Editorial

This is the last issue of *Neotestamentica* under my editorship. The scene now shifts to Stellenbosch. Professor Johan Thom, Ancient Studies at the University of Stellenbosch, has been elected by the New Testament Society of South Africa as the new Co-secretary: Publications, and thus editor of *Neotestamentica*.

It has been a privilege to be editor of *Neotestamentica* for the past six years. It has also been an enriching experience to serve my colleagues and the rest of the scholarly community in this way.

At times the task was very demanding, and several factors inhibited the fluent functioning of the Journal's administration. Still, the work provided many compensatory spin-offs—a among others, the opportunity to learn from the many scholars working in our discipline and related fields. I can truly describe the period as a memorable experience. My thanks to the NTSSA for entrusting me with this task in 1995.

I wish to express my appreciation for all the colleagues who supported the Journal with their articles and reviews. The responsibility of upholding *Neotestamentica*’s high standards was made relatively easy through their contributions. My sincere wishes are that our Journal will not only maintain, but extend its position as showcase of New Testament scholarship in South Africa, but also of scholarship in the rest of Africa.

We have been attracting a continuous and steady stream of researchers from abroad wishing to publish in *Neotestamentica*, and particularly the interest from our continent in a broader sense has been very gratifying. May in future our Journal find even more recognition, which it so richly deserves.

There are many who should be thanked for their assistance and consideration, but I must especially mention professor Pieter Craffert, who has been co-editor for the past three years and whose help has been of great value to the Journal.

Finally, my best wishes to professor Johan Thom. He has already proven his capabilities and I am quite sure that *Neotestamentica* is moving into a new era with a much improved administration.

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