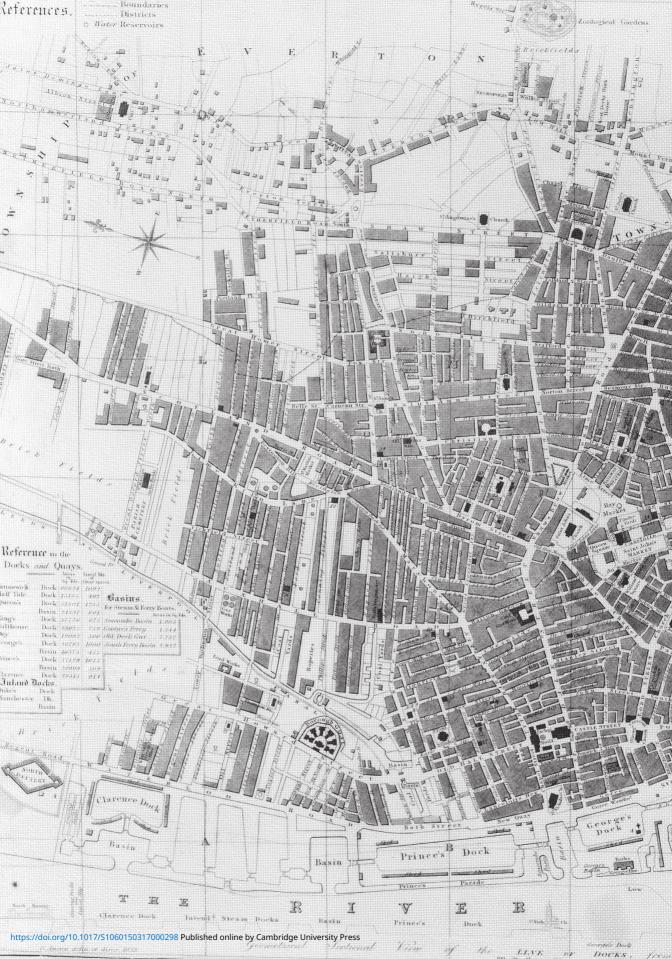
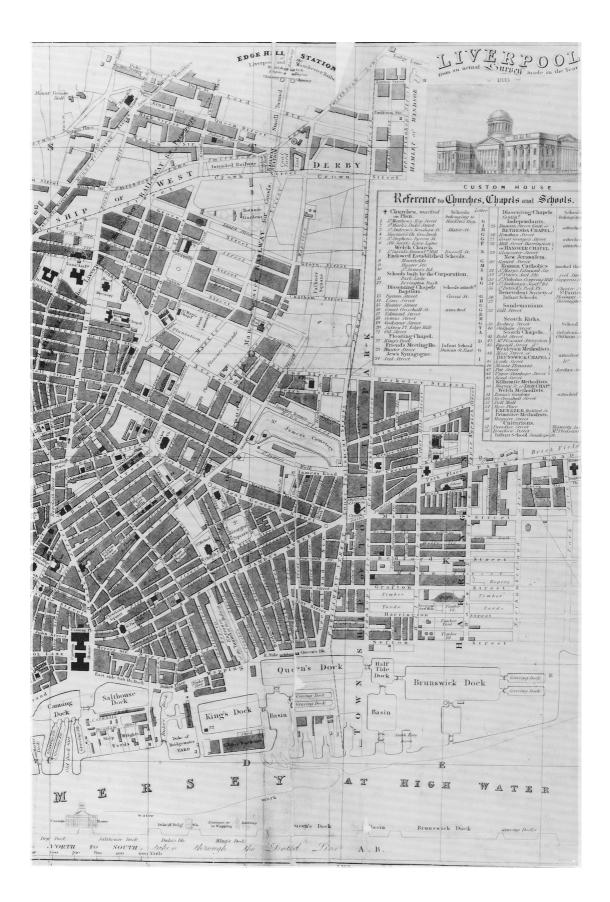
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EDITORS' NOTICE

With this issue your editors throw their green shades up in the air like our graduates their mortarboards and say, "Hurray!" We have enjoyed a remarkable publishing experience, feeling completely responsible for our journal, knowing of course that Cambridge University Press owns it. They have been ideal stewards, approving all our suggestions, moving us seamlessly from a biannual to a quarterly when our issues began resembling telephone books, artfully putting us online, increasing subscriptions from five hundred to over three thousand. Our fastidiousness (some may regard it as control-freakishness) comes from our having virtually invented the journal, from selecting its inside and outside cover images, its sections, and its fabulously talented associated editors (of which far more below). Nothing has appeared in the journal that we did not read and approve, most often with significant input in its content.

With both of us reading every submission, we came to appreciate the labor our potential authors devote to articles that may not be ready for publication. When we believe in work that needs revising but cannot easily put our suggestions into a letter, we have phoned the author – well imagining the potential shock of receiving such a call. Our stake in all work that appears under our editorship has been profound and personal. We have been committed not only to producing a superior journal, without regard to the author's rank, to ideological purity, or to national location, but to the particular humane values we promote in the field of letters – intelligence, inclusiveness, and rigor. Our particular blessing as co-editors has been to have had the good fortune of never less than lively weekly editorial conferences by phone or skype – fifty-two weeks a year since we began working together. Adrienne, John, we have immeasurably benefitted from the discussions and friendship!

An additional pleasure for us has been working with so many splendid senior editors, without whom no journal, but with whom also a great sense of comradeship and mutual support. The emergence of business by email has allowed us a relatively unique collaboration among some twenty-five or more Victorianists, almost a kind of special research institute with one clear purpose. Many have indeed been with us from the start of *Victorian Literature and Culture* in 1991. Abigail Bloom, whom we have already thanked in announcing our plans to retire, gave so generously of her talents and time as our Managing Editor; she was well assisted for a period by Anne Stevens. And, she has been ably succeeded in these last issues by Kimberly Cox and Anthony Teets. The Associate Editor, splendid editor in her own work, Sandra Donaldson, helped maintain the highest standards for our editing.

Review Editor Winifred Hughes developed and continued our review essays, of which we are very proud; she was joined by Anne Humpherys in more recent issues. We have thought of these essays as each enough to float a new graduate course in major topics of the time. Annette Snape, also with us from the beginning of *Victorian Literature and Culture*, has

been an unfailing resource as Assistant Review Editor, often praised to us by our review contributors for her guidance and good will. She was ably assisted for periods by Lisa Golmitz Weihman and also by Susan Katz. The reviews of our contemporary culture of Victorianism came in later, under the multivalent title "Victorians Live"; Herbert Sussman, who proposed the idea, has been a great resource as Editor for the series and has been ably assisted more recently by Assistant Editor Victoria Mills. We are pleased to note that the series will be continued under her editorship in the journal *19: Interdisciplinary Studies in the Long Nineteenth Century.* "Victorians Live" was singled out for well-deserved praise at the 2017 CUNY Graduate Center conference. Michael Tondre has served for a number of years as Science Editor, with special responsibility for reviewing submissions on science. With his finger on the pulse of current topics, publication, and scholars, he has been essential to our editorial decision-making, supplementing our own knowledge with tact and energy.

Our special issues, under a succession of excellent guest editors, have been beautifully managed by the Editors for Editors' Topics, Allison Pease and Maria Jerinic, each for many years. We thank them both for their acuity and diplomacy in accommodating, sometimes balancing, the needs of editors and guest editors. Over the years, guest editors have been Tanya Agathocleous, Suzanne Daly, Ross G. Forman, Regenia Gagnier, Barbara T. Gates, Mary Ellis Gibson, Melissa Richard, Angelique Richardson, Jason R. Rudy, Cynthia Scheinberg, Marion Thain, Ana Parejo Vadillo, Tamara S. Wagner, and Carolyn Williams. Our warmest thanks for their excellent ideas for their issues and very hard work evaluating essays submitted. These special issues have numbered among our most cited and best regarded.

We have especially prided ourselves on the visual components of our articles. We have been very well served by Picture Editors Renee Overholser, Timothy Johns, and Morna O'Neill, whose technical expertise and suggestions for illustrations have added superb visual content, not only as supplements to the texts but as essential visual arguments to them. Tara McGann and Angela Wu have been terrifically conscientious and competent Assistant Editors for Pictures. Thank you all for enlivening and brightening our pages.

As Special Effects Editor, Jeffrey Spear has been resourceful and generous. He has very well achieved his remit to find and edit unusual kinds of contributions and materials for the journal's pages. Jeff too has been with us from beginning to this end. He was ably assisted for a period by Pearl Hochstadt. Thank you.

We extend warmest thanks to our supportive Advisory Board, a large number of whom have been with us from the origin of *Victorian Literature and Culture*. It has been great to know that so many distinguished Victorianist colleagues cared to serve as resourceful advisors and supporters, occasionally defenders. Thank you all very kindly.

The journal might have existed but we would not have lasted as editors without the constant support of so many exceptional copy editors – friends, former students, colleagues – who have sustained the journal's rigorous standards for the quality, style, and accuracy of everything published in its pages. We thank these generous colleagues for their knowledge, care, and focus, in most cases over many years: Aliza Atik, Julia Clarke, Daniel Cook, Kimberly Cox, Michael J. Flynn, Genevieve Gage-Hawes, Lauryn Rose Gold, Tamar Heller, Carmen R. Henkel, Margaret Kennedy, Beth Kramer, Sophie Christman Lavin, Tara McGann, Tracy Miller, Karen Odden, Jordan Plavnicky, Tom Pold, Nicole Savage, Karen Schultz, Anne Summers, Anthony Teets, Amanda Forman Trejbrowski, Benedick G. Turner, Stephanie Viola, and Juliette Wells.

Editors' Notice

We will not try to name those many assistants to ourselves as editors, our bright and so helpful graduate students at NYU and Stony Brook. They have made sure that no submission was left unconsidered and undecided and unnotified. Moreover, they have kept us to our pledge to report a first reading within three months, a scruple we pride ourselves on and recommend to all other journal editors. We will name Nicole Savage, who has guided us through our last issues and the change of editors. Thank you Nicole, and thank you all.

Thank you all for giving us your fine work to make manifest; thank you all for reading what you have had to say; thank you all for your encouragement and support. It has been our privilege.

However, all good things must come to an end; we have decided to leave, despite a tempting offer to stay. We have served over twenty-five years of joint editorship of *Victorian Literature and Culture*, and many years before that of Adrienne Munich's work on our predecessor journal. That has been enough in two lives. Cambridge has been a great asset for us; we hope we have been a good asset for them. We have had the support of wonderful people: the late Andrew Brown, who took seriously our proposal of collaboration with Cambridge and made it a reality; Chris Fell, Ed Barnaby, Ed Carey, Susan Soule, Joon Won Moon, Gillian Greenough; and Holly Buttimore, who has guided us so generously and well in recent years. With the help of a distinguished committee of the journal's Advisory Board, we found for Cambridge an excellent set of new editors, Rachel Ablow and Daniel Hack, who will take over beginning next issue to shape and influence the journal and the field. We wish them the best in future challenges. Cambridge has generously denominated us life Editors Emeriti. We will consider ourselves as spirits atop the masthead, blessing *Victorian Literature and Culture. ave atque vale*.

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