With this editorial team and committee of patronage, it is not surprising that the journal got off to an excellent start. Over five years, five volumes were produced with a total of 2,237 pages. The journal contained original scientific articles and reviews (about 80 in all), ILAE news and reports, and a section titled ‘Analyse des travaux originaux’ which presented abstracts of articles on epilepsy published in other journals. The publisher of the first volume was Scheltema and Holkema in Amsterdam, and thereafter Johann Ambrosius Barth of Leipzig. In those days, the annual dues of the ILAE were set at 10 marks (equivalent to about $60 today), which included 9 marks for the publisher. The journal during these years started well and important papers were published. One could imagine how it might have matured and even wrested the position of primary publisher in epilepsy from the mainline neurological journals, thus stimulating advanced work in the field. Unfortunately, all this potential was lost with the advent of the European war in 1914. The ILAE was disbanded, and Epilepsia went into hibernation until the initiation of the second series in 1937.