Editorial Comment

The New Year

As Diseases of the Chest enters its eighth year of publication, it is fitting for us to reiterate the premises upon which this journal was established and has so ably functioned during the past seven years.

The success of the journal is the outgrowth of an idea, conceived for the purpose of bringing to the busy physician a compact, practical publication dealing with the important specialty of chest diseases. For the successful manner in which this idea has been carried out, credit in large measure is due to its former editors. To Dr. Chas. M. Hendricks, the first editor of Diseases of the Chest, we are indebted for the important task of pioneering the publication. In the year 1937, this new thought in medical literature was adopted by the American College of Chest Physicians and Dr. Frank Walton Burge ably carried forward the work of editing the journal.

We propose to continue the splendid work which our predecessors have engineered so well. We also propose to keep abreast of current demands for a wider coverage of subject matter concerned with the specialty of chest diseases. We propose to conform to the highest standards of scientific endeavor in the presentation of papers in Diseases of the Chest.

The idea of a practical journal dealing with a specialty in medicine has been popularized. We can point to similar journals now being published for the specialties of Neurology and Psychiatry; and Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. These journals have been organized since the publication of Diseases of the Chest and they are patterned after our own journal. We are proud of the part which we have played in pioneering this idea.

To our contributors, subscribers, advertisers, and other loyal friends, we say: “thank you.” It has been your cooperation and faithful support which has made and is making Diseases of the Chest possible. The Editorial Board of Diseases of the Chest is grateful to you. To each and all of you, our best wishes for a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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