

EDITORSHIP OF THE *TRANSACTIONS*

AFTER editing the *Transactions* for 20 years Major N. G. Brett-James feels that the time has come to take a rest. He began his work as editor in 1929 as successor to Dr. William Martin, and has produced 14 parts, to which he has himself contributed not only *Notes and Queries* and Reviews of books on London in every number but, almost invariably, one or more articles of his own written in the fluent and attractive style that comes so easily to him. This is already a giant's labour, but, in addition, his *Growth of Stuart London* was issued to members much below cost price, and to *The Growth of the English Town*, a composite war-time product issued to members, he contributed a paper entitled *When Building was a Crime*. It is the view of some members of Council that his forthcoming book on *Middlesex* in Hale's County Books should be adopted as a part of the *Transactions*, like William Kent's *Lost Treasures of London*, to which, incidentally, Brett-James contributed the preface. If this suggestion comes to fruition, our resigning editor would have edited or sponsored 18 issues in 20 years, a record in the Society's history. It is pleasant to know that his connection with the *Transactions* will not be completely severed.

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NOTICE

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On page 100 of Vol. 8 (1940) there is reference to a MS. of the St. Mary Islington parish registers, said to be in the College of Heralds, but not to be found there. Information is requested.