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FOREWORD

In the fall of 1960, nearly two years before the first volume of *Reviews in Engineering Geology* was published, plans for the second volume were well advanced, 20 manuscripts were in progress, and publication was expected in a year or two. But sometimes the best laid plans go awry. The number of manuscripts actually received dwindled to 12; the present 9 were transmitted to the Society in the latter part of 1964, and the volume closed off. One circumstance upon another led to further delay, so that now many years have elapsed between preparation and publication. Where practical, authors have updated their work. We realize, however, that the finished product has neither the balance of the original complement nor its variety, and that much of the timeliness has been lost. For its obvious faults, the editors of the volume, joined by the present editor of the Geological Society of America, express our regret; for its considerable virtues, we thank the authors, whose efforts and patience have been so tardily rewarded.

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