

# The Journal of Laryngology and Otology

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## EDITORIAL

WITH the advent of the present number, the *Journal of Laryngology and Otology* enters upon its second year under the new management inaugurated in January 1921, and the initial difficulties coincident with the change of Editorship and with the transference of publication into other hands have now been overcome.

The financial position of the Journal, which has become the property of the profession whose interests it seeks to serve, has been strengthened by the formation of a Limited Liability Company, and a strong Editorial Committee has been elected, representative of the many and varied interests of the specialty in Great Britain and Ireland.

It is gratifying to be able to record the large measure of support which the Journal has received during the past twelve months. The number of subscribers has steadily increased and the circulation of the Journal has, in consequence, become more widely extended. We are emboldened to predict that this will be still further developed during the present year.

The attention of our readers is called to the fact that, although the scientific and clinical contributions which reach us are, in the main, the outcome of the observations and work of British laryngologists and otologists, our pages are accessible to all who may wish to contribute to the advancement of the specialty. It is our desire that the Journal should be thoroughly representative of the best which is produced by all the English-speaking peoples.

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of the Proceedings of the Sections of Laryngology and Otology of the Royal Society of Medicine have now been dealt with. It is hoped, therefore, that in future the Proceedings of the Sections will appear in the Journal without any undue delay. The publication, in a severely curtailed form, of the discussions which took place at the Sectional Meetings during the past three years, a procedure rendered necessary in the circumstances, will no longer be required, and a more detailed and useful account of the transactions will be laid before our readers.

In order to strengthen the section of the Journal dealing with the abstracts of current medical literature, we appeal to the writers of original articles published in Journals which are not on our exchange list, to send a brief synopsis of their work for insertion in our Abstract columns.

We are desirous of continuing the series of Clinical Records and Critical Reviews, which, we have reason to believe, are proving useful and instructive to our readers. There are many subjects which may be dealt with in the form of Critical Reviews, and the Journal will welcome, from time to time, such contributions.

The success of the Journal must continue to depend, however, upon the original articles which appear on its pages. It is evident from a survey of the more recent literature of the specialty, both in this country and overseas, and from the increasing activity which is now noticeable at the Sessions of the various scientific Societies, that the difficulty of conducting investigations which existed during and immediately after the war is rapidly disappearing. A new era of scientific energy lies before us, and it is permissible to hope that the Journal will play its part in the diffusion of the knowledge which is acquired.