

FOREWORD

In the summer of 1964 the editorial arrangements of the Journal were disrupted by the comparatively sudden but unavoidable resignation of both the Editor, Dr C. R. Austin, and the Associate Editor, Dr J. S. Perry, the former on taking up an appointment in the United States and the latter to become Deputy Editor of *Nature*.

Dr Austin had edited the Journal since its foundation at the end of 1959, and the care and attention lavished by him on this task has been a major factor in the rapid establishment of this Journal as the outstanding medium for publication in the field of Reproduction and Fertility. For this, Dr Austin deserves and received our unstinted thanks and our very best wishes for success in his new appointment.

Although of more recent attachment to the Journal, Dr Perry also devoted much valuable time and thought to its editorial requirements and his appointment to *Nature* is an excellent indication of his interest in and aptitude for such work. We wish him luck.

Faced with the simultaneous loss of both Editor and Associate Editor, and the uncertainty of securing the services of other Editors willing and able to devote equal skill and time to the affairs of the Journal, the Council of Management felt that it must follow the example of other large and expanding Journals by appointing a panel of Associate Editors. These, between them, will share the burden of editorial work and editorial contact with authors, under the general co-ordination of an Executive Editor, operating from an Editorial office with the help of an Editorial Assistant.

The results of this decision can be seen on the front cover of this number of the Journal and it remains only to thank all those who have agreed to share the exacting editorial work of this vigorous and expanding Journal.

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