EDITORIAL

Discussions have been taking place within the Executive Committee of the B.A.S.M. concerning the future policy of the British Journal of Sports Medicine. It has been suggested that attempts be made further to increase the quality of the Journal, by making full use of the members of the Editorial Board, or others delegated by them for specialised knowledge. All original communications are therefore likely to be sent to a referee to advise on suitability for publication, and to suggest editorial amendments, re-writing of passages, or further work that may be needed. This is normal procedure for all journals of standing, and it is hoped that the extra time needed for such refereeing and correction will not hold up publication to any significant extent. All the original articles in the first part of this journal have undergone this process, and most of the articles submitted for Volume 9 No. 2 (June 1975) have already been sent to members of the Board.

The second part of the Journal will be devoted to Proceedings of Meetings; sometimes this might only be a few abstracts, — at other times, the full text of all papers and the discussions of a full meeting. In this number, we include the Proceedings of a meeting held on November 26th 1974 on the FUTURE OF SPORTS MEDICINE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. The papers presented at the meeting have been edited a little, and checked by the

original speakers, but it must be understood clearly that these papers were prepared for verbal communication, and not written with publication in mind. The discussions were recorded on tape, transcribed, and edited a little, but again were not written with publication in mind.

The final part, which may sometimes be published on its own, and not included with the Journal, is a Bulletin of the activities of the British Association of Sport and Medicine; details of future meetings, new members, obituaries, reports of business meetings, etc.

In improving the quality of the journal, we shall aim at avoiding only the most abstruse articles, understandable only to a few super-specialists. Work of merit should be understood by the general reader, and there is no merit in making an article so esoteric that it is unreadable. We do not wish to discourage short articles, case reports and correspondence, which might be suitable either for the Journal itself, or perhaps the Bulletin section.

The views of readers on this new journal lay-out will be appreciated, as we depend largely upon the feed-back from our membership to plan any future developments.

OBITUARY

Dr. J. A. Imrie, OBE, MD, FRCS, FRFPS

Many Glaswegians will be sorry to learn of the death of Dr. Imrie, formerly Police Surgeon to the City of Glasgow, and Lecturer in Forensic Medicine to Glasgow University. He was born in 1903, qualified in Glasgow in 1925, and after working in England for some years, was appointed to his permanent post in 1936, retiring in 1970 to Uplawmoor, in Renfrewshire, where he had lived for some years previously, and where I met him for a very pleasant evening. He always took a keen interest in Association Football, and joined B.A.S.M. in 1964, but resigned on his retirement in 1970. We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

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