

FOREWORD

The Committee of Management of the Scott Polar Research Institute has taken the decision to publish the *Polar Record* three times, instead of twice, a year. In future the months of publication will be January, May and September. The price of each issue will remain at seven shillings and sixpence.

The decision to increase the number of pages published annually has been taken to enable the journal to cover more adequately, if briefly, the ever-widening field of arctic and antarctic research and exploration. Readers who attempt to keep in touch with current developments in this field will appreciate the reluctance of the Institute to add to the steadily increasing flow of literature dealing with polar matters. In these days of avid public interest in the Arctic and Antarctic the size of publications often bears little or no relation to their quality. Even the specialist is finding it increasingly difficult to keep abreast of the mass of information, ill-digested as it often is, which touches upon his own particular sphere of interest. Organizations which sponsor field work and other types of research must realize their responsibility to see that what is published is brief and to the point. Individuals too must subject their own literary efforts to critical compression before publication. In adding to the volume of polar literature the Scott Polar Research Institute will continue its task of summarizing and evaluating. Quality, not quantity, remains the goal.

On 30 November 1954 it was announced by the Admiralty that the Polar Medal had been awarded to all members of the British North Greenland Expedition of 1952-54.

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