
Editorial

AN ESCAPE FROM THE CELLS

Just over six years ago I handled an electrode for the last time. Now the time has come for me to lay down my pen.

“There is no armour against fate”.

After 45 years working mainly on batteries some comments on the progress that has been made during that time would appear to be almost mandatory. When I first became involved with batteries we had lead-acid, nickel-iron and nickel-cadmium secondary batteries and large zinc-air, Lalande and dry Leclanché primary cells. There was, of course, also the schoolboy's delight, the wet Leclanché cell, whilst alkaline manganese dioxide, zinc-silver oxide and magnesium-silver chloride cells were still curiosities. Yet within the short lifetime of this journal we have already had three issues on lithium batteries. I think the record speaks for itself, and further comment is superfluous.

In my personal lookback people loom larger than batteries; the people who have pushed me and those who have pulled me, the people who have encouraged me, particularly with this journal, and those who have stood with me on the bad days. But above all I recall the help, kindness, friendliness and tolerance of people in many places. To them all, to you all, my sincere thanks; may peace, health, happiness, and good fortune be yours all your days. Farewell.

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