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OUR Editorial Notes of a year ago referred to the difficulties which were brought about by the War, but it was resolved to continue publication in 1940. We have completed the year in spite of rather increased difficulties, and again it is necessary to consider our position.



As was fully expected our circulation has decreased to some extent. By the time the March number was published we had lost many subscribers, and during the whole year they numbered 300. Against that a gleam of encouragement was given by the addition of 50 new names. Had it not been for the closure of the greater part of Europe to cultural activity there was a prospect of considerable additions to our circulation on the Continent, but the succession of Countries which became shut against us made that impossible. So far the 'warnings' for 1941 are comparatively few, but from experience we know they will grow. On the whole our position, considering all things, may be described as better than could be hoped, and once more our thanks are expressed to those who have helped to bring this about.



We have been able to publish each number with the usual punctuality, and so far have reduced the year's volume by only 32 pages. We have been fortunate in securing articles, for it has to be

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remembered that nearly all archaeological work in Great Britain is at a standstill, and the Continent a closed door. If there is a real trouble it is that of continuing to obtain suitable articles of real interest. We have in mind various ways by which this possible lack of material may be overcome, and shall try each quarter to produce a readable number, though at present we live somewhat from hand-to-mouth.



The future has been carefully considered and we shall use every endeavour to keep ANTIQUITY in existence, provided the support at present given by our subscribers and contributors is continued. The cost of production has increased; the subscription charged has not, nor do we intend that it shall be so long as both ends can be met. Should it mean eventually that our illustrations cannot be so numerous, and our pages must be somewhat fewer, we hope it will be accepted as a purely War-time measure. If we survive the War the endeavour will have been worth while, and we shall then look forward to ANTIQUITY giving its full measure once more without further hindrance, and with energies unimpaired in order to take part in the revival of interest in Archaeology which we have every reason to expect.



In order to attain these hopes we shall need the continued help of all our subscribers. We realize the effect of the burden of taxation imposed on every pocket, but trust that all who have the interests of Archaeology at heart will make the effort to keep ANTIQUITY on their list of indispensable needs. Here, may we say, that early payment of the subscription is worth more than it may seem. Correspondence and postage are saved, and it enables us to know where we stand. In this direction we ask everyone so disposed to use the Bank Order which is part of the usual form enclosed with the present number (except for those who already instruct their bank and those who may have paid in advance). This method is a real convenience to all concerned and its adoption now will reduce a good deal of clerical work which is otherwise involved.