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The present number contains the papers from the meeting in Sheffield in April, 1950, and completes the publication of those papers which are in the hands of the Editor, except for two from the April, 1951, meeting.

Publication of Contributions.

It has frequently been suggested that it would be a good thing if contributions could be published more rapidly after our meetings. The Editor agrees with this, but the fault does not always lie with him, or with our printers. Sometimes a considerable time elapses between the reading of a paper at one of our meetings, and the sending in of a summary by the contributor. It will help greatly if all contributors to our meetings will send in a summary suitable for publication in the *Bulletin* at the earliest possible date, even before the meeting. Such a summary should be fairly full, but should not in general exceed six foolscap pages (double spacing), including tables and figures.

Some confusion may have occasionally been caused by the fact that it is usual to ask for a very brief summary before the meeting. This is for previous circulation to members, and is not intended for the *Bulletin*. If you can manage it, you should however send the long and the short summaries at the same time.

It should be noted that papers for presentation at a meeting of the Group can be sent *at any time* to the Secretary. Even though these do not fit in with the special subject for discussion at the next meeting they can normally be accepted as general papers. Submission of such papers to the Secretary as soon as they are complete simplifies considerably the work of arranging the programmes for the meetings.

Reports of Meetings.

Summarised reports of the proceedings at our meetings up to and including that of 23rd January, 1948, have already appeared in the *Mineralogical Magazine*. It has now been decided that subsequent reports will appear in the *Clay Minerals Bulletin*, and in order to bring these reports up to date, we are publishing in this number reports of the meetings held after that date.

Subsequent meetings of the Group.

At the recent meeting in Harpenden, it was announced that preliminary arrangements had been made for the following meetings: Winter, 1951, in London, on a subject connected with the geology of clays; Spring, 1952, in London, a joint meeting with the British Society of Soil Science, on a subject connected with clay minerals in soils.

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