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EDITORIAL

The first issue of the POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL JOURNAL appeared in October 1925 and cost 6d. Forewords were written by Sir William Hale-White and Sir Berkeley Moynihan. The editorial notes that followed, after mentioning 'the thicket of difficulties which stood in the way of efficient post-graduate teaching in this country', went on to give the constitution of the committee which had been appointed two months before by the Minister of Health 'to draw up a practical scheme of postgraduate medical education in London'. This issue included in its sixteen pages a lecture by Sir Humphrey Rolleston, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Fellowship of Medicine and Post-graduate Medical Association (later the Fellowship of Post-graduate Medicine), entitled 'Medical Aspects of Gall-stones'.

January 1932 was the month of issue of the first number in Volume viii (new series). A reproduction of an old portrait of Thomas Sydenham occupied nearly the whole of the front of the buff paper cover. The cost was 1s.

In January 1933 the cost of the Journal was raised to 2s.; the cover was of blue paper. Blue

or grey remained the colours of the cover until January 1948, when a reversed block was made for the front page, the words POST GRADUATE MEDICAL JOURNAL (without the hyphen between the first two words) appearing in white on a light green background. The contents were printed on the page facing the inside of the cover, the Editorial following after several pages of advertisements.

In June 1948 the contents were printed on the front page of the cover, since when there has been little change in the format of the Journal until the present issue. The present cover is not only the first red one but is the first to be printed on a card thick enough to be sent flat through the post without damage. It has been decided by the Editorial Committee to revert to the Harvard system of references after the completion of the present volume at the end of the present year. Other minor alterations in the layout and arrangement of the advertisements will be made and the quality of the paper altered, but it is hoped that the appearance and cost of the Journal will from now remain unchanged for many years.