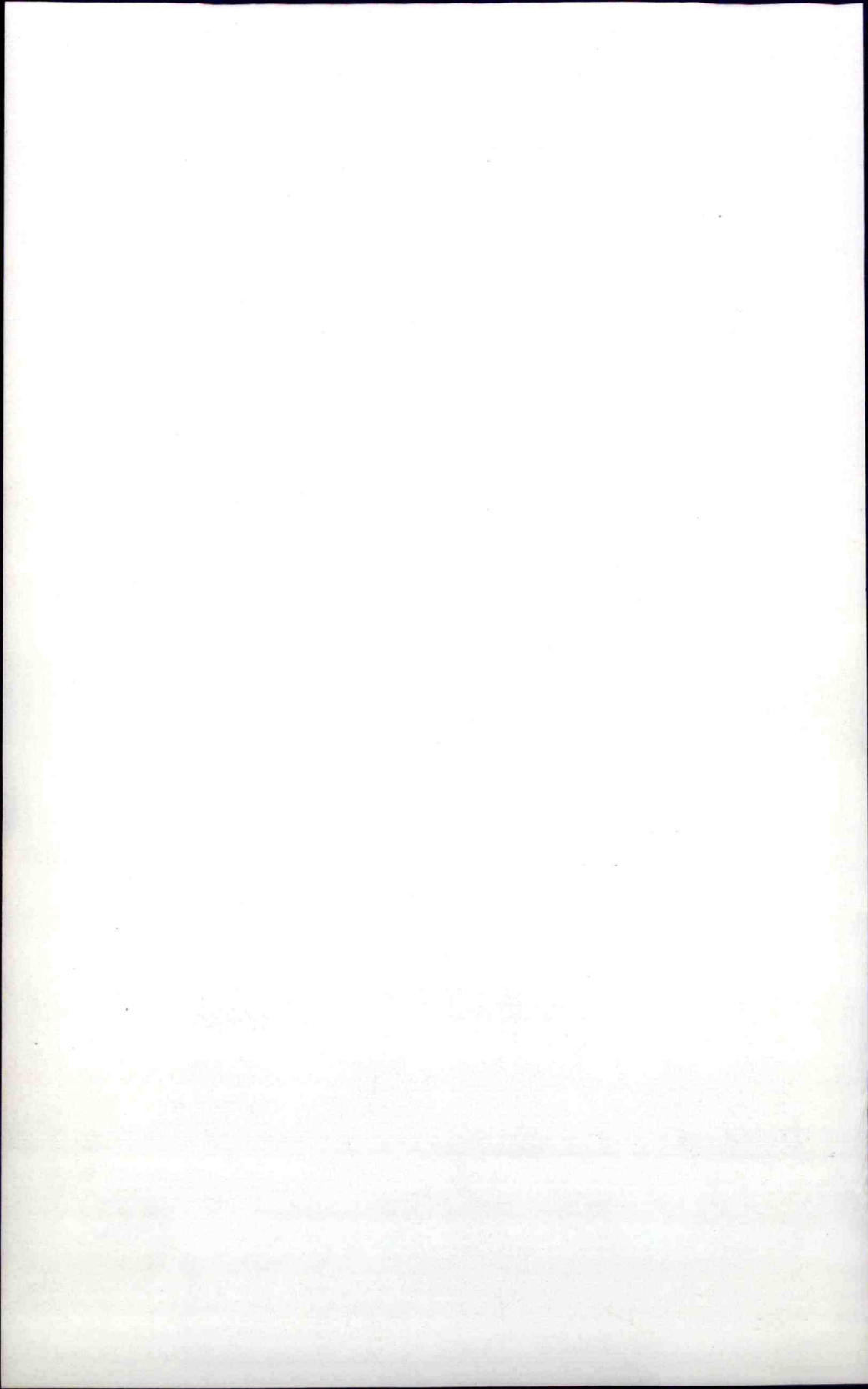


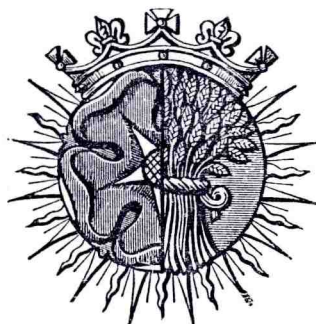
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EDITORIAL NOTE

With the appearance of volume 123 of the *Transactions* the editors' present concern lies, regrettably, with the financial problem of publishing the journal. Over the past ten years printing costs have risen at an average *7 per cent per annum*. To offset this inflation we have been forced to take economy measures. The members' list has been omitted since volume 121 (the index omitted last year as an economy measure is being reintroduced in this volume). This year we are economising by employing a cheaper method of composing and collecting foot-notes together at the end of each article. Looking to the future, a more radical solution to the problem might lie in the publication of occasional volumes, intended for retail sale to the public as well as for distribution to our members, which would replace the *Transactions* in the years in which they appeared. This policy was approved by the Annual General Meeting of the society held in January this year. It is intended that these new style volumes should be presented with the same scholarly care with which the *Transactions* are produced, and that they should form an occasional series appearing at the most every other year, the *Transactions* in their present form still providing the staple publishing diet of the society. It is planned that the first volume of the new series should appear next year. This new publishing policy should enable us to continue to provide a first class volume each year for members and avoid, for the present, an increase in the membership subscription.

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The Honorary Secretary will be pleased to hear from members who wish to read papers or persons wishing to join the Society. Membership is open to all. Members are entitled to attend the Society's meetings, borrow from its valuable library, and receive the annual volume of *Transactions*.

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