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On a lighter note there is the second instalment of the *Drife Diaries*. Definitely one of the most popular articles in our last issue. Part of its popularity must have been due to the outstanding artwork of Donald Davidson, which does so much to bring the characters to life.

Our thanks also goes to the Medical Sickness Society for providing sponsorship of the inaugural issue of this journal.

We hope you find this issue both entertaining and enlightening.

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