For the careful reader, a number of changes are apparent with this issue of the JOURNAL. In keeping with the present constitution of the International Leprosy Association and as discussed in the minutes of the recent JOURNAL Board of Directors meeting (this issue, pp. 621–623), this issue does not include a listing of Associate Editors.

Customarily, the Subject-Author Index has appeared in the December issue. Because of the continuing need to meet mailing deadlines, we have been unable to include this year's Index in the present issue. It will be included as a Supplement to the March 1980 issue. While its unhurried preparation will hopefully result in a more complete and useful Index, we apologize for any inconvenience created for those wishing to have their JOURNAL issues bound promptly.

Finally, this issue contains the abstracts of the U.S.-Japan Cooperative Medical Science meeting held on 24–26 September 1979. Customarily, although not always, these abstracts have appeared in the March issue following the Fall meetings. Hopefully, this more rapid publication will be helpful.

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