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SOONER or later in the history of every successful enterprise the time inevitably arises when those to whose initiative energy its inception was due, and upon whose fostering care so much of its subsequent growth and development depends, must, from one cause or another, entrust the guiding reins to other hands.

Ten short years since (1887) our JOURNAL was founded by Morell Mackenzie and Norris Wolfenden. Untimely death removed the former in the midst of his work, when his career appeared hardly to have reached its zenith. For some time past the latter has found it necessary for various reasons to transfer to other shoulders a large portion of the ever-increasing burden involved in editing a growing journal, the scope and importance of which has steadily advanced under his able and careful management.

The changes in our title page this month indicate the fact that Dr. Norris Wolfenden has at length decided upon completely retiring from all active participation in the editorial work of the JOURNAL, to which during ten years he successfully devoted so much time and thought and labour. The editorial staff feel keenly the loss they sustain in the retirement of a colleague whose trained experience they have learned to appreciate whilst associated with him in his work. The material loss to the editorial department is in some measure mitigated by the fact that recently its strength has been augmented by the help of several distinguished colleagues; and, moreover, the editorial staff cherish the hope that Dr. Wolfenden's kindly interest in the success of the JOURNAL, which owes so much to him, will be not less keen after the cessation of his active participation in its management than it has been hitherto.

In these regrets and in these hopes, as well as in these few expressions of indebtedness to one of its founders, the editors feel assured that they have the warm sympathy of the readers of the JOURNAL.

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