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## FOREWORD

*The Polar Record* had hoped to commemorate the centenary of the discovery of South Victoria Land by James Clark Ross in 1841 by a long article on the expedition. Lack of space and the exigencies of war-time have reduced those plans to this note and the interesting article by Dr Mill on a book which accompanied Ross on several of his journeys.

Our frontispiece, taken from the group in the well-known print of "The Arctic Council discussing the plan of search for Sir John Franklin",<sup>1</sup> shows something of the commanding personality of the man.

War conditions have greatly restricted the extent of our summary reports of activities in the polar regions. Since the publication of the last number of *The Polar Record*, no information has been received from correspondents in the European and Soviet Arctic. News of events in Svalbard, Iceland, Jan Mayen, Greenland, Labrador and Arctic Alaska is subject to strict censorship. It is possible, however, to continue with the series of articles on the technique of polar travel, and this issue contains an important contribution on sledge dogs.

The Committee of Management of the Scott Polar Research Institute considers itself fortunate in being able to continue the publication of *The Polar Record*, though on a reduced scale. This is only possible because of the devoted service of many voluntary helpers, of whom Dr Brian Roberts deserves special mention. It is pleasant to note that he has been awarded the Bruce Memorial Prize for the year 1940 for his work in the polar regions.

<sup>1</sup> Engraving by James Scott from a painting by Stephen Pearce dedicated to Lady Franklin. Published by Henry Graves and Co., May 2, 1853.