

EDITORIAL by Acting Editor Michael Clift

Strictly speaking an Editorial should be written by an Editor - and not one so lowly as to be merely acting in that capacity - but I firmly believe that the force which turns the world is compromise, and that it is constantly operating in our lives owing to the many challenging situations which ever surround us. Suddenly the BSTS is faced with severe technical problems all at once, with printer, with deadlines, with illness, and, failing compromise there would have been no Newsletter until April. The task would have been easier if we had not had to rely on economical forms of printing, but again, with you in mind, we do all we can to conserve our resources and freeze the subscription. The result is a much reduced January Newsletter, keeping our lines of communication open and honouring our responsibility to you as best we can in the middle of unprecedented difficulties. That's the bad news - the good is that we shall do our utmost to make up for it with more pages in the April issue. So please do be as understanding as you have always been.

Following the impact of radiocarbon dating in 1988 the Shroud has been forgotten, even discarded, by the more fickle members of the public. Perhaps this period of suspended animation has not been without benefit to the faithful for it has obliged them to fill the time with thought, not all of it completely sterile. And now there are signs that the Shroud is awakening, stimulating new interest, coming back, by almost imperceptible degrees, into the public eye. Requests for talks are being made, Vatican activity is stirring, the Shroud, long in the radiocarbon tomb, is set for its own marvellous Resurrection which, like that Greater One, will at first be visible exclusively to the faithful. These, fellow Members, are the pages to watch! MRC