

## *Editorial*

The last volume of the **Journal of the Irish Christian Study Centre** appeared in 1989. Its reappearance, almost five years later, signals the Study Centre's renewed commitment to making available to its members, and to the wider Christian public, both in Ireland and further afield, articles on a wide range of topics which show the interaction between Christian research and scholarship and the various academic disciplines, and articles which consider social and practical questions from a Christian perspective. Some will be based on talks or lectures given at events organised by the Centre (the articles by Professors Wolterstorff and Edwards in this issue were CS Lewis lectures) and others will be written specifically for the Journal. It is our intention to continue to publish articles of high quality which reflect the best in Christian thinking, and to encourage Irish Christians to produce work of this kind.

In encouraging Christian thinking and writing we wish to establish the Journal as a forum for discussion. Volume six, which is to be published later in the year, contains an interesting and challenging controversy on the nature of sociology and its relationship to Christian belief.

Our review section is intended not only to assess recent publications, but also to draw the attention of our readers to books of strategic interest to Christians in the different academic disciplines, in key areas of theology and biblical studies and in relation to issues of practical Christian living. Some of these books may be recent publications, some not.

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