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Editorial Notes

Size of Contributions: Contributions to this Journal from members of the Association had for a while become so scarce that the publication had been maintained with difficulty. But recently, as a result of editorial requests, we have been flooded with articles of such size that it was not possible to include them in a single issue. The last two numbers of the Journal were, therefore, combined in one issue. This was done without editorial comment for the purpose of studying the reactions of members to this method of publication. We find that it has not met with general approval, and the Editorial Board has decided against publication in future of papers of more than 3000 words and discussions of more than 200 words. Several papers have had therefore to be returned to the authors for modification—to their great dissatisfaction.

To prevent such waste of time and energy we publish below for the convenience of authors of Technical Papers a set of instructions reproduced from a publication of the National Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. By following these instructions, papers may be made suitable for publication and their value thus greatly increased. We trust that authors whose papers have been returned to them for modification will not feel mortified or withhold their papers for fear that their papers are not given due appreciation. It

is only the consideration of convenience of publication that is requested of them. The Association is not at the moment undertaking the publication of books but only a Journal of short articles.

Though the last issue was full of River Problems we still include in this issue another paper on a similar subject, as this paper was actually read at a meeting of the Association, and must be brought to the notice of those of our members who were unable to attend the meeting.

The water supply of Calcutta is a subject of great tropical interest and we are therefore happy to have for publication a description of the system at present in vogue.