

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the Journal is devoted to the publication of three papers which were delivered at the Fifth Annual Meeting of The Society for Iranian Studies in a panel on "Administrative Developments in Qajar Iran." The panel, co-sponsored by the Society and the Middle East Studies Association, was organized by Professor Ervand Abrahamian and chaired by Professor Nikki R. Keddie. The discussants were Professors Hamid Algar and Amin Banani.

The successful organization of the conference, evidenced by the quality of papers presented, the attendance of many scholars in the field, and the lively discussion that followed the presentations, fulfilled the long-standing objective of the Society to regularly sponsor scholarly seminars on Iran. As for the publication of the papers, we are most pleased to be able to devote an entire issue to articles dealing with one particular theme relating to Iran, an endeavor not often feasible for periodicals that deal with several countries.

We hope that in the future we will be able to continue the practice of examining single themes from different and varied points of view, both in conferences sponsored by the Society and in forthcoming issues of Iranian Studies.

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