

and all German adjectives with a small one, with the single exception of such combinations as “*Darwin’sche*” directly derived from a proper name.—ED.]

GEOLOGY AND THE NEXT WAR.

SIR,—Such a subject, happily, is not among those usually discussed in the GEOLOGICAL MAGAZINE. But a review in the June issue (p. 283) concludes with the remark: “The work should be of considerable value during the next war.” This suggests the converse question: “What will be the value of the next war to Geology?” Geological science depends, to a greater extent than most sciences, upon concrete material, such as fossils, minerals, rock-specimens, microscopic slides, and maps, large collections of which are concentrated in certain buildings. In the last war a Zeppelin bomb fell at Piccadilly Circus. Had it fallen a few yards to the south-west, Jermyn Street Museum would have been wrecked. In a “next war” it is certain that wreckage of cities would be on a far greater scale. Now, many of the objects in museums (type-fossils, for example) are unique. Others, such as unpublished six-inch maps, represent the skill and toil of many years. After one experience of wholesale destruction, men would not undertake the same toil again unless they had some sense of security against recurrence of destruction. It would be worth no man’s while. This, however, would put an end to much of the best geological work, and the science could not escape from decline. Geologists, accordingly, have stronger motives even than most men to prevent the occurrence of a “next war”.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES.

Dr. G. W. Tyrrell, Geological Department, University of Glasgow, has some surplus petrographical material, chiefly West of Scotland rocks, which he is willing to distribute, preferably in exchange for rocks from other parts of the country. Some of the specimens are comparatively large and suitable for museum or teaching purposes, but the greater number are in the form of smaller pieces and chips suitable for making thin sections. A list will be sent on application.
