

EDITORIAL

The Committee of the Clay Minerals Group has agreed to certain recommendations made by their publishers for the improvement of the *Clay Minerals Bulletin*. It has been decided that to obtain a higher standard of printing, particularly of half-tone blocks, a change of printer is necessary. Accordingly, the journal is now printed by Willmer Brothers Ltd of Birkenhead. Other improved changes include a larger page, a new cover design, and slight alterations of the arrangement and sizes of letterpress.

The Committee also considered changing the name of the journal. In its original form, the *Bulletin* was not designed as 'a medium for the formal publication of papers' but as 'a means of discussing and assisting current research' (see *Clay Minerals Bulletin* (1947) No. 1, p. 1). By the end of volume one, the *Bulletin* had become accepted as a journal in which to publish research papers on clay minerals. The name, however, tends to perpetuate the impression that the *Bulletin* is still devoted to preliminary reports. The Committee thought this an excellent opportunity to rectify the anomaly. Any considerable departure from the present name would possibly require a new series of volume numbers, in order to avoid confusion, and this the Committee resolved not to do. It was, therefore, decided to adopt the simple and abbreviated title, '*Clay Minerals*'.

In common with other societies, the Group has been faced with rapidly increasing costs for the production of the journal. Between 1960 and 1964 printing costs have increased two and a quarter times owing almost equally to an increase of the cost per page and the number of pages printed. In 1963, the Committee was forced to raise subscribers' dues and to require members to pay £1 in addition to their subscription to the Mineralogical Society. The present Committee has been no less concerned about rising costs and has only sanctioned those changes in the journal that would not increase production costs. It is inevitable, under the circumstances, that there will be increasing pressure on authors to justify fully the length of their contributions or, where necessary, to shorten their manuscripts or even to resubmit them as notes.

Attention of authors is drawn to the notice on the inside of the rear cover, which sets out manuscript requirements. Authors can greatly facilitate publication if their manuscripts and diagrams are carefully prepared, submitted in duplicate, and adhere strictly to the conventions of *Clay Minerals*. Free offprints of papers are now limited to fifty per paper, where there are more than two joint authors. There will be no free offprints of notes although it will be possible to purchase them at less than the usual rates.

The Committee has approved the introduction of occasional review articles on topical subjects connected with clay minerals. The intention is to print selective reviews, which contain assessments of past work and indications of future prospects. The articles will generally be by invitation but specific proposals to the Editor are always welcome.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY
ON CLAY MINERALS

The X-ray Identification and Crystal Structures of Clay Minerals. Edited by G. Brown (Published 1961). Pp. xi + 544. Price £4 4s. (\$12.50 U.S.). Members may purchase *one* copy at £3 3s. (\$9.50 U.S.). Obtained directly from the Mineralogical Society, 41 Queen's Gate, London S.W.7.

The Differential Thermal Investigation of Clays. Edited by R. C. Mackenzie (Published 1957). Pp. xii + 456. Temporarily out of print.

Monograph on 'The Electronoptical Study of Clays'. Edited by J. A. Gard. To be published.

Glossary of Trades Names. Compiled by R. H. S. Robertson. Pp. 36. Price 4s. 3d. post free from the Secretary of the Clay Minerals Group.

'A Review of the Mineralogy of British Sediments'. By R. M. S. Perrin. In preparation.