The response that I have received from our subscribers during recent months has been most encouraging. To know that your periodical is being read, that its content is appreciated and is useful makes all personal efforts worthwhile.

The most satisfying part of editing a periodical is the chance to be creative. One has the opportunity of being responsive to the desires and needs of a great, thoughtful, dedicated, medically oriented group of men and women. In my efforts to become more responsive to our readership I have attempted to solicit opinions and views from our editorial staff and knowledgeable experts in the medical and publishing field. I wish to extend an open invitation to our readers to send me a list of suggested topics which they would like to see the Linacre Quarterly address itself to in the months and years ahead. In recent years heavy emphasis has been placed on matters of grave concern to us all, namely abortion, contraception, medical missionaries, etc. However, there are other areas which must be discussed which impinge on our daily lives and have medical-moral overtones. As the secularizing and dehumanizing effects of modern civilization continue to whittle away and paralyze the spirit of mankind it is of utmost importance to us to widen our editorial vision and to focus our attention on other topics. Your cooperation will be appreciated and your suggestions will be given serious consideration.

With this edition of the Linacre Quarterly, I wish to bring to the attention of our readers a new addition to our staff, Mary J. Lorsung, who holds the official position of Assistant to the Editor. Mrs. Lorsung is a free lance writer living in Milwaukee with her husband, Tom, of the Milwaukee Sentinel, and their three daughters. She is a former associate editor of P.A. magazine and a former book review editor of the Baltimore Catholic Review. Her articles and book reviews have appeared in a number of Catholic periodicals.

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