

## The President's Message

This will be the last issue of the Journal, it is the consequence, of course, of the merger of this Association with the Royal Aeronautical Society in which it will become the Rotorcraft Section. The terms of the merger are known to you all, and members have signified their approval.

In human affairs a point of discontinuity of this kind cannot be passed without some hint of sadness, but there is cause for the greatest satisfaction throughout the Association from the knowledge of the great work which has been done since its foundation by a handful of pilots in 1945. The new form of vehicle, the rotary wing aircraft, has been presented continuously with all its problems and its prospects in the very best possible way, and we now see it firmly established throughout the world.

The future is bright, and it is appropriate that this now well established branch of aeronautical engineering should take its proper place in the parent Society in this country. This will be a stimulating experience for the elder body, and I am quite confident that all those members of the Association who have shown such enthusiasm and energy in the past will continue to support the further advance of the science and art of the rotary wing aircraft within the Royal Aeronautical Society.

Let us then forget our moment of sadness and go forward in our wider associations, confident that we are among friends, and that the great work of the past will be continued and surpassed in the new environment.

May I take this opportunity of wishing you all happiness throughout the coming year.

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