Not surprisingly after a month most of the green stickers were still in the box and (good fellows that we all were) so were most of the red.

I had actually thought of an even more in depth proposition but had not been sure of the forbearance of the chaps.

If one could communicate how one felt to the staff perhaps one should do so to the patients as well. I mean, why shouldn’t the patients know what sort or mood their doctor is in?

My recommendation therefore is that there is a Doctors Mood Barometer on a board in each waiting room. This will enable the patients to assess and choose who to consult on the day.

I give as an example:

Dr H Smith and Partners.
Family Practitioners.

Recommendations and Specials of the day.

Dr Harry Smith is our recommendation for today. Since his outbursts of last week his temper is much improved. He has restarted his beta blockers and the anti-inflammatoryatories are helping his lower back pain. As our senior partner he has reached that serene age of stability and equanimity. This is today’s choice for those who need time and an experienced hand.

Dr Elsie River is premenstrual at the moment. If you are depressed or irritable it would perhaps be better to give this one a miss today otherwise skin diseases are welcome.

Dr Dan Hauser has a small strangulated pile and will be sitting in his chair with a slight list to port. He is only recommended for short simple cases today.

Dr Albert Falls has had a good breakfast and appears in form. A morning appointment would be best as he tends to fade after lunch.

With the patients knowing how the doctor feels and adjusting accordingly, who knows we might all feel better.