

Publication of THE JOURNAL is being continued. Because of the uncertainty that existed for a time last year, this fact should be made widely known among all who are interested. This refers not only to members of the International Leprosy Association and other subscribers, whose fees help to meet the cost of publication, but also — and in a way especially — to leprosy workers with studies and observations to report.

It has long since been widely known that, last May, the Board of Trustees of the Leonard Wood Memorial, which organization has carried the entire deficit of THE JOURNAL since publication was started in 1933, decided it would have to discontinue that support after March 31, 1959. That action was announced in our second issue for 1958, and it was noted that possibilities of obtaining funds from other sources were being explored.

In that effort Dr. James A. Doull, medical director of the Leonard Wood Memorial, sent out a circular in which he asked for suggestions as to how support might be obtained, and also for opinions about the value of the periodical. Although criticisms of it were heard, the opinion that it should be continued was overwhelming. Subsequently, the authorities of the Memorial modified their previous decision to the extent of appropriating up to \$5,000 for partial support of the 1959 volume, it being understood that continued support in the future would depend upon the response of others to the situation.

This development was announced by Dr. Doull at the meeting of the International Leprosy Association held in Tokyo last November (see *THE JOURNAL* **26** (1958) 415-416), in a statement which recounted his efforts since early 1957 to obtain support from Sustaining Members. With funds from that source, and from subscriptions and members' fees, the new grant will permit continuation of publication. At that meeting in Tokyo there was created, under Dr. Doull's chairmanship, an international Finance Committee to secure other support for *THE JOURNAL*.

In conferences held during the period of the Congress it was decided that a certain part of the Memorial's grant should be allotted for the expenses of the office of the editor, and because of that arrangement the undersigned — to be retired by the Memorial on March 31st and whose regular staff, which previously had carried *THE JOURNAL* work as a part of their duties, is to be discontinued at that time — was reelected editor at the Association meeting. Special efforts will be made by all concerned, throughout the year, to bring the actual publication dates closer to the nominal dates of the issues.

Leprosy workers are hereby informed that we are again in the market — so to speak — for articles for publication, without which there would be no purpose in continuing the effort. The collaborators who in the past have served as Contributing Editors are most earnestly invited, and requested, to continue their valued cooperation.—H. W. W.

MISPLACED ABSTRACTS; AN APOLOGY

The abstracts in the Current Literature section of this issue are mostly of 1957 publications, a few of 1956. This fact is due to a regrettable accident of office house-keeping.

When the abstracts for use in the second issue of the 1958 volume were prepared, there remained on hand an ample supply for the third issue. These were accordingly put into a separate folder marked for that issue, to make sure they would have priority over others received subsequently.

By unfortunate chance that folder got into the "in press" section of the file, together with the material already sent to the Publication Office. Consequently, when we came to prepare the 26/3 issue only later material in the regular "pending" file presented itself. The misplaced file of unpublished abstracts was discovered later.

The delay in publishing these abstracts was accidental, but apologies that such an accident could happen are due our readers generally, and to the authors of the papers concerned particularly. Also, and especially, to the Contributing Editors who supplied many of them.

—H. W. W.