Editorial

It is a pleasure to publish in this issue the first Carmichael Memorial Lecture. Edward Arnold Carmichael was Editor of the Journal between 1938 to 1948, taking over from Kinnier Wilson, and handing over to the late Ritchie Russell. The Journal was instituted in 1920 as a new journal in succession to the Review of Neurology and Psychiatry founded by Kinnier Wilson's father-in-law, Alexander Bruce, and continued by his brother-in-law, Ninian Bruce. Kinnier Wilson was Editor of the new Journal of Neurology and Psycho-pathology, as it was named, until his death. The so-called New Series of the Journal, with Carmichael as Editor started in January 1938 and carried an obituary of Kinnier Wilson. The Journal's title was changed to its present one in 1944, perhaps in response to the impetus given to neurosurgery during the war. The Editorial Board of the new Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry included EA Carmichael (Editor), Denis Williams, G Jefferson, Aubrey Lewis, A Meyer and RA McCance (Assistant Editors), and ED Adrian, W Russell Brain, FC Bartlett, GL Brown, Hugh Cairns, WE Le Gros Clark, Norman H Dott, A Feiling, RA Fisher, RD Gillespie, FL Golla, RG Gordon, JG Greenfield, William Henderson, DWC Northfield, W Ritchie Russell, Eliot TO Slater, RM Stewart and JZ Young.

Dr EA Carmichael died on 9th February, 1978 at the age of 81. He had been appointed an Honorary Physician to the National Hospital, Queen Square in 1930 and became Director of the new MRC Neurological Research Unit at that hospital in 1932, a post he held until his retirement at 65. He gathered around him a team of experimental neuroscientists to establish a renowned centre for neurological research which attracted many visitors from overseas. The affection in which he was held by those who worked with him, at home and abroad, was shown after his death by the creation of a lecture in his memory. It is fitting that the first Carmichael Memorial Lecture shall be given by Pat Merton who was one of those to establish the reputation of the Unit that Arnold Carmichael set up and cherished.