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LECTORIBUS EDITOR

We must begin by expressing warmest thanks to the President and Fellows of the British Academy who once again have allocated from their Research Fund a generous grant towards the cost of publication of this issue of The Proceedings.

In February our President, Sir James Mountford, took the chair at the A.G.M. and afterwards delivered his Address, the full text of which appears in this issue. We were very happy to welcome him and hear his words. Avoiding the mathematical mysticism which has figured to some extent in Virgil studies of recent years, he expounded an approach to the architecture of the Georgics based on literary insight and common sense. We look forward to his next Presidential Address.

This issue carries some extra metrum contributions and we are grateful to their authors. We hope to continue this feature and cordially invite the submission of articles or notes on points in Virgil scholarship. We are ready to give particularly sympathetic consideration to papers of the more speculative kind. It is often highly instructive and useful to hear someone else thinking aloud.

During the past year we have been working to extend the circulation of The Proceedings amongst the libraries of Canadian and American universities, colleges and high schools, and have some success to report. The drive for members continues - please support it and introduce a friend to the Society. Costs are always increasing, and at the last A.G.M. the Council sought and was granted leave to raise the ordinary annual subscription at its discretion to a limit of 12/6d. A decision on the matter is expected after the Council meeting in November.

The Council and Office-bearers wish to thank all members at home or abroad who have faithfully supported the Society during the year.