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### **Editorial**

Three events of importance in the history of the Association mark the passage of the last three months

Firstly, the decision by the Council that the time had arrived to bring into use the office of President of the Association, and the election to that office of the first President—J G WEIR, EsQ, C M G, C B E, F R A e S The Association is honoured by Mr J G WEIR'S acceptance of this office, and his enthusiasm for the Rotating Wing Aircraft will do much to further the objects for which it was formed

Secondly, the Joint Meeting with The Royal Aeronautical Society proved to be an event of outstanding interest to members. In all, some 400/500 members of the two organisations attended the meeting, of which our membership was very well represented. The five papers read to the meeting covered much useful ground, and the discussion which followed was most illuminating. Through the courtesy of The Royal Aeronautical Society this material is being made available to the Publications Committee and the whole of the Joint Day Discussion Proceedings will be reproduced in the next issue of the Journal

Lastly, but by no means the least, comes a matter of finance. The Associations' financial position has never been a particularly strong one, and in order to meet this and to provide for increasing expenditure with increasing activities in the future, the Council have decided to make available some space in the Journal for full and half page advertisements. This meets several specific requests which have been received over a period. Since the financial problems associated with the publication of the Journal are very much the concern of the Publications Committee, it is gratifying to see the immediate response to this decision. Although the circulation is, as yet, relatively small, the Journal does have one unique feature in that it finds its way straight to the heart of the whole Rotating Wing movement in this country, as well as in many countries overseas

That the sound financial status of the Association is also very much the concern of its individual members is witnessed by the unanimous vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting to increase our own subscriptions, of which a full report is contained elsewhere in this issue. With this strengthening the Association continues to make satisfactory progress in its aims, to the benefit of its members and to the advancement of the Science as a whole