

## EDITORIAL NOTE.

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THIS Monograph on Deep-Sea Deposits forms the penultimate volume of the Official Reports on the Scientific Results of the Challenger Expedition.

The work connected with the examination and study of the samples of Deep-Sea Deposits, and the preparation of this Report for the press, have occupied a very large part of my time and attention for nearly twenty years, and my colleague, Professor A. F. Renard, has also given much of his time to the same studies during the past fourteen years. We hope the completed work may be regarded as an interesting contribution to our knowledge of the ocean, and prove useful to a large number of scientific men, as it is the first attempt to deal systematically with Deep-Sea Deposits, and the Geology of the sea-bed throughout the whole extent of the ocean.

There are three Appendices to the volume,—the first containing an explanation of the Charts and Diagrams; the second a Report on the Analysis of Manganese Nodules, by John Gibson, Ph.D., of Edinburgh University; and the third Analyses of Deposits and materials from the Deposits, by various Analysts.

The final volume of the Challenger Reports will give a detailed list of the organisms procured at each of the Observing Stations, together with other summary matter dealing with general questions of Oceanography, and will in all probability be published during the course of next year.

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