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# EDITORIAL

The first issue of the Irish Mathematical Society Newsletter (later to become the Bulletin) was published ten years ago, in 1978, two years after the foundation of the Society itself. That first issue, modest though it may have been, contained all the ingredients which have ensured the popularity of it and its successors, and contributed in no small way to the remarkable growth of the Society over the intervening years. While the physical appearance may have changed during this time in which the editorship was based first in Dublin, then in Cork and now in Galway, the basic policy of the Bulletin remains unchanged; it is to publish a broad range of news, letters, reviews and articles which will inform, entertain and challenge our readers.

We hope that the News section and the Book Reviews will be found to be lively, informative and up to date. We welcome Articles which are expository in style. Particularly welcome are surveys of newly developing areas, both in pure and applied mathematics in all its manifestations. The Notes section is intended primarily for presentations of mathematics which will be of interest to those teaching the subject at either undergraduate or postgraduate level—an illuminating viewpoint, or a new proof, for example. Under the heading of Mathematical Education we seek articles concerned with the teaching of mathematics at all levels. Articles on any aspect of the History of Mathematics are also welcome. Finally, we invite readers who would like to express their views on any topic of interest to the mathematical community to contribute to the Letters column.