

Editorial: Change at Gordon Square

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Some of the advantages of membership are more informal and intangible than can be specified in print on the inside of a soup-coloured cover. For many years one of the chief of these benefits has been the friendship and help of Mrs Joan Joyce, who is now retiring from the Secretaryship of the Institute after a service of nearly thirty years in that and other capacities, having thus rivalled the long service record established by the founding Editor, Mr S. E. Hooper. Behind Mrs Joyce's modest farewell note on p. 568 lies a record of loyalty, industry, memory and foresight that have earned the gratitude and affection of the dozens of officers and Council members and the thousands of members of the Institute with and for whom she has worked. Nothing is more characteristic of her and of her sense of the priorities among her varied duties than the capital M that she always confers upon our Members. At a special occasion in January 1984 the Council and the officers will pay an appropriate tribute to the great length and immense value of her service. On her retirement Mrs

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Joyce will herself become a member of the Council of the Institute, and her wit and wisdom will still grace Gordon Square.

Meanwhile we warmly welcome the appointment of the new Secretary, Mr R. C. Denniss, who was until recently Assistant Director of Libraries in the London Borough of Camden, where he was responsible for the management of fourteen libraries. Mr Denniss is a graduate in philosophy of the Open University, and was for a time a graduate student at Birkbeck College, University of London. He has been a member of the Institute for a number of years. His fellow members and fellow officers join in wishing him a long and mutually rewarding association with the Institute.

An additional note here may save the new Secretary one brief letter while he settles to his multifarious responsibilities. The Cambridge University Press, usually so accurate and careful in all its publications, has committed a quaint lapse in its Annual Report to the University, printed in a recent special number of the *Cambridge University Reporter*. It is recorded in an Appendix that the Press published Volume 84 of *Parasitology*. This is no doubt true, but the same line of print goes on to declare that the volume was published 'for the Royal Institute of Philosophy'. We deny it unconditionally. What is more, we must remind our publisher not only how strenuously we labour in our own pages to avoid complicity in misprinting and all other forms of misinformation, but also how sensitive philosophers have learnt to be about metaphors drawn from that field.