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EDITORIAL NOTE

THIS IS THE LAST ISSUE OF THE AERONAUTICAL QUARTERLY IN ITS PRESENT FORM, AND FROM JANUARY 1984 IT WILL BE INCORPORATED WITH THE AERONAUTICAL JOURNAL AND PUBLISHED 10 TIMES A YEAR.

THE BACKGROUND TO THIS DECISION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY HAS BEEN GIVEN IN THE EDITORIAL OF THE SOCIETY'S MAGAZINE "AEROSPACE" FOR OCTOBER 1983. IN THE OPINION OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD THIS CAN ONLY LEAD TO A MUCH BETTER ALL-ROUND PUBLICATION, AND THE NEW JOURNAL WILL CONTAIN THE PRINCIPAL LEARNED-SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOCIETY. IT SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE AN IMPROVED SERVICE IN THE AERONAUTICAL AND SPACE SCIENCE FIELDS TO READERS AND AUTHORS ALIKE.

IT ONLY REMAINS FOR THE PRESENT EDITOR TO THANK ALL THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS AND PRESTIGE OF THE QUARTERLY SINCE ITS INCEPTION THIRTY FOUR YEARS AGO, INCLUDING THE MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL AND PRESENT EDITORIAL BOARDS, THE STAFF OF THE SOCIETY, PAST EDITORS (ESPECIALLY MISS E. C. PIKE), AND ALL OF OUR AUTHORS. BUT I WOULD PARTICULARLY WISH TO EXPRESS MY PERSONAL GRATITUDE TO THE REFEREES, WITHOUT EXCEPTION VERY BUSY PEOPLE, BUT WHO HAVE GIVEN GENEROUSLY OF THEIR TIME AND THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STANDARDS OF SCHOLARSHIP AND ORIGINALITY IN THE PAPERS ACCEPTED FOR PUBLICATION.

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