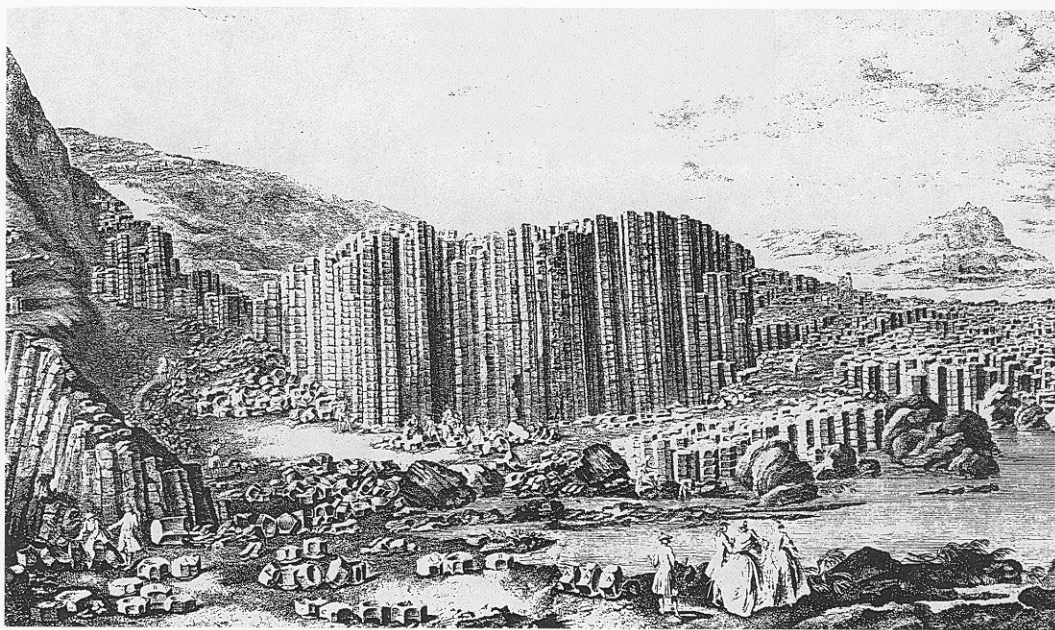


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*The Giant's Causeway, Ireland, visited by John Griscom on his geological "Grand Tour" of Europe in 1819. From Denis Diderot's L'Encyclopédie (Paris, 1851). See John Sinkankas's article, within.*

## EDITORIAL

### Signing Off—With a Vote of Thanks

MOTT T. GREENE

This is my last issue as editor of *EARTH SCIENCES HISTORY*, a job I took up unofficially in August 1993, and officially in January 1994. I hope to appear as an author and reviewer (beginning with Volume 17 #2) but my turn of duty as editor is coming to a close.

I wish to thank Theresa Pickel of Allen Press for her excellent supervision of the press work on our journal. I also owe great thanks to Dorothy Sack, the Society's Treasurer, for her friendly good advice, encouragement, and sound fiscal management.

Thanks are also due to other officers past and present including Ken Bork, Léo Laporte, Tom Pickett, Ron Rainger, Ken Taylor, and Hat Yoder for their support and encouragement.

I owe, in addition, a special debt of gratitude to the many editors and reviewers who have read, advised on, and improved the many manuscripts that came across my desk and over my transom in the last five years. My hat is off to Gretchen Luepke, our very able Book Review Editor, for the great amount of fine work she does on each issue. Gerry Friedman, our Founding Editor, not only continues to produce "Interesting Pub-

lications" twice a year for the journal, but appears in this issue as an author. His advice and encouragement over the last few years have been a great help to me—thanks, Gerry.

Above all I should thank the authors from all corners of the world with whom I've been privileged to work and who have taught me much. I have made a number of pleasant acquaintances and intellectual friendships that I will continue to cherish.

I'm embarking on a sabbatical (my first full year off since 1984–1985) during which I will complete the biography I've been writing of Alfred Wegener, a job too often pushed aside in late years by editorial work, teaching, and administration.

I am very pleased to be succeeded as Editor of the Society by Professor Gregory A. Good of West Virginia University, an extremely fine historian with a deep and wide knowledge of the earth sciences, and a vast fund of editorial experience. I look forward to seeing the journal changed and renewed under his able leadership, and I urge everyone to give him a helping and welcoming hand.

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