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THE Ulster Medical Society has published for many years, at irregular intervals, the papers and discussions which took place at its meetings. This publication was known as "The Transactions," and it filled a useful part in the activities of the Society. The Fellows and Members, however, consider that the time has come when a journal should be issued at stated intervals to contain these papers and discussions. At the last general meeting of the Society, it was decided to inaugurate the publication of a new quarterly medical journal to replace the irregularly-issued Transactions. It was thought that such a journal would increase the usefulness of the Society, and help in some small way medical advance in Northern Ireland. The matter was left in the hands of the Council, and THE ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL is the result.

On first thoughts it would appear that there is a sufficiently large number of medical journals already before the profession; but the Ulster Medical Society thinks that there is room for yet another : one that will represent the outlook of modern medicine particularly suited to the needs of the busy practitioner of Northern Ireland : one which will place before him in a succinct manner the latest methods of diagnosis and treatment in medicine, surgery, obstetrics, and gynaecology.

The Editorial Board is frankly proud of its charge. But although the journal is financed and controlled by the Ulster Medical Society, it is only by the support of the general practitioners of Northern Ireland as a whole that the Board can hope to carry on the work of publication. If this support is forthcoming, then THE ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL will extend its sphere of service, but if support is denied it, its existence must end.

There are two ways in which the practitioner can assist this Journal. He can subscribe to the Journal directly, or indirectly by joining the Ulster Medical Society, each member of which will receive a free copy of the Journal on publication, for THE ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL is really *his* Journal. The practitioner can help in another way : he can contribute to its pages. From time to time he sees cases of

unusual interest in the practice of his profession, and short accounts of such cases will be welcomed by the editor for publication. Space is to be devoted to the problems of the Panel Medical Service, and here the point of view of the practitioner will receive its place, and the help of the general body of practitioners will be welcomed. The editor will also be glad to receive reports of the various medical societies in different parts of Ulster. Many points of interest are raised at their meetings, but at present there is no outlet for their publication. THE ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL hopes to supply a place for their publication. But here again it depends on the secretaries of the societies concerned to supply these reports. The editor is already in communication with a number of societies, but if there is any secretary who has not yet received an invitation from the editor, he is asked to send up a report of the meetings in time for the next number of this Journal.

It is only by means such as these that THE ULSTER MEDICAL JOURNAL can hope to succeed in becoming a true mirror of medical opinion in Northern Ireland. Can the editor count on *your* support?

FORTHCOMING MEDICAL MEETINGS

January	7	Ulster Medical Society	-	8.30 p.m.
„	14	British Medical Association, Ulster Branch	-	4.15 p.m.
„	21	Ulster Medical Society	-	8.30 p.m.
February	4	Ulster Medical Society	-	8.30 p.m.
„	11	Campbell Memorial Oration	-	8.30 p.m.
„	18	Ulster Medical Society	-	8.30 p.m.
March	3	Ulster Medical Society (Laboratory Meeting)		8.30 p.m.
„	10	Ulster Medical Society	-	8.30 p.m.

POST-GRADUATE COURSE IN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

A course of post-graduate Lecture Demonstrations of a practical nature will be held on Wednesdays throughout 1932 at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast. Particulars of this course will be found in the advertisement columns. Those who wish to enrol are advised to do so as early as possible, as the course will begin on 20th January. The complete resources of the hospital will be available for these demonstrations.