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EDITORIAL

AT the beginning of 1940, all rights in the *Geological Magazine* were transferred to Messrs. Stephen Austin and Sons, who have printed the Magazine for over 70 years. It was decided to take advantage of this change of publishers to adopt a new paper, new type, and a newly-designed cover. As a result of these changes, which involved among other things resetting several articles already in type, the January-February number of the Magazine had to be set-up very hurriedly and no opportunity was afforded for an editorial introductory to the new regime.

As was indicated towards the end of last year, it has been decided to issue the Magazine bi-monthly, chiefly because under war conditions contributions tend to reach us rather irregularly. The question of reverting to monthly parts will be reconsidered when conditions become more normal, but it may be pointed out that monthly publication does entail higher costs of production and distribution. We wish here to explain, however, that the bi-monthly numbers are designed to consist of not less than 80 pages, and that every effort will be made to maintain the size of the annual volume. While this arrangement holds, publication of the *Geological Magazine* will be due on the first day of alternate months, beginning with 1st February.

It is possible that, under present conditions, there may be some falling off in the output of original research, especially by the younger workers. The editors hope, therefore, to induce some of the leading authorities to contribute review articles in the form of summaries, with discussion and criticism, of the present trends of work and opinion in both general and specialized branches of geology.

The editors wish to express their gratitude to Messrs. Stephen Austin and Sons for their most helpful co-operation in these difficult times, as well as to subscribers, old and new, who are keeping the Magazine in being.

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