

EDITORIAL.

After an eight-year interval THE M.A.M. BULLETIN emerges from enforced retirement as THE M.A.M. JOURNAL. The six Numbers of the BULLETIN now take rank as Volume One of our records, this being the first Number of Volume Two.

The present year is our Jubilee Year. The Midland Association of Mountaineers has been in existence for twenty-five years. This Number, therefore, is by way of being a celebratory Bumper Issue. We welcome to its pages an article on Scottish Climbing by Dr. J. H. B. Bell, editor of the *S.M.C. Journal*, which should be of immense value to Midlanders seeking fresh slabs and fissures new in the Highlands. Parts of this article, we understand, will form the basis of a section in Dr. Bell's book on Mountaineering, now in course of preparation.

Claude E. A. Andrews, whose photograph appears in this issue, retired from the post of Honorary Secretary to the Association in 1945, after seventeen years of unflagging and enthusiastic service. During his Secretaryship the M.A.M. developed from an association of members of other Clubs to its present status as a Club in its own right, with a position among the leading mountaineering organisations and a membership more than doubled. The Association has already shown its appreciation of his work. We feel that all members will wish to join in acknowledging their debt to our retiring Secretary.

In addition to tendering our Editorial thanks to the contributors to this Journal ("but for whom," as the dedications say, "this book might never have been written") we proffer them to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Davis, who undertook the arduous jobs of Advertisement Manager and Lecture Reporter, and should, in fact, bear the title of Joint Assistant Editors.

As to the activities of the Association and its members during the past eight years, these are fairly comprehensively covered by the articles and reports in the pages that follow. The times have been difficult, and our "tigers" have had little opportunity to add to their stripes. We look forward to the coming months in the hope that the feats performed therein will provide valuable and original material for this Journal.



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Honorary Secretary, 1928—1945