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Dr S. Semple, our current Reviews Editor, is standing down with effect from the publication of this volume. Accordingly, warm thanks are due both to her for all her hard work in this capacity and to Dr A. Gritt, Director of the Institute of Local and Family History, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, PR1 2HE, who has agreed to become the new Reviews Editor of the *Transactions*.

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