

EDITORIAL

The 1959 edition of the *M.A.M. Journal* is, to put it mildly, a little late this year. Contributions have not been easy to obtain and the printing dispute has had its effect on the publication date, but nevertheless it is confidently expected that the *Journal* will reach our members before Big Ben tolls for the passing of the old year.

The major reason for the delay, however, has been the strong feeling that we should not go to press without including a fitting tribute to Dr. Norman Cochran, who met his death in tragic circumstances in the French Alps this summer. Not only have we been able to include such a tribute, but the Editor makes no apology for including an engaging article written by Dr. Cochran, reflecting as it does his characteristic vigour and passionate love of the mountains. As we read this article, and the obituary, we shall all feel the tragedy of the circumstances that have deprived us of one we greatly respected and very much admired.

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