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In fact, the volume pages received by subscribers during the past eleven years are in considerable excess of the authorized num-

ber of pages. This has been made possible by extraordinary efforts on the part of the executive officers and editors. The breakdown, which follows, is of some interest.

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<u>Volume</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Total pages</u>	<u>Bonus supplements</u>
31	1963	650	VIII International Congress.
32	1964	500	
33	1965	990	Leprosy research conference sponsored by the Leonard Wood Memorial and the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.
34	1966	496	
35	1967	675	U.S.-Japan "Symposium on Sulfones."
36	1968	703	IX International Leprosy Congress reports.
37	1969	515	
38	1970	502	
39	1971	941	Report of Borstal Leprosy Conference.
40	1972	504	
41	1973	798	Centennial Festschrift and X International Leprosy Congress reports.

ceiving value in considerable excess of that subscribed for. Medical work in the field of leprosy is not and has not been a money earning practice; neither is the publication of this JOURNAL. Therefore, for making this JOURNAL possible, great appreciation is due, and here expressed to, the special grantors and sustaining members.

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