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EDITORIAL

With this issue, actual printing of the *Journal of Rehabilitation of the Deaf* shifts to the Missouri School for the Deaf, Fulton, Missouri. This school has a fine offset plant, which is conducted by an experienced printer, Mr. Robert Johnson. We would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Lloyd Harrison, Superintendent of the school, and to Mr. Johnson for their willingness to "open their doors" to the *Journal*.

At the same time, we cannot too often say "Thank You!" to Dr. Stephen P. Quigley and the University of Illinois for their time, money and assistance in getting the *Journal* off to a fine start.

One of the things Dr. Quigley warned us about when we were first getting our feet wet was the danger that we might soon run low on potential authors and material. We hope the area of rehabilitation of the deaf is not as sparsely-settled as all that. We feel sure that there are many good writers scattered throughout the nation who have been awaiting the proper vehicle for their thinking, their research and their activities.

At the moment, however, Dr. Quigley's warning has an ominous sound to it. Appropriate material is getting more and more difficult to come by. The early stages of a magazine, we suppose, are always the most difficult; the magazine or professional journal that is not yet widely known carries little professional prestige and a comparatively small readership, making it difficult to interest pro-

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professionals in submitting their material. So far, dedicated professionals who are very closely involved in the rehabilitation of the deaf have been coming through handsomely.

At the same time, we must not overlook the serious void in dissemination of information on deafness and the deaf to the lay public and to professionals who have not heretofore been interested in the problems of rehabilitation of the deaf. The *JRD* looks for professionally-oriented articles on issues, research and programs that go beyond the usual introductory articles submitted to other publications. There is a grave need for both, and we urgently encourage those familiar with rehabilitation of the deaf to continue to introduce uninformed laymen and professionals to our problems.

Another thing we must be on guard against is enclosing ourselves in an ivory tower, far removed from the people we serve. Professionals should continue to make every effort to educate deaf people about the variety of professional-level services opening to them by writing in the *Deaf American* and other publications read by deaf adults.

Sharing professional-level information about deaf people through the *JRD*, educating other members of our professions about the problems of deaf people through other publications, and informing deaf people about professional services and how to make best use of them are all challenging tasks. Each has equal priority. We believe that the members of the PRWAD are dedicated enough and eloquent enough to rise to this challenge; not for personal pride or advancement, but to insure that the deaf people of America will receive the professional services to which they are entitled.

Appropos of the above, the reader cannot fail to note a seeming disparity between the article by Mr. Pettingill and the others in this issue. Mr. Pettingill raises serious questions as to whether programs and services for deaf people are being overdone, the others describe far-reaching programs and services and the types of deaf people for whom they were designed. Is there a dilemma or a serious clash between the two viewpoints? Or is the difference simply one of perspective?

Rather than try to resolve the issue here, we shall leave it to our readers. We hope the question will not become "lost," however, for it is a vital question having very important bearing on professional services for the deaf people of America.