A new year! The 1966 annual meeting is behind us and a new challenging year lies ahead for the American Society of Extracorporeal Circulation Technicians. Those of you who attended the last National Meeting feel the momentum of this fast growing Society and take pride in the cooperation we have received from the three groups from which we draw our support: our Doctors, the Manufacturers, and ourselves. The Society now numbers well over one-hundred voting members and two-hundred and fifty associated members. This number will more than triple by 1967 because the progressive Atlantic North Eastern and Southern Pacific Sections have promised a membership drive that will not stop until one-thousand voting members honor our membership rolls. Mr. William L. Cain on the East coast, Mr. Herbert Bing Moy on the West coast typify this great spirit that is repeated again by Mr. Pierre J. Morin in Canada and Mr. Victor Perez Cintron in Puerto Rico.

Recent communication from two of our many female contemporaries have given us great encouragement that our Society will soon circle the globe. I refer to Miss Soshana Mazor from Israel and Mrs. Norita Lampert Miller from the Great Island Paradise in the Pacific, Hawaii.

I take this opportunity to thank each of you for trusting your Society to my leadership for the next term. I will give each problem, suggestion and constructive criticism top priority, in hopes that this coming year will be productive, not only with the quantity of members but also the quality. With the dedicated and knowledgeable people you have placed with me to head this Society I can see nothing in the future but progress.

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