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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE Committee on British Petrographic Nomenclature that has been sitting for some months has now issued its report, which has been printed in the *Mineralogical Magazine*, and a separate copy has also been issued to every one entitled to receive No. 305 of the *Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society*. We should like to take this opportunity of congratulating the committee, and especially the chairman, Professor Watts, and the secretary, Mr. W. Campbell Smith, on this prompt appearance of the results of their labours. An additional number of copies of the Report are still available for distribution, first to petrologists abroad and then to any interested persons who may apply for them to the Secretary. It is not proposed here to offer any detailed remarks on the subject-matter of the Report, except to say that in our opinion a very wise course has been followed in suggesting the discontinuance of a considerable number of obsolete, ambiguous, and unnecessary names. In this respect the Committee might even with advantage have gone further than it has. At all events, it is satisfactory to find that the Committee is not to be dissolved, as we believe that a good deal of useful work may yet be accomplished by it in the direction of the simplification of a science hitherto overburdened and rendered unattractive by a ponderous nomenclature. It is hoped that some further comments on this subject, editorial and otherwise, will appear in a later issue.

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THE Secretary for Mines has appointed Dr. F. H. Hatch, M.Inst.C.E., M.Inst.M.M., to be Technical Adviser to the Mines Department on questions relating to the Metalliferous Mining Industry.

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