## EDITORIAL NOTE

This issue brings together a number of articles which were originally presented to a conference on World War I and Africa held in April 1977 at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London. The Editors wish to express their appreciation to Professor Richard Gray and Dr Sholto Cross for planning the conference and assisting the Journal to publish some of its results.

The Editors would also like to take this opportunity to note the retirement as an editor, after seven years, of Dr Shula Marks. Her judgment and insight have been especially valuable in enabling the Journal to provide appropriate representation of the recent expansion of southern African studies, which she herself has done so much to encourage. Dr Marks now joins the Advisory Editorial Board, and she is succeeded in the editorial team by Dr David Birmingham, also of S.O.A.S.