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FOREWORD

Difficulties incidental to the war have again delayed the publication of *The Polar Record*. The Editor earnestly wishes to avoid telescoping two issues into one, a device which has had to be resorted to by some journals, and there is every prospect that this will be possible.

One of the minor hindrances in the publication of such a record of events as this is the existence of a very large amount of material of great interest which may not be published until after the war. It will be readily imagined that there has been great activity in the polar regions in the last three years of which public mention cannot be made, even though a great part of it is exploratory and of little direct military value. Readers may rest assured that it will appear in due course and that *The Polar Record* will, in some measure, make up for its lean years by an abundance of articles when the need for suppression no longer exists.

The Committee of Management has had to review the financial situation of *The Polar Record*, and has decided, with some reluctance, to raise the price of each issue from two shillings to half-a-crown. It may interest readers to learn that the *Record* has always been published at a loss, the deficits being made up from a small publication fund, part of the original endowment of the Institute, on which, however, there are other calls.

The Committee has some reason to hope that after the war, with a wider public and more extensive sales, the *Record* may in time pay its own way. Its friends can help towards this end by speaking of it, but in the meantime the price per issue will be advanced by sixpence, beginning with the first issue of 1944.