

EDITORIAL

At the Conference at Ripon members were given an opportunity to have their copies of issues 6-11 of the Journal bound as volume 2 (see enclosed leaflet) and we are now well into volume 3, this being the thirteenth issue since the foundation of the Society in March 1987.

As a result of a suggestion made at a recent meeting of the General Committee, it occurred to me that members might like to know a little more about the duties of members of the Editorial Committee and the Editorial Advisory Board.

The Editorial Committee is responsible for producing the Journal and the Advisory Board provides a sounding board for difficult decisions about contributions and offers advice on matters of policy.

As editor I receive contributions from members and others, some commissioned and others coming out of the blue. I am responsible in the end for the decision as to what is included in each issue. Happily there seems to be no shortage of material at present, most of it of high quality to judge from comments made at recent conferences and committee meetings.

It is particularly important that contributors follow the guidance contained in the helpful 'Notes for Authors' prepared by David Harte, as to the way in which material should be set out. Anyone proposing to write something for the Journal should ask me for a copy. Peter Moore, formerly of Butterworth & Co, looks at each contribution to check references, citations and the like.

It is at that point that David Scott as Executive Officer takes over and makes the necessary arrangements with the printer for galley and page proofs to be produced before the issue in question is finally put together. To ensure that issues appear on time contributors are asked to send in their material three months before publication. I should like to pay tribute to David's hard work and patience (especially with his editor) in coping with the twice yearly publication of the Journal since issue No 6, when he took over from Raymond Hemingray.

This task will now fall on Hughie Jones who will be responsible for this part of the work after the January 1994 issue.

I am also very grateful for the help afforded by Rupert Bursell as Books Editor to whom all reviews or suggestions for books to be reviewed should be sent.

In addition to dealing with arrangements for individual issues to be bound into hardback volumes, David Harte also liaises with university and law libraries who are encouraged to subscribe to the Journal. He is also responsible for all overseas orders. I was much impressed on my recent visit to Harvard University to find copies of the Journal in the Law School Library there! Please remember my suggestion that you consider donating bound volumes of the Journal to the library of your *alma mater*. David Harte can assist.

As well as producing his regular summaries of Consistory Court cases – sometimes in extended form – Timothy Briden deals with advertisements in the Journal. Brian Hanson is of course responsible for the reports on progress of legislation in General Synod and Thomas Watkin provides a similar service in relation to the Governing Body of the Church in Wales. To be consistent, we should probably also be including contributions from the Episcopal Church of Scotland and the Church of Ireland and, maybe on occasion, other Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Offers would be very welcome.

In particular I must express our gratitude for the work done by our dedicated body of proof readers (David Harte, Hughie Jones, John Baker, Rupert Bursell, John Holden, David Faull, Raymond Hemingray, Norman Doe, Thomas Watkin, Jonathan Cryer, Peter Moore, Ingrid Slaughter, David Cheetham, Peter Boulton and Peter Smith). Their work ensures that there are now happily few occasions on which errors will be found to occur in the Journal.

If any member has any suggestions to make about the Journal please do not hesitate to write to me.

In conclusion may I express the pleasure, which I am sure is shared by all members, on the conferment of a doctorate in civil law on Sir John Owen by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Society's membership year ended on 30 June 1993. A Renewal Notice is enclosed with this issue of the Journal. Members are asked to note that the subscription for 1993/1994 has been increased to £20 and this should be sent to the Treasurer with the form provided.

It is hoped that it will not be necessary to send out a further reminder as to do so increases the Society's administrative expenses.