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Leonard James Spencer, C.B.E., B.Sc., M.A., Sc.D., F.R.S.  
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**T**HIS is to introduce the papers which have been sent in as a tribute to L. J. Spencer from Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States of America on the occasion of his completion of fifty years service as editor of the *Mineralogical Magazine*. To his many friends and colleagues the world over detailed comment on the quality of his work as an author, editor, and abstracter is unnecessary. He sets a standard difficult for us all to reach and has a critical faculty that extends beyond the confines of the two sciences he has followed so devotedly and light-heartedly, Mineralogy and Geology. Enthusiasm and perseverance are his 'signature tunes', both fortunately tempered by a sense of humour.

It has been an honour to remove a small burden from his shoulders on this occasion and the Council thanks those authors who, at short notice, have been able to send in papers.

F. A. BANNISTER

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