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A NEW EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL

The purpose of this note is to introduce to our readers the new Editor of THE JOURNAL, who by action of the Council of the International Leprosy Association was appointed to serve beginning January 1, 1964. Eminent though he is, he may be known to some only in connection with tuberculosis and the tuberculin reaction, and to some his name may be quite unknown, unless they have read the editorials in the fourth issue for 1962 and the third issue for 1963, which refer to him.

Dr. Long's career as a pathologist and tuberculosis worker has been a varied and productive one, which can be sketched only superficially here. Born in Chicago in 1890, he earned the degree of A.B. at the University of Chicago in 1911, and Ph.D. in 1919; his M.D. came later in 1926, from the Rush Medical College of that University. From 1911 to 1913, and again from 1919 to 1932, he was on the staff of the Department of Pathology of the University of Chicago, being made professor in 1928. His absence from 1913 to 1919 was due to the development of pulmonary tuberculosis, which he overcame completely. During part of that time he worked at the Saranae Laboratory, Saranae Lake, New York, where he commenced his researches on tuberculosis. From Chicago in 1932 he went to the Henry Phipps Institute for the Study, Treatment and Prevention of Tuberculosis, a department of the University of Pennsylvania, as Director of Laboratories. In 1935 he became Director of the Institute. He continued in that post until his retirement in 1955. From 1936 to 1939 he was Chairman of the Division of Medical Sciences in the U.S.A. National Research Council. During World War II, as a colonel in the medical corps of the Army of the United States, he was in charge of the Army's program for the prevention and control of tuberculosis. From 1947 to 1955 he served part time as Director of Medical Research for the National Tuberculosis Association.

An author, he collaborated with H. Gideon Wells in writing a

book on the *Chemistry of Tuberculosis*, the first edition of which was published in 1923. A second edition appeared in 1932 and a third in 1958. In 1928 his *History of Pathology* was published and in 1929 his *Selected Readings in Pathology* (second edition in 1961). In 1955 his *Tuberculosis in the Army of the United States in World War II* was published and in 1962 his *History of American Pathology*.

His editorial experience has included, among other things, years of membership on the Editorial Board of the American Review of Tuberculosis. He was Editor-in-Chief of that journal from 1947 to 1951, and remains as Consulting Editor for the periodical, now designated American Review of Respiratory Diseases. He was Special Editor for Medicine for the Second Edition of Webster's International Dictionary.

Although his interests have included the mycobacteria in general, his principal contact with leprosy work, before now, was as a member of the Advisory Medical Board of the Leonard Wood Memorial from 1932 to 1948. During part of that time he was concerned in a directing capacity with experiments sponsored by the Memorial on separation of leprosy bacilli from heavily infected tissues.

As an initiation into the editorship of THE JOURNAL, Dr. Long agreed to take on the unenviable task of preparing the fourth issue for 1963, the Congress number. After each of the previous congresses, from Cairo (1958) to Tokyo (1958), I had stayed on for a week or more to collect the material for the corresponding issues. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Rio de Janeiro congress and there was no one there specifically assigned to undertake the task, and that has made for difficulties in preparing that issue.¹

As for the continuation of the series, beginning with this present issue, Dr. Long has expressed the intention of keeping on, at least for the present, with the arrangement of departments in the journal used in the past. About such changes as may ultimately be made, Dr. Long will speak for himself when the time comes.

At present he is primarily concerned with the job of catching up with the calendar with respect to issue dates. That should be much less difficult from Washington in direct contact with the Publication Office than it has been from Culion. With that accomplished there should be more papers offered for publication, and consequently more choice for selection. For evaluation of papers he will depend largely upon experts in particular fields—and consequently there should be improvement in the quality of the periodical.

—H. W. WADE.

¹Note that, since I have been promoted to the status of Editor Emeritus, I use the first person singular here, instead of the editorial "we."