

FOREWORD

The frontispiece of this issue is a photograph of Sir Raymond Priestley, acting Director of the Falkland Islands Dependencies Scientific Bureau. Sir Raymond was geologist of Shackleton's British Antarctic Expedition, 1907-09, and of Scott's British Antarctic (*Terra Nova*) Expedition, 1910-13. He was Secretary-General of the Faculties, Cambridge University, 1934; Vice-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne, 1935-38; and Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Birmingham, 1938-52. He was President of the British Association in 1956. He accompanied the Duke of Edinburgh during his visit to the Falkland Islands Dependencies and Gough Island in January 1957.

Commander J. H. Mather resigned the office of Honorary Secretary of the Antarctic Club in September 1956. He founded the club in 1929 and had been secretary ever since. He is succeeded by Mr A. Stephenson, who was surveyor of the British Graham Land Expedition, 1934-37. We greatly regret to record the death of Commander Mather on 10 April 1957; an obituary will appear in the next issue of the *Polar Record*.

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