

Editorial

It has not been the custom of the JOURNAL to carry regular Editorials. Indeed, the only Editorial which has so far appeared in it was printed in the first issue (January–April 1950), which introduced the new periodical to the public and set out its aims and objects. We believe that those aims and objects have been faithfully adhered to during the past 29 years. Nor have we published correspondence or obituary notices, although many eminent scholars who served the JOURNAL well as members of the original Advisory Committee and then the Advisory Editorial Board have died during that time. However, we cannot let the tragic sudden death earlier this year of the Assistant Editor, Professor James Cargill Thompson, pass without comment. At the age of 47 he was already an established scholar of great promise, who gave invaluable help to the Editor. Both as a colleague and a friend he was a man who will not easily be forgotten. *Requiescat in pace.*

Owing to the sad loss of the Assistant Editor, and the fact that he will reach the age of 70 next May, the present writer has decided to resign from the editorship as from 31 December 1978. The Syndics of the Cambridge University Press have appointed as co-editors, as from 1 January 1979, Dr. Peter Linehan, Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and Dr. Brendan Bradshaw, Fellow of Queens' College, Cambridge. They have also appointed the present Editor to be a member of the Advisory Editorial Board from 1 January, so that he will not entirely lose touch with the JOURNAL. He will see through the press the issue for January 1979 which, of course, has to be printed before the end of the current year. Thereafter the new editors will take over, and we have every confidence that they will maintain the high standards of the JOURNAL and, perhaps, broaden its scope. We wish them well.

It only remains for the Editor to thank the various officials of the Cambridge Press and the printers for their help and co-operation, the contributors of articles and reviews over the years, and the members of the Advisory Editorial Board, and other scholars, who have acted from time to time as readers of articles submitted. Last, but not least, he would express his deep thanks to Miss Kathleen M. Whiteley, who has acted as secretary and virtually as Sub-Editor almost since the founding of this JOURNAL.

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