

EDITORIAL

The present issue of the *Medical Historian*, number 11, dated 1999-2000, follows number 10, dated 1998. But in between these two regular issues, members received two special issues, containing the papers of two Saturday meetings, the first in April 1998 on 'Wives and Whores in Victorian Liverpool' and the second in April 1999 on 'The Poor Law and After'. The latter meeting was held jointly with the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire.

The past two years has, however, been a period of considerable change in the administration of the Society. After seven years as a tireless Secretary/Treasurer, Dr Jean Hugh-Jones resigned, and a predecessor, Mr Adrian Allan, Liverpool University Archivist, eventually took up the post of Secretary, with Dr Joe Rivlin as Treasurer. In between, Dr Dave King held the fort, and now continues as Programme Secretary. On account of ill health, Dr Christine Hillam resigned as chairman, but devotedly continued as senior editor almost up to her death in January 2000. An obituary is included in this issue, but it may be said here that for ten years Christine was the main spring of the Society, having been the founder of the *Medical Historian*, and her untimely death has shaken us. Her final work for the Society was to see the two special issues through the press, in December 1999.

The co-editor, Dr Mike Bone, stood in as chairman during most of 1999, and was succeeded by Dr Rivlin. Arrangements for the future editing of the Society's publications are, at the time of writing, in flux.

Apart from those talks which have produced articles either in the last or the present issue, or to appear in a subsequent issue, we express gratitude for the following talks:

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| Professor Robert Woods: | 'Health and mortality in Victorian England' (talk given 5 February 1998) |
| Dr J. Hugh Baron: | 'Art in Hospitals' (talk given 7 May 1998) |

Mr Roger Ewbank

'The new Edinburgh Veterinary College and its move to Liverpool' (talk given 1 October 1998)

Dr G. Jackson Rees:

'The development of paediatric anaesthesia in Liverpool' (talk given 5 November 1998)

Mr Sherwin Hall

'The Great Cattle Plague of 1865 and its Influence on disease control strategy' (talk given 7 October 1999).

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