Introduction

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This special issue of the Postgraduate Medical Journal commemorates the life and work of Maurice Davidson, the centenary of whose birth occurred in 1983.

Maurice Davidson played a major part in the formation of the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine and his legacy left to this organization has been used to finance this publication. In editing this symposium on thoracic medicine, I have thought it appropriate to invite contributions from present or past members of the staff of the Brompton Hospital, as befitting the memory of Dr Davidson whose

professional life had been centred around this hospital.

Professor J.G. Scadding, who knew Dr Davidson personally, writes a memoir of him and his work and observes the direction in which the topics reviewed by the other contributors have advanced since Davidson's time.

The authors have been asked to review subjects of special interest to them, so the symposium is highly selected but I hope provides a broadly based review of recent advances in thoracic medicine.