

## EDITORIAL SECTION

### THE VALEDICTORIAN

This is the first number of *Mosquito News* to be published, in its present form, without Dr. Glasgow as editor. Under his leadership, *Mosquito News* has grown into an influential scientific journal of international reputation. At the same time, Dr. Glasgow saw to it that the *News* always had its feet on the ground—almost literally, one might say, in the ditches and machine shops, so that it would be of direct value and service to the man in the field as well as to students of ecology, biology, taxonomy and all the related fields which contribute to a knowledge of mosquitoes and their control.

Dr. Glasgow, as editor, did not confine himself to reviewing manuscripts. In his editorials he was constantly proposing improvements in the organization of the Association, prompted by his realization of the influence, real and potential, that a strong society with a definite purpose could and should wield both within and beyond its special area of knowledge. The incorporation of the Association, and its reorganization to enable it to take fuller advantage of the increased potential for usefulness accruing from its more widely distributed and greatly increased membership constitute, in part, a monument to Dr. Glasgow's persistent editorial advocacy of a strengthened organization.

The Association has been fortunate in having had a succession of more than

ordinarily able and interested officers, each of whom, in his own way, has enhanced the standing of the Association. It has been equally fortunate in having as editor of its official publication a man of Dr. Glasgow's comprehensive knowledge, tireless energy and intense and unselfish devotion to the Association and its interests.

In a brief and modest letter to Secretary Mulhern, printed in the December 1948 number of the *News*, Dr. Glasgow announced his resignation as editor under the heading: "Valedictory." The word implies "a farewell," but the members of the Association will not wish to accept this meaning too literally. Rather will they choose the connotation now accepted through long usage in academic circles in this country, that a Valedictory is essentially a promise of more to come, based on past achievements, made by "the one who ranks first in scholarship" in a group that has successfully completed "a course of study." In this instance the "course" successfully completed is his editorship, over a five-year period, of our publication.

Everyone will also agree that Dr. Glasgow fits the other part of the definition as "one who ranks first in scholarship," and will hope and expect that a part of his achievements to come will be his continued guidance of *Mosquito News* and continued interest in Association affairs.

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