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## EDITORIAL

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WITH the publication of this issue, and the completion of Volume XLIII., a change takes place in the Editorial staff of the *Journal*. Many of our readers will recall that towards the end of 1920 an important event occurred in its history. During the ten years prior to that date, the *Journal* had been the property of the publishers. The ownership then passed—not for the first time—into the hands of those whose interests it served and, at the same time, Dr Dan McKenzie resigned the Editorship after ten years of devoted service.

The present Editors were appointed his successors, and now, after eight years in office, they, in turn, seek a rest from their journalistic labours. In taking this step, not without careful consideration, and with a genuine sense of regret, they feel that a change in the Editorial staff is in the best interests of the *Journal*. A periodical whose main function is to keep abreast of scientific progress, to maintain a high standard of efficiency, and to avoid the risk of becoming stereotyped, requires to be conducted with unflinching enthusiasm.

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For this reason an occasional change of staff is a wise precaution. Fresh minds and a new outlook are certain guarantees against the dangerous element of staleness which may creep insidiously into the conduct of a journal which has these aims.

In demitting office the Editors desire to express their sincere thanks to all those who have given them support by contributing to its pages; also to Dr Douglas Guthrie and the loyal band of voluntary workers who have so readily and efficiently assisted them in their task, easing their anxieties and lightening their labours, and without whom smooth working would have been impossible. To all of them the Editors acknowledge a deep debt of gratitude. They are grateful to the Board of Directors and to the Editorial Committee for their unfailing encouragement and help.

They hand over their duties to their successor, Mr Walter Howarth, confident that he will not only maintain the position of the *Journal of Laryngology and Otology* among the journals devoted to the specialty, but that he will enhance its reputation.

The printing and publishing of the *Journal* will remain in the competent hands of Messrs Oliver and Boyd, Edinburgh, to whom the Editors are greatly indebted for valuable assistance and for the unfailing punctuality with which it has appeared each month.

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