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This change of blue to purple ribbon on my badge is a great honor. I thank you for selecting me to serve the Academy in this way. However, acceptance of the presidency at this time gives me some feelings of trepidation, despite your support and the support of a strong Executive Board and Central Office staff.

American medicine is undergoing revolutionary changes: scientifically and educationally as well as in its methods of delivery. Pediatrics as a major division of medicine is not exempt from these changes. Government is playing an ever-increasing role in medical activities. Whether we agree with these changes or not is beside the point. The fact is, they are with us. But, these changes are not unique to the United States. They seem to be part of worldwide scientific and social alterations.

This year, you as Academy members must become accustomed not only to the usual yearly change of a president but also to a change of executive directorship. Dr. Christopherson's years in this office have been years of tremendous accomplishment. We are all confident that Dr. Frazier's will be the same.

Those of us to whom the mantles of responsibility are being given are grateful for the firm foundation that has been built by our predecessors in office. We shall, to the best of our ability, face present and future problems with equanimity, dispatch, good sense, and the best possible judgment.

As we undertake these tasks we shall always keep before us the section of our Constitution which states: “the object of the Academy shall be to foster and stimulate interest in Pediatrics and correlate all aspects of the work for the welfare of children which properly come within the scope of Pediatrics.”

We shall work to make your Academy and mine a continuing vital force in the medicine of the United States and in the Western Hemisphere.

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