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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This volume is dedicated to Michael Loewe on his 100th birthday. I am delighted to be able to include herein a special section of invited contributions written in his honor and guest-edited by Michael Nylan. Many specialists in Han Dynasty history were enticed into the field by reading something he had written, and they are only a small proportion of the scholars that he has influenced over the course of a long career. Indeed, I doubt that there are many readers of this journal who have not read at least some of his work with profit. So, I am sure that you will join me in wishing him *wan sui* 萬歲!

I have now held the offices of Chair of the Society for the Study of Early China and Editor of *Early China* for twelve years. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve our field in this manner and I am immensely proud of the work that we have done together. I would like to thank the Editorial Board members, webmasters, secretary-treasurers, conference organizers, editorial assistants, and, especially, the authors of the articles that we have published over this period for their contributions. I would also like to thank the people at Cambridge Journals who have supported and ably assisted us in transforming *Early China* from a print-only journal with limited circulation to one broadly available, in print and online, with a wide international readership. But the time has come to pass on the baton, and I am delighted to congratulate Mark Csikszentmihalyi, who was recently elected to fill these joint positions. I would also like to congratulate Jue Guo, Christopher Foster, and Nicholas Vogt for their election to the editorial board. I look forward with great interest to reading the future issues of the journal.

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