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FINANCES OF THE JOURNAL

At the Tokyo Congress a finance committee for the JOURNAL was appointed to see what might be done to increase its income. A considerable degree of success was achieved, especially in obtaining Sustaining Members, and these have continued their support in a remarkable way. A temporary contract with the International Cooperation Administration of the United States has also been a substantial help. It is necessary to report, however, that the financial outlook has again become dark.

There are two reasons for this situation: There has been a serious drop in what we should consider the hard core of our income, namely, that from regular memberships and subscribers. There has also been a painful increase in costs of printing and mailing.

This letter is written as an appeal to those who can save the situation and who have the greatest understanding and motivation to do so, that is, the members of the International Leprosy Association. Let us resolve to do three things: (1) pay our membership dues (\$10.00) for 1962 at once; (2) obtain some new members; and (3) urge national departments of health, pharmaceutical companies and other interested corporations or individuals to become sustaining members (minimum \$25.00).

The Committee has faith in the JOURNAL and we are sure that this is true of all members of the Association. The foundation of this faith is our conviction that the eradication of leprosy depends upon research and education and that the JOURNAL is an important medium for these purposes.

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