

Editorial

It is not our practice to carry regular editorial notes or articles. Indeed, the only occasion on which the editor of this *Journal* has hitherto broken his editorial silence was in the first number, issued for January–April 1950, when it seemed proper to set out some justification for launching yet another journal and to indicate the scope of it. We do not propose to depart from our previous practice in this matter, but it has seemed to the editor appropriate on the occasion of the publication of the first number to be issued by the Cambridge University Press to explain briefly certain changes which have taken place. The Syndics of the Press have now become the owners and publishers of the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*. They have invited the present editor, who has acted in this capacity since the inception of the *Journal*, to remain in office under their auspices, but in future he will be assisted by a small Editorial Board. This means that the old Advisory Committee of the *Journal* ceases to exist and the editor would like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of that Committee, and in particular Professor E. F. Jacob, who was its chairman for fifteen years, for all the valuable assistance and guidance which they have given him during that time. The overseas members of the Advisory Committee will remain as overseas correspondents and so continue to provide that international link which has been a valuable feature of the *Journal* in the past.

Readers will notice that some small changes have been made in the format of the *Journal*. For ease of reproduction of off-prints it has been decided that all articles shall in future start on a right-hand page. The contents pages have been dispensed with in order to save space and the list of contents will in future appear on the back cover of the *Journal*. The annual index and title page will continue to be provided for those who wish to bind their copies. Otherwise the lay-out of the *Journal* will remain very much as it has done in the past. There will be no change in policy with regard to the type of article printed and the regular inclusion of reviews, short notices and the list of books received. We hope, however, to print from time to time rather longer articles and also to give reviewers of important books rather more scope.

The study of Church History has become increasingly important in recent years and the founding of an Ecclesiastical History Society in Great Britain, which has held regular conferences since 1962 and now has a

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considerable membership, is an indication of this fact. There is no direct connexion between the *Journal* and the Society at present, but we hope that the *Journal*, under the auspices of the Cambridge University Press, will continue to serve both the members of the Society and those outside it and that the subscription list will steadily increase. Indeed, we look forward to an even greater period of growth under the fresh arrangements for publication which have now been made for the *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*.