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EDITORIAL

The creation of a new publication, especially when it is meant to be a forum for a relatively new field, is a difficult proposition. The survival and continued growth of such a publication is equally hard. It is therefore with a great deal of pleasure and gratitude that the Tibet Society and *The Journal of the Tibet Society* acknowledge their debt to our former editor, Christopher I. Beckwith. It was his dedication to the idea that the Tibet Society rightly ought to sponsor the publication of a scholarly journal devoted to Tibetan Studies that brought the *Journal* into existence. So too, it was his diligence and conscientious work that kept the *Journal* going.

Readers may well remember the editorial in our last volume, wherein Chris noted his own satisfaction with the success of the *Journal* and his desire to hand over the editorship after five years of work on it. While all of us at the Tibet Society were reluctant to let a successful and creative editor go, we can only respect Chris' desire to devote more of his energies to research labors. We are still fortunate, however, to have his cooperation and input as he remains with us in a new capacity as editorial consultant.

Perhaps the best recognition of Chris Beckwith's achievements with the *Journal* is contained in our acknowledgement that the standards and goals which Chris set for the *Journal* remain our standards and goals. The *Journal of the Tibet Society* will continue striving to be an open forum for scholarly and scientific work in the field of Tibetan Studies.

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