Editorial Note

The Archives of Disease in Childhood was founded in 1926 with Hugh Thursfield and Reginald Miller as the first editors, followed successively by Charles Harris, Alan Moncrieff, Richard W. B. Ellis, P. R. Evans, and I. A. B. Cathie. In 1945 the British Journal of Diseases of Children, a much older journal which had been founded in 1904, was incorporated. The Archives was published quarterly until 1951, after which it appeared bi-monthly. Those interested in the history of the Archives, and of its relationship with the British Paediatric Association and the British Medical Association, will find this described in H. C. Cameron’s book on The British Paediatric Association published in 1955.

This year the Archives appears in a new style, marking the completion of 40 years of publication. The colour and lay-out of the cover are, we believe, more attractive and enable the list of contents to be set out more clearly. In the text Plantin type replaces the former Times New Roman, and for the headings lower case characters have been generally preferred to capitals, in the interests of legibility. The Editors hope that the readers of the Archives will approve of its new appearance.

The Editors welcome this opportunity of expressing their appreciation to Dr. Hugh Clegg, and to wish him well on his retirement. As Editor of the British Medical Journal Dr. Clegg has been on the Editorial Board of the Archives since 1947, and this journal owes much to his wisdom and support over the years. They also wish to thank their sub-editor, Miss R. Y. Carne, who has played a large part in establishing the new style.

Metric System

Contributors should note that in future the metric system, including temperature in centigrade, will be standard practice in this journal. Authors may, if they wish, add other units in parenthesis. It is intended that uniformity in this matter will be established from the beginning of 1967.