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Pride in past achievement is not, however, a substitute for effort in the present. The fact that the Society has survived difficult times is no guarantee that we shall be able to continue to surmount the difficulties of the present and the more serious difficulties which may be ahead of us. The cost of printing and illustrations has increased, and while we are anxious to continue to produce a *Journal* of the highest standard our resources will allow, we can only keep that standard high by means of increased support.

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Editor.

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