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The reappearance of the *Bulletin* after an enforced rest period of ten years is a demonstration of the regenerative power of the International Institute.

On July 18, 1940, the Institute was closed by the Germans; the Director and staff were refused entry to the building and the collections; subsequently the whole staff was dismissed. During the five years following the liberation the reconstruction of the sacked building has been regular and progressive.

With the publication of the *Bulletin* goes the hope that the Director and the research staff will again give to the journal its former scientific and practical significance.

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