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Editorial Notes

WITH this issue the second year of ANTIQUITY is completed. The support given by our readers shows a steady increase and we hope that this will be continued. The subscription for 1929 is actually not due until next March, but as a matter of convenience a renewal form is enclosed with this number for the use of subscribers (other than those who pay by orders on their banks or who have paid in advance).



Hitherto ANTIQUITY has been published punctually on the 15th day of the month of issue, and though this has been printed clearly in our notices some misconception seems to have arisen. We propose to alter the day of publication, and future numbers will appear on 1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December each year.



The title-page, contents, and index to Volume II are included with this number. Particulars of binding cases and terms for binding the volume are given in the notices on the second page of the cover.

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It has been our custom in these notes to comment on important current events in the archaeological world, but during the last few weeks we have been in Iraq and cut off from correspondence and other communication. Under these circumstances the usual editorial notes do not appear, but they will be resumed in the next number. We wish it were possible to write of the wonderful experience of flying over dead cities in this ancient land. What we have seen even in a single flight would, if adequately described, fill more than the whole of this number of ANTIQUITY. In one instance we flew over a dozen towns buried in dust beside the Tigris—their names forgotten and their very existence perhaps unsuspected. The vast city of Caliph Harun al-Raschid (died 809 A.D.), twenty miles long and three or four broad, lies visible in absolute completeness, with its gardens, houses, roads and canals, as plainly as if still teeming with life. Such wonderful flights leave one almost breathless!