

EDITORIAL

OUR JOURNAL

The *Dalhousie Medical Journal* this year has not changed greatly in format from last year, however, we are trying to publish more student articles, and get a wider representation from each class. In doing this it is sometimes difficult to obtain material that will be of interest to our readers both at the university and among the practitioners in the four Atlantic provinces. The object of our journal is to give students the opportunity to get experience in medical writing. In recent years it has also been the journal's function to publish results of student research projects informing our readers about some of the research that is presently being pursued at Dalhousie.

This is also the first issue of the *Dalhousie Medical Journal* to go world wide. Last spring the circulation manager sent letters to every medical alumnus outside of the Atlantic provinces, one-third replied, and they will now receive this journal. Nearly twenty-five hundred copies of each issue is printed and distributed. Our expansion is complete.

It is a problem with articles of estimating their worth to the reader. It is difficult to

estimate the value of our journal to the practicing physician. It is questioned whether a journal published by students could be of interest to a practitioner who has only limited time to read and must choose his journals with scrutiny. We hope that our journal is of value. We attempt to have articles that will be of value to the general practitioner. It is our large distribution to the practitioners of the Atlantic Region that attract many of our national and international advertisers.

It is rather unfortunate that first year medicine does not play a greater role in the content of the journal - this has always been the case. It is due to their as yet unfamiliarity with medical material and their late arrival on the scene - not being around in the spring when the forthcoming year's journals are planned.

We are now one of the larger student medical publications in Canada. Further improvements must come in the quality of articles that we publish keeping in mind that the journal goes to two thousand practicing physicians and the primary reason for the Journal's being - us the students at Dalhousie.

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ANNOUNCING A FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, LONDON, ONTARIO

This program has been organized in co-operation with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Western Ontario and the College of General Practice of Canada. The course consists of 2½ years of prescribed residency rotations, and nearly 6 months of elective study with an opportunity to do clinical or basic science research. The program will lead to a Certificate in Family Medicine to be awarded by the College of General Practice of Canada.

Flexibility of curriculum and ascending responsibility are features of the program. A Home Care program and other family oriented studies are incorporated into the program.

This program began in June 1966. It is open to any graduate of a Canadian or American Medical School or to anyone holding an F.C.F.M.G. enabling certificate. It satisfies all the licensing requirements of the Province of Ontario.

Dalhousie Graduates will be permitted to enter this program at the second year level. Inquiries are invited to

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