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EDITORIAL.

THE Editorial Committee feels that an apology will be required of them for the long interval, almost a year, which has elapsed since the last issue of the *Journal*. We had held out hopes of publication at quarterly periods and now it appears that little can be done at present to improve on the pre-war rate of publication of about one issue each year.

Since however we had stated that the frequency of publication depended on the volume of your contributions we must now modify that statement and admit that experience has shown us that there are other influencing factors. One of these is the amount of time over and above our usual duties which the Editors must spend in reading and correcting manuscripts and the delay in getting them typed for the Printer. The typing has been done so far by the Laboratory clerks and is a very considerable addition to their normal duties.

One promise made in our last issue we have been able to keep, the provision of illustrations for this number. We hope that they will give an added enjoyment and interest to reading the *Journal*. The article by A.M.P. Ieni Semanatafa on "The Use of the Football Bladder in Surgery" would have been published last year but was held over until a block could be made from the photograph which he had sent in with the article. The other photographs appearing in this issue were, with the exception of the two School groups and this illustration to "Air-lift to Lau", taken by the Laboratory Superintendent, Mr. Pery-Johnston.

We have, we hope, atoned to some extent for the delay by sending you a bigger *Journal* this time. There are sixteen articles in this issue, compared with six in the last one. Of these, seven are written by A.M.Ps., and this should give you considerable satisfaction and should stimulate a still greater flow of contributions. Another pleasing observation, when one looks down the table of Contents, is the wide representation which the various geographical divisions of the A.M.P. Service have in this present issue of the *Journal*—Beru Island in the Gilbert and Ellice, Fanning Island in the same Colony, the Cook Islands, and in Fiji such widely-scattered parts as the Lau Islands, Levuka and Makogai, as well as Suva and the Rewa districts.
