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EDITORIAL

It is a pleasure to introduce this first issue of *The Wellsian* under my editorship. My primary aim in this inaugural number has been simply to continue the excellent work of my predecessor as editor, Dr John S. Partington, who has established *The Wellsian* as a peer-reviewed journal for work on Wells of the very highest quality. I'm sure you will agree that the high quality of the articles in the current number demonstrates the degree of Dr Partington's success.

I would like to extend the very warmest of thanks to John for the time he has taken, and the generosity he has shown me, in handing over his distinguished office; and I would also like to thank the Committee of the H. G. Wells Society for offering me this wonderful opportunity, and the college of peer reviewers who have given of their time and expertise to the individual contributions. I am grateful too to my own institution, the Department of English Studies at Durham University for providing funding for a Research Assistant, and it is here that my largest debt is due. Without Emma Miller's efficiency, critical judgement, eye for detail and indefatigable work ethic, I don't know how this number would have appeared – this *Wellsian* is as much to her credit as it is to mine. Any beginner's mistakes are, of course, all mine.