

FROM THE EDITOR

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Our Association is in the process of healthy change, and it is appropriate that its journal should reflect that change. The Editorial Board met earlier this year to discuss the Journal, and we agreed that some format changes were in order. The print was small, the size was inconvenient and the appearance was none too attractive. We felt that both the New England History Association and the New England Journal of History deserved something better. This issue is the first step in that direction.

The Journal is now a more standard size, six by nine inches; it should fit on bookshelves better. The print is larger (a relief for my own eyes, I can tell you!) and its shape is new. When useful or appropriate we will be using illustrations more often. There are still several more changes that must be made--those uneven right margins have a high priority--but we think we are moving in the right direction.

The articles in this issue were written by members of your Editorial Board. All are active classroom teachers in New England, and of course all are members of the NEHTA. Their topics are varied, but they share an obvious enthusiasm for their materials, and an eagerness to share their insights. They write as history teachers addressing their peers. You will enjoy the results of their efforts, I know.

Several other members of the Association have submitted articles for future issues of the Journal, and these are welcome indeed. The Journal is intended to be a two-way street, to help inform us and to provide us with a means of communicating our own ideas and experiences. It belongs to the NEHTA membership, and is for our use. We all have materials we would like to share with others--here is a place to do it. It's your Journal -- use it.