

## Editorial

With this issue I come to the end of a period of six years as Editor of *The China Quarterly*. From the beginning of February my place will be taken by Dick Wilson who will remain as Editor until October while the School of Oriental and African Studies, to which the journal belongs, decides on a permanent successor. Dick Wilson will be well known to most of our readers as the Editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review* from 1958–64 and the author of *A Quarter of Mankind*, *The Long March* and a number of other books about Asia. With his long experience both as an editor and an author, I know that the journal will be in good hands and that even if his editorship is a transitional one there will be no loss of momentum.

Editing a journal such as *The China Quarterly* is a rare privilege at any time. The last six years have provided both an intellectual fascination in studying developments in China during a time of rapid change and a deep personal satisfaction in the friendships which editing an international journal makes possible. Those who contribute to the success of a journal such as this are many more than the authors who appear in its pages and to them all, authors, referees, friends, readers and critics, I am very grateful for helping *The China Quarterly* to attain its aim of being scholarly, international, widely representative, readable—and read.

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