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Editorial

WE have always prided ourselves on the promptness with which the Journal is issued. We apologize, if indeed an apology is necessary, for the 4 week delay in publishing Issue 1. This is entirely due to the fact that the form it took of a membership Directory—a major undertaking. Names and addresses were sent to the printers as received from branches. As these were not in alphabetical order we could not go straight to page proofs and had to print and check galley proofs, which were then reformed alphabetically before page proofs were printed, an extra step to our normal procedure. Proof reading and checking—a wearisome and onerous task—was mainly carried out by Dr. Coles to whom this Directory should be dedicated.

We also apologise for any small mistakes which may have arisen; but the printers had a difficult task in dealing with so many different styles in which names and addresses are written in different countries, and the wide and multiple variety of accents and other symbols used in different languages.

We sincerely hope the Directory will prove of value to members throughout the world.

We would also draw attention to the first of a series of articles, which are to be published by Dr. J. E. Lancaster of Canada on Newcastle disease, surely one of the most important problems of the poultry industry throughout the world. Dr. Lancaster is probably the leading bibliographer on this subject, and subsequent articles which will deal with such subjects as geographical distribution of the disease, its epizootiology and control should form a valuable addition to Avian literature.

We would welcome volunteers to deal with other equally important subjects.