

I N T R O D U C T O R Y

THE lack of application of knowledge which is in the possession of experts has been characterized by President Farrand of Cornell University as about the most difficult thing with which the world has to contend.

In 1923, the Milbank Memorial Fund began the publication of the *Quarterly Bulletin*, devoted chiefly to presenting a record of experiences in the New York Health Demonstrations. Much data about disease prevention and control, including facts reflecting concrete achievements in decreased morbidity and mortality, and much information concerning methods and results of health educational campaigns and public health administration in general, have thus been made available to those who could use this knowledge to good advantage.

It has gradually become apparent that the space heretofore afforded by the *Bulletin* is not sufficient to provide an adequate journal for the present manifold interests and activities of the Fund. Projects growing out of the health demonstrations, recently terminated, call for continued comment, as do numerous new enterprises in the fields of public health, social welfare, and education, to the development of which the Fund is contributing. From the studies of its division of research and of various groups with which it is cooperating, information is being derived which should be made available to those who in actual work-a-day practice are confronted with the problems upon which it bears.

It is hoped that the inauguration with this issue of a larger bulletin will permit a more adequate presentation in the future of the many activities in which the foundation and its friends are engaged.