

long narrow foliæ cohering together, rendering the mineral almost fibrous in appearance, in thin leaves, nearly transparent. When in a state of very fine subdivision it is entirely decomposed by sulphuric acid.

Sp. Gr. 2-781.	
Silicic Acid .....	33-55
Alumina .....	15-00
Ferrous Oxide .....	10-78
Magnesia .....	29-73
Water (by difference) .....	10-94
	100-00

In one specimen the chlorite was associated with a ferrous dolomite in rhomboidal crystals. Its composition was as follows:—

Sp. Gr. 2-935.	
Carbonate of Lime .....	53-00
"    Iron' .....	8-16
"    Magnesia .....	39-00
	100-16

Trace of Manganese.

2nd. On the presence of Sulphide of Zinc in a crystalline carbonate from a trap dyke at Fairly, Ayrshire, Mr. Wünsch drew the attention of the author to some small brownish-black crystals enclosed in a carbonate of iron, lime, and magnesia. On applying suitable tests they were found to consist of sulphide of zinc and some sulphide of iron. No carbonate of zinc was present. A portion of the trap rock from the dyke itself was tested carefully for zinc, but none was found.

3rd. On a deposit from a Chalybeate water. Described as consisting of hydrated ferric oxide, with a little clay and sand mechanically intermixed. No lime was present. The water itself contained carbonate of iron and sulphate of lime, but no carbonate of lime.

4th. On Laumonite.

5th. On some mineral cavities in trap rocks. The author exhibited and described many specimens, showing the deposition of quartz crystals on carbonate of lime; also fluor spar and sulphate of baryta, on quartz and carbonate of lime.

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## CORRESPONDENCE.

### YACHTING ON THE COAST OF NORWAY.

SIR,—I am making preparations for a trip to Stavanger, Bergen, and Trondhjun, starting after the middle of June. It has struck me that, believing myself a fair observer, though a very ignorant geologist, I might be of use to any more learned gentleman who might wish any marks of coast elevation in modern times observed, and also (being somewhat of a chemist) to mineralogists, so far as the time and opportunity of so limited a trip will allow. I shall

hope to visit the further end of the Fjords, more especially of the Sagne Fjord. And, having had great experience in Glacier travelling, I shall spend some time, probably, about Fjerland, and the Justedal's Broeen. I shall be happy to do anything in that way also. I enclose my card, and any gentleman who may have a distinct operation to propose will meet with my best attention to his communication.

M. H.

LONDON, April 11, 1868.

ORMEROD'S INDEX TO THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL AND TRANSACTIONS OF THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

SIR,—I have kept up my interleaved copy of my Geological Index down to the end of last year, 1867. Thinking that you might feel interested in a tabular view of the progress of Geology, which is shown by a comparison of the number of papers and authors included in the Index (occupying a space of 49 years) with those in the manuscript Supplement (occupying a space of 12 years), I send you a copy which I think is satisfactory as to the results. The great point is the increase in the number of authors: 288 *fresh names* having appeared in the Quarterly Journal during the last twelve years, and these may be considered of course as only the *crème* of the Geologists. If the inclosed statistics are of any use to your Magazine, they are at your service.

	Titles of Papers in Index. 1807 to 1855 (inclusive). 49 years.	Titles of Papers in Supplement. 1856 to 1867 (inclusive). 12 years.	Authors of Papers in Index. 1807 to 1855.	Authors of Papers in Sup- plement. 1856 to 1867.
Tertiary & Recent.	575	436	310	{ 31 Old authors. 273 New ditto.
Secondary .....	693	434	330	{ 45 Old. 229 New.
Palæozoic .....	658	397	273	{ 47 Old. 184 New.
Metamorphic .....	190	112	104	{ 13 Old. 54 New.
Volcanic .....	288	170	145	{ 21 Old. 85 New.
Plutonic .....	180	110	101	{ 12 Old. 63 New.
Topographical.. } Geology .....	232	109	179	{ 6 Old. 81 New.
Miscellaneous... }				
Mining, etc. ....	216	144	144	{ 13 Old. 83 New.
Palæontology... } General .....	23	16	13	{ 1 Old. 11 New.
Fauna .....	493	353	162	{ 29 Old. 102 New.
Flora .....	80	50	39	{ 8 Old. 25 New.