Editorial Foreword

With the advent of a new editorial staff, it is customary to make a statement regarding editorial policy. CANCER RESEARCH is fortunate in that first its Editorial Committee and later its editors, Dr. William H. Woglon, Dr. S. Bayne-Jones, and Dr. Balduin Lucké, with their staffs, have set high standards. It is our present policy to emulate them, but the general editorial policy will remain unchanged. Dr. Lucké, who has had to relinquish the position of editor-in-chief because of press of other duties, has generously consented to remain as an editor, giving to the new editorial staff the benefits of his experience.

CANCER RESEARCH is devoted to reporting the results of fundamental investigations directed toward the understanding and ultimate conquest of cancer. Original reports of laboratory and clinical research, chiefly experimental, will be published regardless of whether the subjects are mice or men. Comprehensive but concise general reviews of subjects selected by the editorial staff will be published from time to time. Short papers, even preliminary, if so marked, will be welcome. News items, announcements, comments, and death notices will also be published. Other sections will be added as warranted. It is hoped that such prompt publication can be offered to papers of wide and active interest that a copy of CANCER RESEARCH will be a necessity on the desk of every scientist and physician concerned with cancer.

With the great expansion in cancer research now under way and the limitation of printing space dictated by budgetary considerations, it will be impossible to print all papers submitted to the editors. Critical selection between them will be necessary, and some authors will, of necessity, be disappointed. Past policy of careful editorial selection by specialists in each field will be rigidly followed. The role of the editors and advisory editors will be to help in the selections, but the final responsibility must rest with the editor-in-chief, who alone will have access to all editorial opinions and be able to judge the apparent comparative merit of the papers submitted. Knowing that, regardless of how carefully the selections are made, some persons will disagree with the choices, the editor-in-chief is fully reconciled to receiving adverse criticism and to loss of all of his friends if this becomes necessary in order to maintain what he regards as the highest standards for CANCER RESEARCH. It is expected that CANCER RESEARCH can eventually be enlarged.

It is hoped that in these pages, among other benefits, investigators will find an adequate and prompt publication outlet for their results, readers a fertile and reliable source of information, physicians a flood of ideas and inspiration which they will use in the clinic, and the sponsors satisfaction in having had a vital part in an important job well done.

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