

late Professor S. I. Tomkeieff, who died in 1968. He had planned a very comprehensive work but the editors have omitted some sections (e.g. structure, meteorites) and considerably shortened others (e.g. ore deposits). Unfortunately, not only are minerals omitted but also such mineral properties as streak and hardness and even terms such as asbestos.

Following the 612-page alphabetical listing in which the definitions are accompanied by references to early usage and a classification number, there is a four-part synoptic table (General, Sedimentary, Metamorphic, and Igneous terms), which serves as a kind of thesaurus. The editors point out in their preface that the dictionary should be of use to workers who need to introduce new terms but wish to avoid duplication or the unwitting use of terms in a different sense from the original—thus it is salutary to be reminded that eclogite is characterized by the absence of feldspar. The absence of mineral terms, however, means that garronite is listed only as a meladorite; komatiite is apparently too recent a rock name for inclusion. But if one needs to check the exact derivation of such terms as granitoid (now used as an adjective,

synonymous with granitic) or ophitococcitic texture this is the book to seek in the library.

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Antofilli, M., Borgo, E., and Palenzona, A. *I nostri Minerali: Geologia e Mineralogia in Liguria*. Genova (Sagep Editrice), 1983. 296 pp., 231 colour pls., 2 figs., 6 maps. Price L. 30 000.

After an introduction to the geological history of Liguria (contributed by L. Cortesogno) in Part I of this book, the minerals of this area of Northern Italy are described systematically with the aid of colour photographs. The latter vary in quality but most are very fine, those of carbonate-cyanotrichite, conicalcrite, and a green hexagonal crystal of pennine being particularly striking.

In Part II the topographic mineralogy of the six Ligurian provinces is described, together with large-scale maps on which the localities are clearly indicated. This delightful work will clearly be a must for European mineral collectors at all levels.

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