

## Editor's Page

Right after receipt of abstracts for the Federation Meeting is a good time to discuss matters pertaining to abstracts of the 10-minute papers.

The Society at its meeting last April, voted to change the interpretation of the rules to make them more strict in an attempt possibly to reduce the number of 10-minute papers. The new interpretation was that a person's name (member or non-member) could appear only once. There seemed to be some confusion in the interpretation of this ruling. Simply explained it means that a person's name can appear on the author line, including (sponsored by ----) only once. Several abstracts had to be retyped eliminating some co-author whose name had appeared on another abstract. By so doing the abstract could be accepted. This chore was doubly burdensome since approximately 600 of the abstracts appeared in this office on January 14 and 15. The hurried preparation of abstracts was also evidenced by the fact that many did not accurately follow the typing instructions. It might be noted for next year that more attention can be given individual abstracts if they do not all arrive at once right at the deadline.

There were 934 abstracts received. In 1962 there were 847 so the attempt to reduce the number of 10-minute papers by the new interpretation of the rules did not work. Thirty-six per cent of the abstracts received were sponsored - that is, no member name appeared among the actual authors. If it is felt that the number of 10-minute papers is getting too large for a profitable meeting - and the number is increasing every year - members may wish to discuss some other mechanism for reducing the number of papers.

The new publication, *Physiology for Physicians*, seems to be receiving a warm welcome and acceptance. The January issue was distributed as an advertising copy to several thousand physicians, medical students, and members of the Society. The February issue is being distributed as advertising copy to more physicians and medical students. Copies of the March issue will be distributed to a large list of medical specialists. This means of advertising appears to be getting results. By the first of February we had about 1500 subscriptions. Members of the Society do not automatically receive *Physiology for Physicians* free as they do *The Physiologist*. The subscription rate for members is the same as for non-members, \$3.00 per year. At this low subscription rate it is estimated that we will eventually have to have approximately 5000 subscribers to make the venture self-supporting.