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EDITORIAL NOTES.

MR. ARTHUR HUTCHINSON, M.A., F.R.S., Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge, University Lecturer in Crystallography, and lately President of the Mineralogical Society, has been elected to the Professorship of Mineralogy in the University of Cambridge, in succession to the late Professor W. J. Lewis, F.R.S.

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AN interesting ceremony took place at Bath on 10th July, when Dr. F. A. Bather, F.R.S., President of the Geological Society of London, unveiled a tablet to the memory of William Smith, on the wall of 29 Pulteney Street, Bath, where the epoch-making "Order of Strata" was first written down, thus marking the real beginning of stratigraphical geology. Dr. Bather also delivered a lecture on William Smith and his work, in which he emphasized the practical value to the city of Smith's work in preserving and restoring the springs when in danger of diversion by deep borings in the neighbourhood and also referred to the great work done by other local geologists, especially Conybeare and Charles Moore. It is to be hoped that the lecture may eventually be published in full.

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THE Editor ventures once more to ask contributors to be kind enough to refrain from sending in manuscripts during the six weeks following 20th August. The GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE has no office, and no staff except the Editor, who is always absent from Cambridge at that time; consequently there is much inconvenience, and a considerable risk of loss, in forwarding such matter.