

Foreword

The *Journal of Genetics* was started by William Bateson in 1910 and is believed to be the oldest journal in genetics in the English language. In 1957 when J B S Haldane, who then owned and edited the journal, moved to India, he brought the journal with him. Upon Haldane's death the management of the journal passed on to his wife, Dr. Helen Spurway Haldane, who continued to publish it until her death seven years ago; publication of the journal has remained suspended since then.

In view of the distinguished role the journal had played in the early history of genetics, the Indian Academy of Sciences sounded a number of geneticists on the desirability of resuming publication, bearing in mind that there are, already, many journals covering this field. The very positive response to this inquiry has now prompted the Academy to take over the journal and resume publication. Permission to do so has been given by Lady Naomi Mitchison, sister of J B S Haldane. The Academy will be assisted by an international Advisory Board and an international Editorial Board.

It is expected that the journal will publish articles in all areas of genetics, including the newer areas of molecular genetics and molecular evolution. It is therefore appropriate that the first paper in the present issue (Vol. 64, No. 1) is on J B S Haldane, and the last on Max Delbrück. The Academy is pleased to be associated with the publication of a journal with such a distinguished history.

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