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“The Wireless World” and its Objects.

WITH this number THE WIRELESS WORLD makes its *début*. Its striking and appropriate cover, which we do not think will be regarded as devoid of artistic merit, should make it even more familiar than the red and black design which for two years adorned the cover of the popular MARCONIGRAPH, now merged into the present publication.

THE WIRELESS WORLD will still be the medium, as was THE MARCONIGRAPH, for the interchange of ideas concerning the further scientific and commercial development of wireless telegraphy, with its bearing upon national and economic interests. But these long words do not mean that we intend to take up the standpoint of a dry and educational science. Our Magazine is to be popular, and while the information we shall print will compel the attention of the scientist, it will not be beyond the scope of the general public.

But there is one especial feature in the development of wireless telegraphy which can no longer be overlooked, and which urges us to devote an important section in each forthcoming number of THE WIRELESS WORLD to its study—that is, wireless telegraphy as a factor in national defence. Its importance in this connection was made a subject of special reference by the delegates of the Government of the United States of America in their report to Congress upon the International Radiotelegraphic Convention signed in London last summer. They stated that particularly in Great Britain

and Germany was the fact recognised that radio apparatus is an important weapon of war, and that international safety may be involved in the delay in developing and extending radiotelegraphy concomitant with the advance made by rival Powers.

If the situation has been accurately described—and we do not think there will be found anyone to doubt it—it raises the question of training for men who may be able to operate wireless apparatus and maintain communication with every part of the country in times of national danger. It is not enough to perfect the machine if there is no person sufficiently experienced to take charge of it. Here we think we can be of some service in creating a sufficient supply of trained operators to serve the State. Already we have made some advance in this direction by assisting organisations, such as the Boy Scouts' Association and the Church Lads' Brigade, to make themselves efficient in this branch of national service.

Now we have arranged for a special course of lectures for wireless amateurs to appear month by month, and at the same time we shall devote several pages to matters both topical and technical which may be of interest to such readers.

This, then, is our policy : to be of use and interest to our readers, and through them to be a factor for progress ; and if the success of THE MARCONIGRAPH was indicative of public appreciation, we believe that THE WIRELESS WORLD is on the high road to popularity