

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY'S ABSTRACTS.

SIR,—I have received a letter from the Society stating that it is unusual for Fellows resident abroad to receive the "Abstracts of Proceedings". These publications, with notices of the papers and reports of the discussions, are probably taken as a matter of course by most Fellows in the British Isles, while they may be scarcely known to those elected while in residence abroad. They provide information months earlier, and often contain matter that is not given at all in the "Quarterly Journal". It is easy to give a number of instances where papers have been read and discussed, and the larger publication, when it at last arrives, has only a bare statement of the title. Apart from the value of the account of what the author said, the reports of the discussions are often of the greatest interest to those unable to be present at the meetings. The abstracts promote the objects of the Society by stimulating interest in its larger publications, the contents of which are already familiar in outline on arrival. They are not then put aside to await a more favourable opportunity of cutting the pages, for the recipient knows more or less what is likely to interest him.

If any members are to have the "Abstracts", those resident abroad have the strongest claim. They are unable to attend the meetings and the library is out of reach. The cost of postage on the small publication is the same to most parts of the world and cannot be urged as a reason against general distribution. Instead of these things being recognized, and the Society doing its utmost to give its exiles a more living interest in its work, it slights them by not sending full measure of its publications.

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KHARTOUM, ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SUDAN.

July 29, 1914.

## OBITUARY.

ALFRED JOHN JUKES-BROWNE, B.A., F.R.S., F.G.S.

BORN APRIL 16, 1851.

DIED AUGUST 14, 1914.

WE regret to record the death of Alfred J. Jukes-Browne, which took place, after a brief illness, on Friday, August 14, 1914, at his residence, "Westleigh," Ash Hill Road, Torquay.

Alfred J. Browne was the son of Mr. A. H. Browne, formerly of St. Paul's Crescent, Camden Town. His mother was a sister of Professor J. Beete Jukes, F.R.S. He took the name of his uncle on attaining his 21st birthday and afterwards was known as Alfred Jukes-Browne.

He was educated at Cholmondeley School, Highgate, and thence entered St. John's College, Cambridge, where he passed the Natural Science Tripos in 1874, and took his B.A. degree. He was an ardent student of Natural History, and the writer recalls the pleasure with which young Browne showed him his collection of recent shells all carefully named and arranged by himself. He was always a rather delicate and ailing lad, and in later life never seemed to overcome this weakness of constitution. But his mental energy was remarkable.