

Editorial

If this number of 'Northern Studies' feels somewhat slim, the editors apologise, but we hope to make up for this in the next issue, which will, hopefully, feature an index of articles published in Nos. 1 – 12.

If 1977 was a fruitful year for archaeologists, then 1978 seems to have seen the publication of several important new books, notably Alexander Fenton's massive work 'The Northern Isles', which is the subject of a review by Hermann Palsson. We wish Mr. Fenton, who is a long-established member of the Society much success with this publication.

Sally Magnusson bears a famous name, and her article on 'The Victorian and the Norseman' will doubtless stimulate a good deal of discussion. We are pleased to welcome her into the select band of contributors to 'Northern Studies'.

The two short articles by Ian Morrison are typical of his flair for latching on to unusual facets of scholarship which others studiously avoid. His note on Shetland-model hulls is a good example of the technical problems which are only now coming to light in the study of Scandinavian boat design and the far-reaching influences which are associated with it.

We are grateful, also, to Adam MacNaughton for his report on the Islay Conference, which was an outstanding success.

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