WITH THIS ISSUE, CIRCULATION begins its twenty-second year. One of the major contributions of the American Heart Association, CIRCULATION has occupied an internationally recognized position of leadership since its inception.

This eminent position did not just happen. The vision, care, and work of many contributed to it. Over and above administrative support from the American Heart Association and the efforts of the Publications Committees, three factors stand out as vital to the success of CIRCULATION. One is the painstaking work of authors leading to carefully prepared manuscripts. The second is the collective contribution of the Editorial Boards which have suggested means of improving the quality of papers submitted for publication. The third, and perhaps one of the most vital factors, has been the work, intelligence, and dedication of the Editor.

The retirement of Dr. Burchell from the Editorship with the last issue makes this the occasion for all of us in cardiology to express our deep gratitude for the service he has rendered. To understand the deep measure of that service, it is appropriate to consider the qualities which have made Howard Burchell a great Editor.

In my view, among Howard's many attributes, several are of paramount importance to a successful Editorship—his high professional standing, ceaseless striving for perfection, and compassion. Dr. Burchell came to the Editorship with exceptional stature in cardiology. This quality had been based upon a sound education not only in the field of his choice, but in pathology and physiology. With a keen mind and persuasive personality, he has continued to use his basic science background, not only in unraveling the complexities of clinical cardiology as they apply to the patient, but also in teaching the developing cardiologist. Significant of his Editorship was
his constant awareness of the duty of the Editor to the author, the reader, and the legacy of cardiology.

I believe I speak for the many vitally interested in Circulation when I express my gratitude to Dr. Burchell for his dedication and for keeping high the torch passed onto him by Dr. Blumgart. With these thanks goes the knowledge that he will continue to be a forceful influence in cardiology in the years to come.

To Dr. Charles K. Friedberg, the new Editor, we say “Welcome and all good wishes,” as he assumes this new duty among his many noteworthy functions.

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Correction

Tristani FE, Cohn JN: Studies in clinical shock and hypotension VII. Renal hemodynamics before and during treatment. Circulation 42: 839, 1970. On page 846, the first phrase (mg/min) should be μg/min.