

## EDITORIAL

During the twenty years *The Lichenologist* has been appearing an immense and increasing interest has been witnessed in the ecology, physiology and systematics of lichens. *The Lichenologist* has also expanded over this period and, reflecting the increasingly international membership of the British Lichen Society, now includes many papers by non-British authors while continuing to publish items particularly pertinent to the British Isles. This metamorphosis has in no small measure been due to Peter W. James (Editor, 1958–77) to whom the Society is indebted for his enthusiasm and painstaking criticism and editing of manuscripts.

Twenty years after its foundation *The Lichenologist* remains the only scientific journal in the world devoted entirely to the publication of research papers, reviews and other items concerned with lichens. In order to provide an improved service to lichenology and in response to the wishes of the members of the British Lichen Society, *The Lichenologist* is to be extended further in 1979 to include three issues, each of about 100 pages in length. As a result of a special arrangement with the Publishers, the Society will not have to increase the annual dues of members in 1979 to make this possible.

The Editor, Dr David L. Hawksworth (Commonwealth Mycological Institute, Ferry Lane, Kew, Surrey TW9 3AF, England), will be pleased to receive manuscripts on any aspect of lichenology from anywhere in the world for consideration for inclusion. Papers are submitted to at least one reviewer prior to being accepted for publication. The original and one copy of all manuscripts should always be supplied to facilitate the reviewing process.

