EDITORIAL NOTE

Professor J. R. Kantor founded THE PSYCHOLOGICAL RECORD in 1937 and maintained an active influence and participation in it to the time of his death. In the weeks just before his passing he and I had been exploring the possibility of publishing a special issue of the journal devoted to interbehavioral psychology. This issue is different from the one he would have guided because he was not here to lend his authority on that subject. It was decided however to ask a number of psychologists whose careers have been greatly influenced by Kantor and the interbehavioral perspective to contribute articles to this special issue commemorating his contribution. These articles reflect the breadth of his influence upon topics ranging from philosophy of science to empirical research in diverse areas of the field.

This is not a typical issue of a psychological journal for several reasons. It is commemorative. It is organized around a single orientation to psychology. Its authors were invited to participate. Parts of some articles are frankly pedagogical in an attempt to communicate the perspective that guided Kantor's approach to understanding behavior. Included too are special materials from the Archives of American Psychology which serve to remind the reader of the span of time covered by Professor Kantor's career and of the ethos that characterized psychology at the time he entered the field. These were carefully selected to communicate the samenesses and the differences in psychology from the second decade of the century when Professor Kantor earned his degree to the present.

It is hoped that the reader will not regard this issue as simply a tribute to a remarkable intellect but will see in it the expression of a systematic approach to the study of behavior which holds significant potential for understanding the simple and the complex, the normal and the abnormal, the applied and the theoretical.

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