

Editorial note

This is the tenth issue of the *Yearbook*, and an occasion, therefore, of more than usual significance to the editorial board. It must surely be regarded as a notable achievement to have maintained publication for ten years, and a measure of the continuing strength of interest in urban history. Although the academic situation is generally much less buoyant now than in 1973 when the first issue was being planned by the late H. J. Dyos, the output of books and articles is if anything more considerable and covers a much wider range of concerns. A feature of this issue, for example, is the relatively new interest among historians in the study of the twentieth-century city, and in comparative urban history.

The editor is grateful to past and present members of the board for endeavouring to keep up with and monitor developments in such an expanding field as urban history has been and looks set to continue to be. With this help, the editor has sought especially to fulfil the ambition which Jim Dyos had for a *Yearbook* that would be worldwide in scope and coverage. Thanks are also due to the staff of the Leicester University Press for their co-operation and support over the years. It is nevertheless worth repeating the appeal made last year for the maintenance of subscriptions from individuals and institutions, since the future of the *Yearbook* depends ultimately on its commercial viability.

Unfortunately, this will be the last issue to have the services of Peter Clark and Derek Fraser as book review editors, the latter because he is leaving England for a post in the United States. Peter Clark joined the board in 1975–6, and for a time wrote the annual review of periodical articles before taking over as book review editor for the early modern period in 1980. Derek Fraser took over the task of compiling reviews for the modern period at very short notice in 1979. They have both contributed greatly to the *Yearbook* in these and other capacities.

The editor was pleased with the number of unsolicited articles received this year from which he was able to supplement invited contributions. He continues to be interested in receiving articles in keeping with the nature of the *Yearbook* – as, for example, bibliographical surveys, comparative studies, discussions of major themes, or of methodological issues and approaches, or of the use of historical sources. Intending contributors should contact the editor at the School of Education, 21 University Road, Leicester.