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Editorial Notes

THESE Notes are shorter than usual not from lack of copy but for the opposite reason—to allow more room for articles and reviews. We hope to return to the normal three pages in the next number. Making up each number of ANTIQUITY is always a problem of compression. We take this opportunity of apologizing to reviewers, authors and publishers for the delay in printing reviews; the only remedy is a larger circulation and the increase in size which that will make possible. A publicity campaign to effect this is now in progress, and we hope that any subscribers who may receive the leaflets will forgive us and remember that this is inevitable when one is distributing leaflets on a large scale to members of archaeological societies. We wish also to thank those societies who have helped by sending us lists of their members. It was upon such lists that ANTIQUITY was originally founded; the time has now come to bring ANTIQUITY to the notice of a new generation.



The present number contains a new feature—‘ Important New Books ’. To borrow the words of a contemporary, the inclusion of a book in this list does not preclude its subsequent review. But we are sure that readers will like to know at once when such books are published. We shall include in this section articles that give authoritative accounts of important new discoveries and excavations. For the progress of knowledge is registered much more in the periodical journals and bulletins of learned societies than in books; and those who wish to keep abreast must consult them. The current numbers of such journals should be displayed on a table in the rooms of learned societies, but often they are not.



This new feature was suggested by one of our most valued readers. We have often profited by such suggestions, and we invite our readers to write and tell us what they like, and also what they do not like, in ANTIQUITY. At the same time we are bound to say that we cannot always reply to such letters, for our correspondence is extremely heavy and we have no secretarial help. But we read all such letters and value them highly; they are a great help in every way. We hope that our readers have no grounds for complaint, either now or in the recent past; but if they have, we hope that they will also write and tell us, so that we may do our best to put matters right.