

EDITORIAL

In May, 1954, the Canadian Linguistic Association held its first meetings in Winnipeg with only a handful of people attending. This year the Association took its place with the other Learned Societies meeting in Toronto after a successful year.

We now have quite a large membership for a fairly specialized Association; but our membership should be increased. The Association is not yet in a safe position financially; and once more we must declare our indebtedness to the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta for almost completely subsidizing the *Journal*.

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In response to requests put forward at our 1955 meetings, the Association will, in 1956, change its financial year to June instead of January. In order to facilitate this, in January, 1956, members will be asked to make a one dollar subscription to cover the period January to the end of May. Then in June the full year's subscription will be made, covering the new financial year of June, 1956, to June, 1957.

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One of the most important things to come out of our meetings was a unanimous decision to ask Canadian universities to give more time to linguistic studies. The Association will soon issue to Presidents, Deans, and Heads of various Departments a letter outlining the need for increased study of linguistics and offering help in planning courses to meet this need.

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A great deal of attention was paid at our meetings to the possible production of dictionaries, particularly in English and French-Canadian. The Association is happy in having as one of its members Mr. C. J. Lovell who gave a fascinating talk on lexicography. Mr. Lovell's experience and collected materials would be invaluable to any workers on a future *Dictionary of Canadian English on Historical Principles*.

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The Association is trying to arrange for the reprinting of the first two issues of the *Journal*, October, 1954, and March, 1955. These reprints will be sent to new members and to present members who were unable to get them. The reprints will be sent out as soon as they are ready.