

EDITORIAL. Well, here it is:- MALLORN 2. We hope it was worth the wait (in gold); but we hope in future to publish at set, regular times of the year. As someone said, the strength of such a widely scattered society is in its mailings, and if these are regular it will help put the society on a even keel.

As far as new editorial policy is concerned - for this is the first issue from Laurelindorenan - there is little to say except to repeat part of what was said in the last issue :- the "aim" of the society: "To enjoy the fantasy of Middle Earth, and express it according to the individual tastes and talents of its members. We hope to have articles from as many different people as possible, on as varied subjects as possible; however, at least half of the non-society articles will be on Tolkien, we hope.

Concerning letters; in the last issue, Ro said that she would like to see 10 pages of letters in each issue. Although I think that this is a bit excessive, I do think that a very large amount of the MALLORN should be devoted to them; for how else can two members living hundreds of miles apart exchange views and ideas? Incidentally, except, of course for those letters in Belladonna's Postbag, most of the letters were written to Ro and Darroll, which they have passed on to us.

Largely as a result of exams, not as much time and trouble has been spent on this issue as I would have liked. In places the layout is very bad; perhaps if more space had been devoted to margins, and for the tops and bottoms of pages, it would have had a greater visual effect. However, next issue, we'll take more care with these things.

The contents of this issue are not well balanced.: there is no article directly concerning LotR, although there are two articles on folk-lore in general.

If you have bought this issue, and have not seen Mallorn 1, you will find that the last set of blue pages contains a fair selection of the contents of MALLORN 1. This is because the first issue was underprinted, and is no longer available. This also applies to newly-joined members. Since there are plenty spare copies of this "Big" issue, they are on sale at 3s or 15np post free from the Editors.

In as many MALLORNS as possible are included a sheet of Runic characters from Kieth (Beorn) Bridges, giving approximate translations of the various Runic characters. Thank you the Carrock Press

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### SILVER

Birchen seneschal  
In the woods of Iroquois  
Silver is your skin  
Silver is your sun  
And silver are your tears that fall  
Whenever the night does come.

Water-lily  
Like a star  
Floating on a sky black lake  
Drifting like the morning star  
Across a dark expanse  
Moving slowly ever onwards  
Moving to meet the dawn.