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The following papers are in the hands of the Editor for subsequent publication:—

“Mica weathering in three soils in central New York, U.S.A.” by B. N. Rolfe and C. D. Jeffries.

“Thixotropy and the intracrystalline swelling of crystals” by U. Hofmann.

“Soluble and deleterious salts in clayey raw materials” by H. Lehmann.

“The interpretation of D.T.A. diagrams: the low-temperature endothermic peak” by R. Greene-Kelly.

Treasurer of the Group

With the increasing size of the Clay Minerals Group, the administrative duties involved are getting more onerous, and the Committee has decided that the duties of Treasurer will in future be separated from those of Secretary. The new Hon. Treasurer (who was appointed in January of this year) is Mr George Brown, Pedology Department, Rothamsted Experimental Station, Harpenden, Herts. All subscriptions, and correspondence regarding financial matters, should therefore in future be sent to him, and not to Dr R. C. Mackenzie, who will continue to function as Hon. Secretary.

Forthcoming Meetings

The next Clay Minerals Group meeting will be held, as already announced, in London on November 6th, when the subject will be “Formation of Clay Minerals”.

It is announced that a conference on soils is to be held in Adelaide in June. There will be sessions on clay mineralogy, and it is expected that most Australian clay mineralogists will attend.

Methods of Genesis of Clays and Related Minerals will be the theme of a Clay Minerals Conference to be held at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, on 15-17 October, 1953. Particular attention will also be given to methods of distinguishing between kaolinite and chlorite. The Conference is sponsored by the National Clay Minerals Committee, the University of Missouri and the Kansas Geological Survey. Anyone interested in presenting a paper on this theme or on clay mineralogy, technology, physical behaviour of clays, techniques of mineral determination, origin of soils, clays in soils, origin and distribution of clays in soils, clays related to ore deposits, and allied topics, is invited to write Mr. A. F. Frederickson, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. A detailed programme, including field-trip information, will be available on request in August, 1953. Everyone interested in any aspect of clay mineralogy or technology is cordially invited to attend the Conference.