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## A Note from the Editors

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It's been nearly ten years since the last editorial in these pages and many have been the changes in this journal. In that time its principal concern has been to offer outlets for scholarship and opinion that have not been generally available to those in North America with professional interests in British studies. By its affiliation with the North American Conference on British Studies it has sought, especially in its reviews, to publish scholarship that covers broadly the range of interests of NACBS members, and to widen generally the scope for contact between scholars around the world.

Over the past year this journal has been changing its spots as it aims to publish four kinds of scholarship to serve a diverse readership. Research articles, based on appropriate primary and secondary materials and of a length sufficient to investigate a subject in detail, will continue to appear regularly. The number of them published will, of course, depend on the acceptance of manuscripts submitted; so we encourage the submission of manuscripts. It remains true, that manuscripts not needing revision are published within nine months of their acceptance. Another emphasis for this journal will be review essays. Primarily, these will be historiographical assessments of scholarship on themes and periods rather than bibliographical descriptions. Some of these are being commissioned, but we would be pleased to learn the suggestions of readers about subjects to be covered in such articles. A third offering will be reviews of books. The pattern and coverage of such reviews is now familiar, and no changes are planned. We will try to cover a considerable number of books in British history and related fields, and to do so in reviews that range from a short notice to a substantial essay. We are very much indebted to a large number of people for their reviews which have established the tone of this important section.

A new section is being planned to publish research notes and documents — a section for brief studies inappropriate as regular articles. We will inaugurate it this year with at least two articles. There is no outlet in this country for this type of scholarly communication over the range of British history, so it seems to be an important concern for this journal to embrace. Research notes will replace our publication of abstracts of NACBS meetings. Notes detailing specific topics or interpretive concerns, or explanations of the importance of unique primary materials, such as a hitherto unknown document, should be sent to the editor. Generally, such manuscripts should be no more than 4,000 words. We hope that this new offering will bring more notice to aspects of scholarship in need of timely publication. Naturally, we encourage readers to submit manuscripts appropriate to this section. As with other articles, we will try to report to authors within three months.

We remain interested in and sensitive to all scholarly needs that fall within the boundaries of the four areas of the editorial orientation described above. The most gratifying part of this work is the large number of you with whom we have had the pleasure to work and correspond. We would very much like to hear from you, if you have a concern to share. This journal is very much the product of scholarly work that authors send to it.

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