EDITORIAL FOREWORD

In this issue of Medical Care Review, we announce two changes in the administrative staff of the journal. First, we note, with some regret, the retirement of Jean A. Thorby from the position of managing editor. This event is remarkable because, in the journal’s 44-volume history, there have been only a few years in which Ms. Thorby was not actively involved in the preparation of every issue. In 1950, she began collecting and writing abstracts of the literature on medical care organization to be published in Public Health Economics, the original title of this journal. She worked with Professor Solomon J. Axelrod of the University of Michigan School of Public Health, writing stories of developments in the news; abstracting books, articles, and reports; classifying recent publications; editing review articles; and seeing the journal into print. She joined the staff of Health Administration Press in 1980, when the Press began publication of Medical Care Review. Her colleagues there benefited from her high standards of editing and her extensive bibliographic knowledge; they inform me that they hope “to maintain the former and acquire the latter.”

Second, this issue marks the end of a restructuring of Medical Care Review. Within the journal’s format, carefully peer-reviewed scholarly papers, timely abstracts, and other reference material all summarizing, critically analyzing, and synthesizing the literature and scholarly research are now being published. Included among these are the articles in this issue; I wish to thank Arnold D. Kaluzny for his work as guest editor.

The journal is now pleased to announce the appointment of a new editor whose tenure will begin with the next issue: Thomas G. Rundall, Ph.D., of the University of California at Berkeley. All inquiries and general correspondence regarding the journal should be sent to him at: Department of Social and Administrative Health Sciences, University of California–Berkeley, 507 Warren Hall, Berkeley, California 94720.
For my part, I have considered it a great privilege to have served for a number of years on the editorial board of Medical Care Review and for the past two years, as its editor. It has been an honor to follow a distinguished list of past editors. I have been especially fortunate to serve as editor during a most significant time in its history, a time when the journal responded to a clear need for a vehicle through which the scholarly work of leading thinkers and researchers might be disseminated to the field.

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Lawrence D. Brown, in his editorial foreword of the Spring 1987 (44:1) issue, erroneously stated that all five authors had Ph.D.'s in Political Science. Victor Rodwin's Ph.D. is in City and Regional Planning.