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EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE list of the names of those recommended by the Council for election to the Royal Society appeared just too late for inclusion in the March number of the MAGAZINE. The only name of immediate interest to our readers is that of Sir Douglas Mawson, the well-known Australian geologist and Antarctic explorer.

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At the Annual General Meeting of the Geological Society of London, held on 16th February, after the usual presentation of the medals and awards to the recipients, whose names have already been recorded here, Professor Seward proceeded to deliver his presidential address, giving first the usual obituary notices of deceased Foreign Members, Foreign Correspondents, and Fellows. The chief subject of the Address was "The Earlier Records of Plant Life". The first part comprised a discussion of the physical conditions of the Pre-Cambrian periods, with a review of indirect evidence for the existence of plant life. Palæobotanical records from the Lower Palæozoic were then briefly summarized. The second part of the address dealt in some detail with the floras of the Devonian and Old Red Sandstone.

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A COMMITTEE has been formed to carry through a memorial to the late Mr. Benjamin Harrison, the well-known geologist and pre-historic anthropologist of Ightham, Kent. Two suggestions are under consideration: (1) the foundation of a scholarship open to natives of Ightham and district, or failing this, of Kent or of some even wider area; (2) a research fund. It is also proposed to place a tablet in Ightham Parish Church. Donations may be sent to the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. de Barri Crawshay, Rosefield, Sevenoaks, Kent.

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THE Geological Society of London has lately been the recipient of a benefaction to be called "The Gloyne Outdoor Geological Research Fund". Its object is to promote field research by enabling the Council to make grants in aid to suitable applicants. The Council, in a circular recently issued calls special attention to the fact that the testator expressly spoke of his benefaction as the *nucleus* of a fund, and it ventures to hope that others may feel impelled to copy his excellent example.