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Contributions should be submitted to the Editors as before, in both hard copy and electronic form. A style-sheet will be provided to prospective contributors. We trust that in free electronic form the *Journal* will reach an even larger audience.

The Editors mourn

the untimely passing of

Brian Hesse,

pioneering scholar and an early contributor to the *Journal*