

## REVIEW

ARCHAEOAN GEOCHEMISTRY—Proceedings of the Symposium on Archaean Geochemistry: The origin and evolution of Archaean Continental Crust held in Hyderabad, India, Nov. 15-19, 1977 (Editors: B. F. Windley and S. M. Naqvi) Elsevier. 1978 viii & 406 pages. Price US dollars 49.75.

The international working group on Archaean Geochemistry at its first meeting in Leicester in 1975 decided that one of the main functions of the Archaean Geochemistry project was to bring together individual geochemists and geologists at symposia and field excursions so that they may become aware of common problems relevant to the project, thereby stimulating cooperative research. It was also decided that the international working group should meet in India in 1977. The meeting was accordingly held at Hyderabad in mid November 1977. The event helped in bringing together leading geoscience institutions in the country in a cooperative research endeavour. As a result of their combined effort, new geological and geochemical data was presented at the symposium.

The present volume under review claims to be the proceedings of the symposium at Hyderabad. Yet, only twenty out of the seventy and odd papers presented are included. Of these, only twelve relate to the Indian shield. The basis adopted for selection has not been explained.

The book is uneven as all such edited volumes are. Contributions from India included in the volume are mainly from the National Geophysical Research Institute. An introductory chapter by the Editors presenting a critical review of the data presented at the symposium would have been welcome. The volume gives the impression of having been prepared in undue haste. Several mistakes have crept which could have been avoided.

The Editors in their preface state 'there is more known about the geochemistry of the Archaean rocks of India than of most Archaean regions in the world.' This is not borne out by going through the contents of this volume. Another similar statement printed on the outer jacket that 'this book brings together more new data and ideas on the subject of Archaean Geochemistry than any previous single book' appears to be too tall a claim.

The book is well bound with a pleasing and attractive design—a design by now familiar to all readers of 'Precambrian Research'. The offset process of printing adopted, however, is far from satisfactory. It is more difficult to read than ordinary print. The illustrations by contrast are very well done. The book is unfortunately extremely expensive and beyond the reach of individual research worker.

In spite of its several drawbacks this book is to be welcomed as being the first attempt at placing the geology of the Indian shield before a wider audience. It also happens to be the first in a series of projected books on the Precambrians of the world. We hope before long the publishers will plan to bring out a more comprehensive and representative collection of papers on the Precambrian of the Indian shield.

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### CORRECTION

'Gypsum crystals in the inner shelf sediments off Maharashtra, India'  
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The following corrections may please be noted

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190	Description of crystals	6th	negative hemi-pyramid (III)
190	Discussion	6th	35°/∞
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