

EDITORIAL

With this number Volume VI comes to an end. Volume VI has appeared in three numbers so that in the future, Volume Numbers may coincide with the fiscal years of the Association. This number is also the last to appear in the familiar format. Volume VII will be slightly larger in overall size, and we hope it will be most attractive to our members.

It is with some regret that we announce a raise in subscription rates and membership dues. A two dollar fee has become increasingly unrealistic; even the new rate of four dollars per year does not cover the cost of printing and distributing the Journal. Annual subsidies from publishers will still be needed to bring out two issues per year. With your loyal support however, we believe that we can continue the tradition of promoting and interpreting linguistics in Canada. After all, linguistics can no longer be viewed as an ancillary discipline in academic centres; it must now take a central place in social and humanistic studies.

Linguists throughout the world have been saddened through the death of J. R. Firth last December. Firth was England's foremost linguist, and the founder of its best known school of linguistics. Elsewhere in this issue a tribute to his memory by one of his disciples has been placed. It is fitting that this issue should contain articles by two of his former students, G. L. Bursill-Hall and R. J. Baker.

In June the Association is to meet in Montreal as guests jointly of the Université de Montréal and McGill University. This should be a memorable occasion, and members are urged to be present if at all possible. M. Rabotin, the Chairman of the Programme Committee, is willing to accept papers for presentation up to the end of May.

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