide circle of friends inside and outside geological circles, both as a man and because he was ever ready to place his wide knowledge freely at the disposal of all who approached him. He is survived by a widow and only son.

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