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## EDITORIAL

For the past twenty years *The Kingsman* has been a valuable source of information and ideas for past and present members of King's College, and especially of its Theological Department. For various reasons, some of them set out by Graham Stanton elsewhere in this journal, we are unable to continue the periodical in its traditional form. But despite changes in name and format, we hope to preserve a measure of continuity with the past and to continue to provide a news service for former members of the Department. This will take the form of an inset in the centre pages, which can easily be discarded by those for whom it is irrelevant.

Our policy is to include among our reviews assessments of the works of present and former members of the Faculty of Theology, especially those of wide interest and significance. We hope, also, to publish examples of the best original work that is being done in the Faculty, by members of staff and research students. The articles by Stewart Sutherland, Melvyn Thompson and Terry Smith in this issue provide evidence of our contention that the spread of interests and talents represented at King's makes us uniquely placed to fill a need that exists in theological journalism: for a journal that will specialise in providing surveys of the work that is being done in different areas of theological and religious studies.

Modern specialisation and the volume

of literature is such that sixth form teachers and the clergy, for example, find it increasingly difficult to keep pace with what is happening. This journal intends to fulfil some of their needs by providing non-technical summaries of current work, and is already actively seeking such surveys from those working in different fields. We also plan to print articles, again of a non-technical nature, outlining recent research work chiefly, but not exclusively, in this Faculty. The editors will welcome offers of articles and of suggestions for articles in the areas we are hoping to cover.

The policy is therefore to produce a journal in which the emphasis is on providing a high quality of information rather than being a forum for debate. Within this general policy there will be room for other articles of general interest, depending largely upon the availability of space and the type of material received. The editors welcome, and plan actively to seek, contributions from authors outside the Faculty, and in future to limit the practice of reviewing of books written by close colleagues. Volume 1, Number 1 of the King's Theological Review is exploratory and traditional. The response to it by readers, subscribers and potential contributors will influence the form the publication will take, and, indeed, whether the journal continues at all. At present, the plan is for two issues a year, in spring and autumn.