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PREFACE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Dr. Campbell retired on 30th September 1951 after forty-seven years of devoted service to the University of Edinburgh and its Department of Geology. Throughout this long period, as one of his old students has gracefully recorded in this Volume, "he has never sought fame or favour for himself but has always, with characteristic generosity, worked unsparingly to secure such for others". Over and above his outstanding achievements as teacher, research worker and administrator, and as Editor of these Transactions for over forty years, it is this kindly spirit of unfailing generosity that has earned for Dr. Campbell the unique and affectionate esteem in which he is held by all who have shared the privilege of being associated with him. It was in recognition of this endearing trait that some of us felt that the occasion of his retirement could most appropriately be signalised, not by the usual presentation, which might only remind him of us, but by a more enduring tribute, at once more personal and more public, which would also remind us of him—and not only us, his Edinburgh associates, but a much wider circle of geologists throughout the world.

With the enthusiastic co-operation of the Council of the Edinburgh Geological Society it was decided to dedicate to Dr. Campbell a series of geological studies by colleagues, former students and other friends, to be published as a special volume—the Campbell Volume—of the Transactions of the Edinburgh Geological Society, and to appeal for funds to facilitate its publication. The immediate response to the appeal was one of whole-hearted approval and support, as the substantial contributions received from a host of appreciative friends eloquently testify. In all, well over £500 has been subscribed by 134 donors. The total includes a grant of £51 10s. made by the Education Bureau of the Egyptian Government towards the cost of publishing the paper by Dr. Riad A. Higazy, and one of £15 by the Geology Department of the University of Nottingham towards the cost of illustrating the paper by Dr. W. Skiba. Special acknowledgement is also due to Professor Leon W. Collet—with editorial thanks for his happy thought—for an additional contribution of £10, earmarked to meet expenses involved in the preparation of illustrations, including his own Plate III and the admirable photograph of Dr. Campbell reproduced as Plate I. All other expenses have been defrayed by the Grant Institute of Geology and its staff.

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