EDITORIAL REGRETS

What should have been a message of Christmas greetings has turned into a somewhat belated expression of good wishes for the New Year, and I can do no more than apologise to all my regular and eager readers. The reasons for the delay are to be found in idleness, a slight indisposition and pressure of work, strictly in that order. As a logical, if slightly absurd consequence, members may now have the unexpected joy of two Bulletins in one term!

THE DINNER-DANCE

Socially - and gastronomically - this courageous venture proved a resounding success. The company was excellent, the food and drink even more so, and others better qualified than I seemed to enjoy the dancing. Altogether it was a most happy occasion, well worth the slight financial loss: even this could have been avoided if there had been 150 present instead of 130. However, if the Committee decides to repeat the venture next autumn I feel tolerably sure that the good word of 130 satisfied customers will see to it that the Hall bursts at the seams next time.

FOUNDER'S DAY 1963

Founder's Day this year is on SATURDAY, 8th JUNE and the annual Dinner as usual on the Friday evening before. I hope members will now book these dates in anticipation of the fascinating further details to be revealed in my next Bulletin

CAR BADGES

The world of motorists seems to be divided pretty sharply between normal individuals and the lunatic fringe who plaster their cars with an assortment of badges. This latter category may be variously sub-divided: some ornament the front bumper with a multiplicity of plaques, others obscure their back-windows with dangling puppets or baby tigers. A small but active group plaster the whole of their backside area with holiday stickers or offensive messages to other road-users. The real devotees of this cult do all three things at once.

One of our members, currently an apprentice tooth-drawer at the University of Edinburgh, has recently completed some research in this field and is prepared to negotiate for a Heath Old Boys' car badge at reasonable cost. The suggested badge will consist of an enamel reproduction of the School Seal, three inches in diameter, with gold lettering on a maroon background. Beneath the seal is the School motto and across the background stripes of yellow and green, after the manner of the familiar Old Boys' rugger tie. The price of such a badge, mounted on a chrome-finished holder with the necessary fitments, will vary with the number ordered, from 21/8d. each to a mere 12/8d.each. Anyone sufficiently interested should write at once to:

J.P.C.KENYON, 1 South Oxford Street, EDINBURGH 8.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

When the Association was revived in 1947 Life Membership was fixed at two guineas: for quite a few this constituted the third time they had paid for Life membership, but no matter! Since then it has been our practice each year to absorb into the general finances of the Association a stated proportion of the annual capital accumulated in this way. My actuarial friends assure me that this system leads to inevitable disaster unless the supply of new Life members is maintained at a certain level which, at present, is not happening. I hope shortly to circularise all non-members among the leavers of the past few years. In the meantime, if all present members will add to their New Year Resolutions the determination to bring in at least one new member each the Association may even yet stay off National Assistance.

Happy snowballing! W.R.S.