

## EDITORIAL

At the end of last year, John Durant gave up the arduous job of Book Reviews Editor. We are very grateful for all the work he has put into the selecting and commissioning of reviewers, and for the steady flow of completed reviews which he has kept up. It is very gratifying that he has agreed to remain a member of the Editorial Board, so that we shall not lose his expertise. John Hendry is taking over as Book Reviews Editor, and we welcome him warmly.

The most important things we try to do are to publish new research, and to keep readers up to date with new work which has come out in books or sometimes in other journals. Because reviews cover a wide range, many readers probably turn to them first. What the right balance is between original papers and reviews cannot easily be decided, and may shift with time; last year about a quarter of our pages were devoted to books.

There seems good reason for trying to review more books; but if possible without cutting back seriously on original articles, of which we have many good ones in various stages of readiness. We shall therefore be commissioning more short reviews, reserving long ones for works of special interest: and we hope that all our contributors will be direct and pithy, because we have to work within limits of length and price; each page costs the Society about £30.

Thanks are due to the members of the Editorial Board and once again to numerous anonymous referees for the time and effort they have put into the Journal; and we look forward with confidence to continuing collaboration, with never a dull moment.

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