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## EDITORIAL NOTE.

It is clearly impossible at this stage to offer any very definite indications of the ways in which the activities of the Association are likely to be affected by the war. Steps are being taken to deal with matters of urgency, and it is possible that an Executive Committee may be constituted with power to act for the Council. Although no decisions have yet been taken, it seems certain that the Annual Meeting of the Association will have to be abandoned. The Librarian hopes to be able to keep the Library at the service of members, but abnormal conditions demand certain modifications in the regulations; these modifications are set out in a note on the Library printed in the Inset to this number of the Gazette.

Publication of the Gazette will continue, at any rate for the present. The Editor hopes to complete the present volume in normal fashion by publication of a December number; but plans for the next volume are necessarily vague. An annual volume of three numbers, themselves smaller than the recent average, may be possible. But members will understand that the governing factor is likely to be the income of the Association, and this will no doubt be drastically reduced. The question of subscriptions from members on service will be considered by the Council or by its Executive Committee. If sufficient members of the Association are able to continue their subscriptions in spite of war-time burdens, then there is every prospect of the Gazette continuing publication, though on a much reduced scale, and so avoiding the difficulties of a resumption after a complete break.

