

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR 1951

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The above Fellows have been nominated by the Council as officers of the Mineralogical Society of America for 1951. They will be voted on at the election in October 1950.

C. S. HURLBUT, JR., *Secretary*

A new geochemical journal, *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, is being published by Butterworth-Springer, 436 Strand, London, W.C.2, England, under the editorship of Professor L. R. Wager. The journal is international in scope and the plan is to give prompt publication to geochemical papers from all over the world. They will be published in English, French or German, with English summaries. Authors are to be given 75 reprints free of charge. Manuscripts should be sent to Earl Ingerson, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington 25, D. C., who is American editor for the new publication.

Subscription prices have not yet been announced, but the American agent is the Academic Press, Inc., 125 East 23rd Street, New York 10, New York, to whom inquiries should be addressed.

A natural occurrence of portlandite, $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$, has been found on the American Continent for the first time, at Cerro de La Corona, State of Morelos, Mexico. The mineral has been identified by geologists of the Instituto de Geologia of Mexico and of the U. S. Geological Survey. It occurs in a metamorphosed aureole in limestone around an extrusive basalt vent, probably of late Pleistocene age. A detailed mineralogic report by George T. Faust, Eduardo Schmitter, and Carl Fries, Jr., describing the occurrence and origin of the mineral, as well as the results of optical, chemical, x-ray, and thermal-analysis studies, will appear at a later date.

Dr. Duncan McConnell of the Gulf Research and Development Company has accepted a position as Professor of Mineralogy at the Ohio State University and will assume duties there at the beginning of the 1950-51 session.