

FOREWORD

As this number was being prepared for the press, it was learned with the deepest regret of the death on 25 July of Lady Kennet, formerly the wife of Captain Robert Falcon Scott, R.N.

The Vice-Chancellor (Mr H. Thirkill, Master of Clare College) and the Director and Committee of Management of the Polar Institute invited a number of guests on 22 March 1946 to celebrate the completion of the reopening of the Institute, to mark new departures in its activities and to do honour to Professor Frank Debenham, founder of the Institute and its Director for over twenty years. A presentation was made to Professor Debenham on behalf of a number of those with whom he had been associated as Director. The Vice-Chancellor expressed regret that Dr H. R. Mill, who has long held a special place in polar exploration and who has been of invaluable service to the Institute since its earliest days, was unable to be present on this occasion. No one can speak with greater knowledge about the value of Professor Debenham's work than Dr Mill, and the appreciation which he has written to open this new volume of *The Polar Record* is therefore peculiarly apposite. A full account of the proceedings on 22 March has been published in the first annual Report of the "Friends of the Polar Institute".

The appearance of the *Journal of Glaciology*, the organ of the British Glaciological Society, will be warmly welcomed by many polar explorers and scientists throughout the world. The circulation of the new journal, of which two numbers have so far been published, is much larger than had been expected and indicates the rapidly growing interest in the science of glaciology. The existence of the Society and the venture of launching the new journal are almost entirely due to the undaunted enthusiasm of its President, Mr Gerald Seligman.

Mr T. E. Armstrong, Scholar of Magdalene College, Cambridge, has been appointed Research Fellow of the Polar Institute to make a study of the important contributions to polar knowledge that have been made in the Soviet Arctic. It will now be possible to include in the bibliography of recent polar literature a number of Soviet books and papers. In view of the rarity of many of these books in this country, the entries in the bibliography will indicate as far as possible where each book or periodical may be found. If no location is mentioned, it may be assumed that a copy is available at the Institute.

The decision of the Editorial Committee to publish this issue of *The Polar Record* as a double number has been made in order to bring the date of issue nearer to the advertised date of publication.

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