

### Miss derrom<sup>1</sup> resigns as Assistant Editor and Business Manager of the I.J.L.

Miss delta derrom, a long-time Assistant Editor of the *International Journal of Leprosy*, resigned as Assistant Editor and Business Manager of the *JOURNAL* effective 1 September 1971. Well-known to readers of the *JOURNAL* and members of the International Leprosy Association as delta derrom, Miss derrom, whose alliterative name derives from her birth in a small town on the delta of the Orinoco River, succeeded Dr. Huldah Bancroft, former Assistant Editor, and Miss Bess LeFevre, former Business Manager of the *JOURNAL*, on 1 July 1958.

For some years before assuming her official position as Assistant Editor of the *IJL* and in charge of the publication office, Miss derrom, an expert on journal publication and management of abstract services, worked with the late James A. Doull, first when he was Professor of Hygiene and Public Health at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and later as his Assistant, 1949-1963, while he served as Medical Director of the Leonard Wood Memorial. She divided her time on a pro-rata basis with the Leonard Wood Memor-

ial, which had helped to subsidize the *JOURNAL* since its inception in 1933. Dr. Doull, while in Cleveland had served as acting editor of the *JOURNAL* for Volumes 10-14, published during the Japanese occupation of the Philippines, an event which temporarily prevented the *Journal's* editor, H. W. Wade, residing at Culion, from carrying out the responsibilities of the position.

Miss derrom, who possessed infinite capacity for detail, as well as familiarity with the duties of assistant editorship and financial management, worked with four editors during her 13 years in her position, J. A. Doull, H. W. Wade, E. R. Long and O. K. Skinsnes. She carried out another valuable enterprise independently during those years, editing "Leprosy Briefs," a highly serviceable short periodical, bringing to the attention of a wide leprosy audience important facts on progress in leprosy research and the anti-leprosy campaign. The current editorial and administrative staff of the *JOURNAL* pays tribute to Miss derrom for her years of service and competent management.

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<sup>1</sup> The absence of capital letters is in deference to Miss derrom's own modest and individualistic practice.