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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE present number completes the sixtieth volume of the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE, which was started in 1864, under the actual editorship of Dr. Henry Woodward, although the name of Professor T. Rupert Jones occupied the first place on the title page. The first volume comprises only six numbers: July to December, 1864. It is of interest to find, however, that it includes original papers by three eminent geologists still happily with us, namely, Sir Archibald Geikie, Sir William Boyd Dawkins, and Mr. William Whitaker. There are also brief abstracts of papers published elsewhere by Sir E. Ray Lankester and Bishop G. F. Browne. It would occupy too much space to enumerate all the deceased writers well known to fame whose names also appear in the index of this volume. The typographical form and general appearance of the Magazine are strikingly similar to those still prevailing.

In 1864 the British Association met at Bath under the presidency of Sir Charles Lyell, and the list of papers read in Section C indicates great activity in geological research at that time: the titles alone occupy over two pages, and range over a wide variety of subjects: many of the abstracts are given in the Magazine, an excellent practice which, however, it has been impossible to follow of late owing to the great influx of original matter.

The early history of the Magazine was recently dealt with at some length on the occasion of the death of the first editor, Dr. Henry Woodward, after a reign of 57 years, and it is scarcely necessary to repeat what was then said, but it was felt desirable to call attention briefly to the occurrence of an interesting anniversary.