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The present number of the *Clay Minerals Bulletin* forms an extended report on these very successful meetings. During the sessions, the British Clay Minerals Group, through its Chairman, Mr R. H. S. Robertson, offered to publish all the papers presented, in so far as they had not been, or would not be, published elsewhere. This offer was accepted by the French organising committee, and this number is the result. It contains all the papers that were offered to us, and summaries of the others presented at the meeting. In accordance with our offer, the papers are presented in the original languages; but fairly extensive English abstracts have been given of all papers in other languages.

The Paris meetings included interesting general discussions on the nomenclature of clay minerals, and on interstratified minerals. At the first discussion, Mr G. Brown, for the Clay Minerals Group Committee on this subject, put forward some proposals, which were fairly well received. They will be published—for readers' comments—in the next number of the Bulletin.

Up to and including the present number, the Bulletin has been edited by Dr D. M. C. MacEwan. He is now on a two-year appointment in the University of Granada, and is being succeeded in the Editorship by Dr R. J. W. McLaughlin, Department of Mineralogy and Petrology, University of Cambridge.

This number is dated December, though appearing in August. We regret the delay, due to its abnormal size. All our subscribers for 1954 will, of course, receive it.