
FROM THE EDITORIAL OFFICE
LETTERS OF INQUIRY

As was stated in the first issue of the JOURNAL, it is desired that the section for correspondence should be a real, live feature. Such a department would naturally be out of place in a strictly formal periodical, solely devoted to the

* According to the letter from Dr. Ryrie published in this issue of the JOURNAL.

publication of original articles. But to meet the needs of the audience for which this periodical is intended—to be of interest and value to the full-time research worker on the one hand and the harrassed hospital physician or missionary doctor who deals with the disease only incidentally or occasionally on the other—it must be both formal and informal. Or, as one member of the Editorial Board has expressed it, it should deal with both theory and practice. It is in connection with this last point that the JOURNAL offers its pages to those who desire to ask practical questions. These will be referred as received to a member of the editorial staff or some other competent person or persons, and questions and replies will be printed as promptly as possible. This feature is inaugurated in this issue.

THE COVER STOCK

One of the many questions that were involved in deciding upon the make-up of the JOURNAL was that of material for the cover. Careful search was made of the stocks available in Manila, and one was selected which in quality—in texture and wearing quality—was decidedly superior to most and which was dignified and distinctive in color. Shortly before the first issue appeared it was learned that the importer had decided to discontinue the line in favor of cheaper materials, and that only enough for two issues was available. Nothing else satisfactory being in sight, the Editor personally guaranteed payment for another shipment and this was ordered by cable. To the dismay of all concerned, when this was received it proved to be of a very different color. We were forced to use it, however, wherefore in this respect the third and the present issues are not consistent with the first two. Librarians especially will share our regret at this contretemps.

PLACE OF THE INDEX

The suggestion has been received that the index of each number, which appears on the back of the cover, should be inside on the white paper where it would be available if the cover is removed on binding the volume. The position used was chosen after careful consideration of a large number of periodicals on the library shelves. Choice possibly was influenced by familiarity, since the location selected is used relatively more frequently by American than other periodicals, but it unquestionably makes for convenience in using single copies. In binding a periodical such as this, which is not solid original material, it is well to bind in at least the first front cover and all of the back covers, partly to preserve the information thereon, but mainly for convenience in turning to the abstract or other special sections. In any event there will be, of course, an index for the volume, which should be awaited before binding. It will be distributed with the first issue of the second volume if it can be completed in time.

LEPROSY REVIEWS

In this issue appears a review of the treatment of leprosy, the second of the series that was announced in the first issue of the JOURNAL, page 90. Others will appear as they are made available by those who have agreed to prepare them.