

EDITORIAL

THIS issue sees the emergence of the HENRY SWEET SOCIETY BULLETIN from the chrysalis of what was formerly the Society's *Newsletter*. In keeping with the nature of our discipline, this will manifest both continuity and change. In particular, the numbering of the BULLETIN will be continuous from previous issues—this 29th one seamlessly following the 28th.

Initially, the BULLETIN will be edited by David Cram and Andrew Linn. One of their first tasks is to thank the retiring editor, Jonathan Hope, for his services to the Society over the past years. Another is to pay tribute to an irreplaceable former editor, Paul Salmon, whose obituary follows. The new editors have taken on their task jointly, but have decided there should be only one co-ordinating editor at any one time. They will bat in alphabetical order, with a two-year innings to start with.

The BULLETIN will build on the various elements that have proved so successful in the *Newsletter*, in particular the two substantial sections ably edited by Herman Bell: the reviews of books, and the listing of publications received for the Society's library at Keble. Announcements concerning the Society, including John Flood's treasurer's reports and abstracts of papers from the annual colloquium, occupy other regular slots, together with notices from our sister societies. A section which we hope to see expanded, under the direction of Werner Hüllen, will be the one devoted to research in progress, with reports of larger research projects.

Guided by discussion at the Society's committee meetings, the editors would like to introduce other possible sections in addition to these staple items. One such possibility is to present small-scale biographies of figures in the history of linguistics who have been overlooked in recent biographical works such as Stammerjohann's *Lexicon Grammaticorum* (reviewed by Werner Hüllen in Issue No. 28); to avoid overlap, contributions and nominations for the *salon des refusé(e)s* should be channelled through David Cram. Also in mind is a series of brief articles dealing with particular terms and concepts in the history of linguistics, along the lines of Mark Atherton's item on Sweet's use of the term 'synthesis' and Chris Stray's article on 'notions' in Latin teaching in the nineteenth century (both in Issue No 26). Mark Atherton has undertaken to promote further contributions of this sort. A further idea, originating with Mike MacMahon, is to carry reviews not just of recently published books, but also of 'classic' works in the history of linguistics.

It is hoped that production of material for the BULLETIN will increasingly become a team effort, with sections looked after by separate individuals. The proposals outlined above are not to be seen as exclusive, and we hope that members will feel encouraged to come up with other suggestions. In the meantime, contributions for the BULLETIN are warmly welcomed. The copy-deadline for the Spring issue is March 31st 1998; the address for correspondence is listed, along with others, inside the back cover.

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