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With this issue, Professor A. N. Allott and Dr. H. F. Morris retire, to be replaced by Dr. S. F. R. Coldham and Dr. P. E. Slinn, with Dr. S. A. Roberts continuing to serve. No doubt readers will wish to join the new editorial team in expressing warmest appreciation for the important contribution to African legal scholarship made by Professor Allott and Dr. Morris during their long service as editors of the Journal. Professor Allott, who has played a unique role in promoting an interest in the study of African Law, founded the Journal 27 years ago and Dr. Morris has served for some 20 years. The present editors can only hope to emulate the standard which their predecessors have achieved and are glad that they will be assisted in this task by Professor Allott's willingness to remain associated with the Journal as Consulting Editor.

The quality of the Journal of course depends on that of the material submitted to it. The editors would like to take this opportunity to encourage contributions, particularly from young scholars who may wish to submit the fruits of recent researches in any legal field which has relevance to Africa. The editors also hope to develop the Journal's role as a source of current African legal materials and would therefore welcome notes on recent cases, statutes, reports, etc. All material submitted will receive prompt attention from the editors with a view, where appropriate, to publication at an early date.