

## **EDITORIAL**

Several of the articles in this issue are revised versions of papers read at recent meetings of the Society and members can now enjoy the opportunity to study the texts at their leisure. The Society was particularly pleased to welcome to the November meeting, 1985, Professor Michael Jones of Trondheim University who was, at that time visiting lecturer in the Geography Department of Edinburgh University. His wife, Venke Olsen, also read a paper entitled 'Northern Scandinavia – A Multi-Ethnic Society Seen From an Ethnological Point of View' which, we are pleased to say, will appear in the next issue of 'Northern Studies'.

Veronica Smart's article which reviews early coinage in Scotland was requested following the 'Urislands and Pennylands' Conference held in St Andrews in February, 1985. It was felt that further information about early coinage would prove invaluable.

We apologise for the lateness of the present issue but we hope to be able to rectify matters by producing another issue in the first half of 1987. Contributions to this and subsequent issues will be most welcome.

Finally, on behalf of all the members of the Scottish Society for Northern Studies, I should like to thank Mr. Ian Fraser for all the hard work he has done during his ten years as editor of the journal. He approached his editorial duties with his usual mixture of dedication, painstaking attention to detail and quiet good humour and the Society owes him a great debt of gratitude. As his successor, I owe him personal thanks for all the advice and guidance he has given me during the compilation of this issue.

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