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EDITORIALS

If in this department, which is maintained by the Editorial Board, any statement appears that does not meet with agreement or is unduly affected by the personal viewpoint of its writer, it will be of service if it but stimulates discussion, whether this be in the form of original articles or material for which the Correspondence Section is provided.

STATUS OF ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Members of the International Leprosy Association who joined previous to the present year will be interested in the present status of their membership. To them and to non-member subscribers of the Journal who had expected that it would appear in 1932, an explanation of the actual date of the first volume is in order.

When in 1931 members for the Association were solicited, and for some time thereafter, it was planned that the first volume should appear last year, and that two full volumes would be issued by the end of the present year. A number of circumstances, editorial, personal as to staff, and mechanical, made that impossible. It was still expected, however, to post-date the first volume and to issue three full volumes within two years. This would, naturally, involve payment of membership dues for this year by those who had joined the Association earlier.

During a recent visit to Manila the President of the Association proposed that, in view of general financial conditions, it would be preferable not to attempt to issue a volume for 1932, but to start with

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the present year. This would lessen the publication costs for the first two or three years, lighten the editorial burden, and postpone payment of further membership dues until next year. The President ordered that announcement to this effect be made. The dues of members who joined in 1931 or 1932 will apply to 1933, and renewal will not be due until the end of the year.

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