From the Editor

Editorial: Welcome from new Editor and changes in journal format

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Letters

Dear Colleague,

I have a twofold purpose in writing to you as the new editor of the I.J.O.M. The first purpose is to recognize the contributions of Tom Robertson to the Journal and to the Association. As you know, Tom was the first editor of the Journal. To attack the problem of publishing a journal for the very first time was, I am sure, a most formidable task. In the brief time I have worked to get this issue to you I have come to appreciate Tom's work indeed! We owe Tom a debt of gratitude for a job well done. Fortunately for us he has agreed to be assistant editor, so you will have the good fortune to see the fruits of his work in future journals.

The second purpose is to acquaint you with some new innovations in the Journal. You will see a slightly different format to the Journal starting with this issue.

One of the changes you will see is that original articles will appear in one section of the Journal while printing of articles previously published will appear in the new "Forum" section. There will be a section devoted to the publishing of "Letters to the Editor" which are sent in reaction to any information published in the Journal. Letters will be published as written so long as dignity and decorum are maintained.

Members have many concerns which affect them professionally. For this reason the Association has encouraged the publication of a newsletter. It is hoped that topics of concern which are not appropriate to air in the Journal may be published in the newsletter.

Finally, I encourage you to publish and seek publication from others. I want to encourage a free flow of ideas with as little editorial interference as possible. By providing an opportunity for readers to react to what is published, I believe a more useful journal will result. I welcome your suggestions and your criticisms. I hope to earn your support.

Editor

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