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A Note from the Editor

IN VOLUME FOUR readers will notice the increasingly international scope of the articles—a goal we set for ourselves last year. In one article we have even departed the earth entirely to take notice of NASA'S program for an "enacted community" in outer space.

Another goal, financial stability, still eludes us. The editor continues, with mounting disgruntlement, to scrounge the necessary funds. He plans to persuade the Board of the NHCSA to raise our give-away price of ten dollars per year. We hope that the Board at its October meeting will also take measures to begin advertising and to increase both Association membership and subscriptions to *Communal Societies*. The Board would enthusiastically welcome volunteers to help get some advertising into our pages. The journal is not well known and its reputation has been spreading only by word of mouth. Scholars who have "discovered" it express surprise and delight. While that reaction is rewarding, surprise is more useful for birthday parties than for increasing subscriptions; it would be more helpful if our admirers hustled new subscriptions.

The journal could also use one or more volunteers with artistic, typographical, or graphic skills who could design and produce a "stat" (a camera-ready advertisement) for the journal. Journals exchange such ads as a cost-free form of advertising. Kind and generous believers in the journal continue to send contributions, and we thank them—in particular the anonymous donor of last year. We also deeply appreciate the support of Dean Murray Schwartz of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and President David L. Rice of Indiana State University, Evansville.

On the editorial side of things our journal is developing nicely. The flow of articles is increasing—a most reassuring development. This means a higher rejection rate, which is necessary for a good

journal, however distressing to authors. Back in 1983 the Editor promised the Board of NHCSA that he would devote two years to the task of bringing the journal up to the highest professional and typographical standards. Given the astonishingly warm reception accorded Volume Three, however, he may be willing to extend his tenure.

The Board of the NHCSA is faced with the problems of success: ten years of growth and achievement. We are all confident that we can deal with so pleasant a problem.

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