Editor's Notes

My responsibilities as editor end with this issue. It has been both an enjoyable and an educational experience. I have been ably and generously assisted by the Board of Editors and numerous scholars who accepted with remarkably good grace my frequent impositions upon their already-overburdened schedules. Ms. Mary Bradish, the Assistant Editor, organized the activities of the editorial office with consistently cheerful efficiency. To all of them go my deepest thanks.

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The Cole Prize is awarded annually to the author of the best article published in *The Journal of Economic History*. The winner is selected by the Board of Editors. The Cole Prize for 1973-74 has been awarded to Kozo Yamamura for his article, "Toward a Reexamination of the Economic History of Tokugawa Japan, 1600-1867," which appeared in the September 1973 issue of the *Journal*.

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