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## EDITORIAL

It is now four years since the *Journal of the Tibet Society* commenced publication. The *Journal* has several hundred subscribers worldwide, and remains the sole Western scholarly periodical devoted exclusively to the field of Tibetology. One may conclude that the *Journal* is an excellent vehicle for publication of high quality Tibetological scholarship. Moreover, since the *Journal* has finally developed a routine that ensures fairly expeditious printing and publication, at the time of writing there is no backlog, beyond some material already accepted for the next issue. The editor would therefore like to invite all scholars working in the field to send us their manuscripts to be considered for publication in these pages. In particular, we solicit the submission of Brief Communications—short scholarly notes or discussion of articles or book reviews published here. Tibetology is a very young field, and desperately needs more dialogue among scholars devoted to it.

The *Journal* has thus passed the test of all new scholarly periodicals, namely surviving the first two or three years. Also with the publication of the present issue, this editor has fulfilled his promise to the officers of the Society who, in 1979, gave him the mandate to turn the *Tibet Society Bulletin* into a scholarly journal. After five years of editing, it is time to pass the torch on to another. The present writer would like to thank all of the authors, book reviewers, editorial consultants, and—last but not least—associate editors, who have given of their valuable time and talent, and have helped to make the *Journal* a success.

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