

INTRODUCTION

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THIS Issue of the *Biochemical Pharmacology*, is a carrier of many good wishes (rather belated) on the occasion of Sir Alexander Haddow's 60th birthday, on 18th January 1967.

For those who know Alex (as he is called by them) no explanation about the why and wherefore is necessary. For those who know him less well, it should be recalled that Professor Sir Alexander Haddow, F.R.S., Director of the Chester Beatty Research Institute (Institute of Cancer Research: Royal Cancer Hospital), to give him his full name and position, is one of the world's foremost leaders of Cancer Research. His discovery, when he was still in his twenties, that carcinogenic chemicals can also exert anti-tumour effects placed him early among the vanguard of workers in this difficult field of medical research. In later years, after he had developed his now classical methods for testing carcinogenic and anti-tumour properties, he provided new stimuli, encouragement and support to a great number of investigators in many disciplines, inside and outside the Chester Beatty Research Institute, which taken over by him after the war was and is to a very large extent his creation in its present form and size.

It is therefore not surprising that a number of his friends, all over the world, responded at very short notice to a suggestion of contributing to a special issue of this Journal. If the expression is permissible, the ones whose papers appear in this volume form only a representative sample of those who may sincerely wish to be counted as his friends. Only a few members of his own Institute will be found among the contributors, because they have other opportunities of expressing their sentiments. Moreover this Journal is traditionally limited to specific disciplines, and whilst the editors have stretched a point or two, it was not advisable to break all the rules and include papers, results and activities extending beyond those which the elastic name of "biochemical pharmacology" could cover. Thus absent names do not mean absent feelings of loyalties.

It is hoped that it will please Sir Alexander to find recent results in fields close to his own interests, such as problems of carcinogenesis, chemotherapy, immunology, virology and biochemistry of human materials. If not all such interests of his are reflected in the collection of these contributions, if not all the familiar names from every country are there as authors, he should blame solely the Guest Editor who joins everybody else, in or out of these pages, in wishing him many happy returns of the 18th January.