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Almost every paper in the journal could be considered as reporting some sort of audit, said a friend the other day, and, allowing for the exaggeration, one can see what he means. Even from this week's originals, for instance, one short report shows that the radiological findings did not influence the management of 96 out of 100 patients with a foot injury (p 1491), another that there were 2.7 scalds and 1.0 burns per 1000 Asian children admitted to the Birmingham Accident Hospital compared with 1.8 scalds and 0.6 burns per 1000 other children (p 1493), and yet another that 46%

of hospital doctors would have given at least twice the maximum recommended volume of 2% lignocaine (p 1494). No wonder that one of the principles of a revered correspondent of the *BMJ*, Dr J W Todd (obituary p 1515), was avoiding humbug by basing statements on data. And surely he would have agreed with the advice on how to be a manager by Professor Cyril Chantler, a member of the new NHS Policy Board (p 1505), given the pithy comment that surgeons like to meet before breakfast, physicians before dinner, and non-clinical staff during lunchtime.