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Readers must be aware of the steady growth in size and importance of the Journal. From small beginnings as a quarterly devoted largely to clinical neurology, it has expanded its scope and title, increased its pagination, and become a bimonthly publication. At one time noted for the rapidity of its publication, it now shows a waiting period which is a matter of concern to the Editorial Committee. The appearance of new journals for psychological medicine and for the neurological sciences, and a rising rejection rate, especially for reports of single cases, have not been sufficient to reach a balance. The number of papers submitted for consideration continues to increase, notably from other European countries and from the USA. We welcome this development and would deplore a solution involving rejection of particular aspects of neurology. In clinical neurophysiology the journal has published many of the seminal papers. Experimental work on laboratory animals is also published but papers of this type are expected to show relevance to clinical neurology. Inevitably, many good papers are now refused because of pressure on space or the necessity to present a balanced coverage of the field of neurology.

The publishers have now agreed that the time has come to publish the Journal monthly with effect from 1974 (Volume 37). We trust that this change will be agreeable to subscribers as well as to contributors. Authors should note that the change is made to accommodate more contributors. Brevity of communication and economy of illustration remain essential.

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