

## Editors' Notes

### EDITORS' REPORT

The year past is the first of our joint editorship (*Sylla et McCloskeyo consulibus*, the Romans would have said), with Sylla taking primary responsibility for things American and McCloskey for things non-American. The two offices worked smoothly together, producing the issues on time and in good order, chiefly because the superb professionalism of the assistant editors, Ginalie Swaim in Iowa City and Genevieve Gwynne in Raleigh, overcame the dallying of the editors. Further assistance at this high standard was rendered by Judy Gregory in Raleigh and Linda Ellis in Iowa City. The University of Iowa and North Carolina State University deserve thanks for their resources and their space in aid of our experiment in bridging the two cultures. Together they demonstrate to a doubting world that there is civilization between the Coasts and south of the Mason-Dixon line. And of course the JOURNAL, and the Association, could not function without Richmond and Lynn Williams, handling the ungraceful and cheerless matters of finance with good grace and good cheer.

As is usual, we accepted only about one out of five or six of the pieces submitted. Being rejected is unpleasant, but our hard-working editorial board, together with *ad hoc* referees thanked below, makes our rejection much more than the form letter that suffices for some journals. Our referee reports are a species of teaching, among the most important we do. They set the standard of joint excellence in historical veracity and economic penetration that is the JOURNAL's theme, and they teach us all how to meet it. The editors thank them, and as usual will be rewarding some of the more overworked of them by victimizing others in their stead.

Over the harvest year, Michaelmas to Michaelmas, we received as is customary about one hundred manuscripts: 98, to be exact. Of these, 59 were rejected, 22 are still pending, and 17 have been published for issues from December 1981 to December 1982. There was, as Alex Gerschenkron would have put it, a great spurt of 30 new submissions this summer, which is at a rate of 180 per year. We shall have to wait to see if this is in fact, as Walt Rostow would put it, a take off into self-sustained growth. It is possible—and is certainly the qualitative impression of the editors—that historians are making more submissions recently than was for a time customary. The news may have gotten out (as all involved in the JOURNAL and the Association have long hoped it would) that we are a journal of economic history, not a journal of cliometrics alone.

The time to decision is still about three months. We could make it shorter if we had a tradition of editors making decisions unassisted by expert testimony, but we do not and should not. The peculiarities of the trans-Pacific mails added some delays to the processing of non-American manuscripts this summer while McCloskey was visiting Australia, but we have not lost our reputation for reasonably prompt decisions. The average time to publication has in fact fallen some.

The division of submissions by home and abroad appears to be a social constant: the United States and Canada were some 46 percent of the total this year (44 percent last year). Method, history of thought, and general n.e.c. were 12 percent this year (10 last year). The only shift is that within the non-American residue there were fewer manuscripts on modern Europe (25 percent of the total against 35 percent last year) and on ancient and medieval Europe (4 percent—that is, 3 in number—as against 7 percent last year). We have a policy of encouraging wide geographical and temporal distribution in submissions, for we wish to be the unifying journal in the field.

We published this year some thousand pages, as in earlier years. We published 21 articles, 9 notes, and 1 review article in the three regular issues; and 22 articles and 17 discussions or dissertation abstracts in the March issue. The number of book reviews is

sharply down from last year, from 265 last year to 157 this year: this is not a conscious policy decision, although McCloskey's tastes in books may be rather narrower than those of Rondo Cameron, who was previously responsible for non-American reviews. We shall try to bring the figure up some this year, since we feel that the JOURNAL should keep its place as the only moderately comprehensive reviewing journal in the field. We here publicly scold the people who have not turned in their reviews, though with an uneasy feeling that at such wages an editor has no complaint.

We shall continue in other ways the traditions of the JOURNAL established over the past four decades. In particular, we shall continue to demand that articles published in the JOURNAL meet the dual standard of scholarly excellence in history and economics, and a third standard often neglected in both fields, readability. We shall continue to look with favor on comments, and on the enlivening debate that they inspire. And we shall continue to encourage a spread of disciplines, academic affiliations, ranks, and ages: the JOURNAL should not be viewed as an outlet only for the works of assistant professors, say, or of economists. In a journal of so lively a field, surely, "*tous les genres sont bons hors les genres ennuyeux.*"

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