



EDITORIALS

THE FIRST YEAR OF DIABETES

With this issue, the American Diabetes Association completes the first year of publication of its Journal. It is the hope of the Editors, shared by the Editorial Board and Staff, that *DIABETES* has measured up to the expectations of the members of the Association and other readers.

The Editors are sincerely interested in receiving comments and constructive criticism in regard to both contents and format as they have appeared during 1952. Contributions will be welcomed whether original scientific papers, review articles, biographical and historical notes, descriptions of technics, or correspondence. Each paper submitted will be studied by selective members of the Editorial Board and, if judged suited to the interests of readers of *DIABETES*, will be published promptly.

The program of the Annual Meeting of the Association is the main source of the scientific papers published in the Journal. Thus, the Program Committee is in a large measure responsible for the character of the contents of *DIABETES*. The Committee is conscious of this two-fold responsibility and it also is glad to receive comments in regard to the programs of past years, as well as suggestions in regard to the program of the meeting to be held in New York, May 30 and 31, 1953.

Although not formally announced heretofore, Mr. T. J. Davin has recently been added to the Staff as the new Managing Editor and is demonstrating his ability to con-

tinue the high standard previously established by the Journal.

DIABETES has now passed through its phase of infancy. As it matures to meet the challenge of the future, it is hoped that it will serve, with increasing success, physicians and other scientists in their efforts to advance knowledge of disorders of metabolism and especially to promote the welfare of diabetics.

"FREE DIET" FOR DIABETES

The paper by Larsson, Lichtenstein, and Ploman in this issue deals with a controversial subject. Members of the Editorial Board who hold different views present herewith their comments, pro and con.

It should be pointed out that the term "free diet" as used by these authors, has a limited meaning. They do not approve the use of sweets and other dietary indulgences. "Free diet does not mean freedom from control."

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Larsson and Ploman have rendered a notable service in their completion of the paper, which was begun by the late Professor Lichtenstein as a definitive summary of extensive experience in the treatment of juvenile diabetes mellitus in Sweden under a regimen which he inaugurated in his clinic more than twenty years ago.