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**(ii) Buckden Gavel Mine**

The first meet in this area was held on Sunday May 5th and was attended by J.E. Freeman and a friend, S.H. Jackson, Mrs M. Wood, B. King, Miss D. Turner [11] J.C. Wade and D.T. Richardson.

A pace and compass sketch by A.E. & M. Cannell is being used-at the moment as a tripod and compass survey is as yet incomplete. p.H. readings of some of the smaller pools were taken by means of p.H. papers but this method was not found to be very reliable. Some small samples of water were brought out of the mine unfortunately these were not large enough to allow a full analysis – the results however show that there are great differences in composition of waters in some of the pools and it is hoped larger samples will be taken on subsequent visits.

The fungi observed on previous occasions is rapidly spreading down the passage. It has been tentatively identified as “stinkhorn” but other opinions favour “dry rot fungus”. Sterile samples have been brought out but at the moment we have not found anyone who is willing to undertake an identification for us.

A number of smaller rises have been explored but a determined attempt has not yet been made upon the loftier rises and deeper winzes. These will only be attempted when a sufficiently large party attends. Mr. Richardson collected samples of water for analysis from various streams and springs in the area - we await his results with interest.

The next meet at the mine will be held on Sunday 23rd. June - members attending the meet are asked to meet at the Old School House on the Cray Road at 11 a.m. If you are later than this please come up to the mine.

J.C. Wade.  
Area Organiser.

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(iii) Lake District Mines: Goldscope, Newlands, Keswick. Sunday 12th.May.  
This level is historically very interesting although rather disappointing to explore. The Lakeland members have discovered a sporting entrance down a chute named “Cannon Ball Alley” which awaits a strong party. Cannon Ball Alley could provide access to the centre part of the workings that bisect the hill. Entry by the way of Back Level is obviously impossible and entry through Goldscope is now very risky.

J.C. Wade.