

In an editorial note in the last issue, telling of the continuance of publication of THE JOURNAL, it was pointed out articles for publication would be needed. We wish to emphasize here that crucially important fact, endorsing the statements made in Item 6 of the pertinent news item elsewhere in this issue.

It would seem that uncertainty about the continuation of publication led some authors to send elsewhere manuscripts which would be welcomed for THE JOURNAL. It may also be that we are experiencing an interval of quiescence, a dry season so to speak, following the outpouring of reports for the Tokyo congress. Be that as it may, we are experiencing a shortage of material. It will be manifestly impossible to put out a worthwhile periodical, up to the standards of content set in the past, without a sufficiency of suitable articles for publication.

There is an impression in some quarters, we are told, that only reports of organized studies of one kind or another are acceptable for publication in THE JOURNAL. That is not the case. There is much of interest and value, first and last, in material which the *Journal of the American Medical Association* classes as "clinical notes" (but which might be "clinical and other notes"), and the *British Medical Journal* classes as "medical memoranda." Many years ago we proposed to run such a section of THE JOURNAL, but nothing much came of it then. It is still to be said that brief reports of especially interesting cases or notes on other miscellaneous features of leprosy work would be welcomed.

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