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Guest Editor

From the desk of the Guest Editor . . .

I consider the opportunity to write these comments as one of the happiest events of my editorial career. I have long felt that psychiatry was not sufficiently emphasized in the *Linacre*. I hope this issue marks the beginning of a friendly relationship between medicine, ethics, and psychiatry. The present issue is a joint effort of psychiatrists and psychologists. I do not expect even all the contributors to agree with each other but, if the articles promote dialogue, I shall indeed be happy. It will please us to hear from you and we will be glad to answer your comments.

Psychiatry and medicine have for too long failed to develop a good relationship. There are some who do not even know that psychiatrists are doctors of medicine and that clinical psychologists should all be doctors of philosophy. You may ask wherein their fields of competence vary? Briefly stated, the psychiatrist takes care of the abnormal and the psychologist takes care of the normal, unless he has special training which qualifies him to treat the mentally ill. He may even limit himself to testing.

I look forward to your response to this issue.

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