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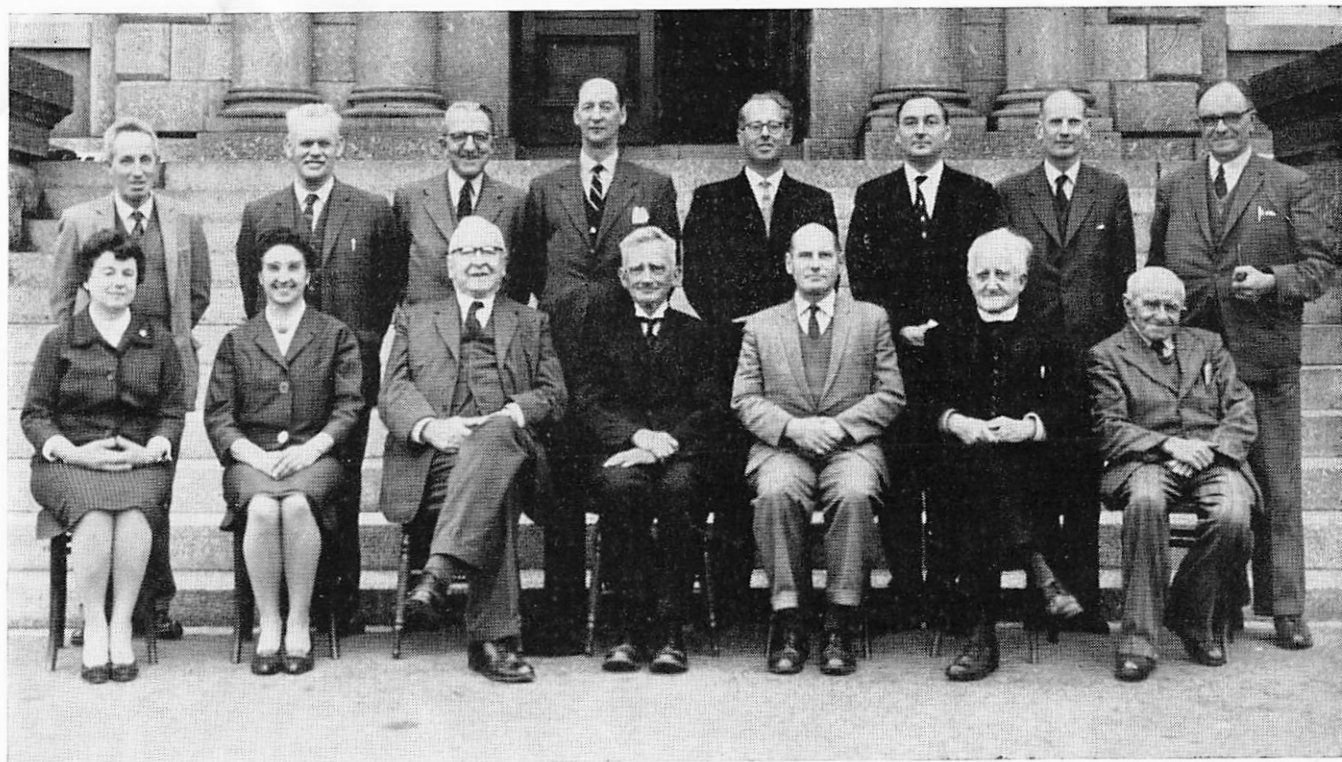
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PREFACE

DURING the past 150 years the Royal Geological Society of Cornwall has contributed much to the understanding of the complex geology of the South-West of England, and, indeed, to geology generally: numbered amongst its members have been such illustrious scientists as Sir Humphrey Davy, Davies Gilbert, Sir Charles Lemon, Sir Warrington-Smyth and Sir C. Le Neve Foster—all Fellows of the Royal Society, the first two being sometime Presidents of that Society. The results of much of the members' work have been recorded in the Society's Transactions, within whose pages are to be found many fundamental geologic concepts which, because of limited circulation and restricted communication between research workers in the past, have commonly been rediscovered by others, working in foreign fields, at much later dates. The general lack of awareness of the earlier Transactions is the reason why the contributions of such giants as Fox and Henwood have so often been ignored by writers overseas who have concerned themselves with the history of geology and closely allied subjects. Today, happily, the Transactions find their way to the four corners of the Earth.

This compilation of papers, which embraces most of the aspects of the geology of the South-West, is a fitting tribute to all those who have concerned themselves with the difficult geology of this region. It is also certain that it will be of great help to those geologists who will continue the work in this part of Britain, where still more geologic problems await solution than have been solved.

It is with regret that Dr. Hendriks has found it impossible, in the time available to contribute a paper on the structure of the South-West, but it is hoped that such a work, by this eminent authority, will soon appear in the Transactions.

For various reasons, the volume also lacks papers on a number of topics of interest, such as the placers, oxidation phenomena of the orebodies and geochronology: these, it is hoped, will also form subjects for future papers in our Transactions.

Finally, the Editors wish to record the great help given them by a number of people and particularly by Messrs. Opie, Halford and Elliott.

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