

succeed Professor Pantin as co-editor with Dr. Baker of the *Quarterly Journal of Microscopical Science*. His appointment is in itself an indication of the extent to which the journal is moving into the field of the 'new morphology', a move which owes much to the retiring editor's influence and foresight.

Editorial note

AFTER full discussion with the Board of Directors of the Company of Biologists, we have decided to make a gradual change in the scope of this journal. It is our intention to transform the *Quarterly Journal* into a journal of cytology and of the study of organic fine structure. We have not reached this decision without serious consideration, for important papers from a much wider field have been published in the *Quarterly Journal* over many decades. We have been influenced chiefly by the knowledge that although for several years past the *Quarterly Journal* has received an increasing number of contributions falling within the compass of cytology, many British cytologists send their papers abroad for publication because no journal in our own country has explicitly aimed to serve their interests. In the future we hope that such papers will come instead to the *Quarterly Journal*. We also hope that authors in other countries, whose work lies in our chosen field, will continue to find this journal a suitable vehicle for their discoveries.

The subject-matter of our journal will continue to be varied, since we interpret the word *cytology* in the widest sense. Everything that relates directly to the structure, chemical composition, physical nature, and functions of animal and plant cells, or to the techniques that are used in cytological investigations, will be within our scope. We envisage in the immediate future a great extension of the use of electron microscopes in biological laboratories, and we shall particularly welcome papers resulting from work in this field.

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