

Editorial

The next issue of the Bulletin, no. 13, will be the responsibility of a new Editor; this one - unfortunately delayed once more - is my swan song. It is a suitable occasion for some reflections and words of thanks.

The Hegel Society of Great Britain, which elected me Editor of the Bulletin at its first conference in Oxford in September 1979, gave me virtually a free hand in deciding the shape of the Bulletin though it was understood that the primary role was to publish book reviews and information of general interest to the Society's members. Its character crystallized fairly early on although some experimentation, helped by feedback from the annual conference, has always gone on. Apart from book reviews (tending to get shorter because of the steady increase in the number of Hegel books published), the Bulletin has normally carried one or two 'feature' articles in each issue, primarily of a survey or bibliographical nature. Articles on specific topics, however good, have been regretfully but firmly refused. Over the past decades Hegel's philosophy has produced interestingly different responses in different countries and the Bulletin, in its feature articles, has tried to reflect this diverse heritage.

Much space has been given to conference announcements and reports to keep HSGB members abreast of developments abroad. I hope they have shown that the Society is not just an isolated British organization but a part, so to speak, of a 'Hegelian International'. Cooperation, mainly through exchange of periodicals has been established with a number of overseas organizations or institutions: the Hegel-Archiv der Ruhr-Universität, Bochum (the most valuable) and its Hegel-Studien und Beihefte; the Hegel Society of America and The Owl of Minerva; the Centre d'études hégéliennes et dialectiques of Neuchâtel, the Paris Archives de philosophie: Recherches et documentation; the Berlin (GDR) Deutsche Zeitschrift für Philosophie; and the Reports on Philosophy of the Jagiellonian University of Cracow. (Incidentally, some of their past publications are available for consultation by HSGB members.)

Our 'tirage' is still a relatively modest 300 per issue. However, the Bulletin has ceased to be merely the in-house magazine of the HSGB and is now subscribed to by many libraries in Britain and abroad as well as individual foreign scholars. Recently the subscriptions in Japan have expanded greatly, and I am convinced that there is room for considerable further expansion in North America. I hope that the new editorial team find the time and energy for the task, but help from all the members of the HSGB would be very useful too.

Many people have helped me to produce the past twelve issues of the Bulletin and I would like to record my gratitude to them. My greatest debt is to my wife Denise who has devoted countless hours to checking proofs, collating pages and stapling them, and generally stepping in when travel abroad during a crucial production stage removed me temporarily from the scene. When they were younger my children (Jan, Wanda and Tonton) also helped during the final stages, Jan being generally responsible for preparing the cover for each issue. With one exception, the preparation of the final copy and the printing of the Bulletin has been done at the Social Studies Faculty Centre of Oxford University, and only material but no labour being charged for. The Hegel Society is most obliged to the Centre and its secretarial staff for all the help received. The final stages of the Bulletin - transport to Manchester, posting, sending out subscription notices and invoices, keeping accounts, etc. - have been the responsibility of David Lamb, the original Secretary/Treasurer of the Society, assisted by Sue Easton. The Society expressed its warm gratitude to them at the September 1986 annual meeting, but it should be recorded in this editorial as well.

It remains for me to wish my successor, Robert Bernasconi, and his assistants in the Philosophy Department of Essex University, all good luck in their work. I am sure the Bulletin will continue to flourish under the new management.