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THE ROYAL DANISH GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Royal Danish Geographical Society was founded on the 18th of November 1876, and the first volume of *Geografisk Tidsskrift* appeared the following year. The rapidly increasing collections of books, periodicals and maps were placed and catalogued during the period 1877-1885. In 1885 Professor *Ed. Erslev* retired from the post as secretary and was succeeded by Knight Commander *Otto Irminger* who functioned until 1903, when Professor *O. Olufsen* took over the post and reorganized finances as well as the publishing activities. The following years a considerable expansion took place brought about by the many expeditions; after World War I the character of expeditions changed. They were no longer travels for the sake of exploring unknown countries, but more expeditions with well-defined research goals and so, the Society had to adapt its activities to the demands and possibilities of a new era. In 1923 Professor *Olufsen* was succeeded by the major-general *E. Castonier* as secretary of the Society, and in 1931 Dr. phil. *Niels Nielsen* took over this post. In 1959 an attachment to the Geographical Institute of the Copenhagen University became a natural development and enabled the Society to adapt its activities to presentday's research work. In 1956, Professor *Axel Schou* was appointed secretary general from which post he retired in 1971.

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4. møde den 4. februar 1986:
Lektor, lic. scient. Christian Wichmann Matthiessen: Danske byers vækst.
5. møde den 4. marts 1986:
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Arkivar, cand. mag. Jørgen Nybo Rasmussen: De ældste danske vejkort.