Message from the Managing Editor

As our readers have seen in the previous message from the Journal editor, Society was left with little choice but to accept full responsibility for the editing an production of this and all subsequent issues. The alternative was to surrender all ri and interest in the publication to an agency of State government. We believe that Board of Directors reached the best possible decision in this matter in order to prot our journal with ninety years of solid scholarship behind it. We are confident tha many more years lie ahead.
New ventures can be intimidating, and this one is no exception. Your editor h performed yeoman duty by serving in a hands-on capacity even when his duties editor required him to sacrifice hours that could have been spent on personal proje and even when that service required that he work in the Society's office in Springfie For his dedication, support, and encouragement, I would like to offer my deepe gratitude.
Regulations of the United States Postal Service and our own postal permit requ that we publish four issues of the Journal each year. Prior to this issue, we had o delivered two issues for mailing. Hence, this limited issue has been created to prese our mailing privileges. The Autumn issue is at the printer, and we look forward t prompt delivery and mailing in early 1999. Our readers can be assured that fut issues will contain more than the usual number of pages so that our members will feel as if they have been shorted by one issue in the year's subscription.
As our readers can see from this issue, The Journal of the Illinois State Historic Society has been re-born after a short dormancy in time for the Society's centen anniversary. The Journal is now under the Society's complete control as it should The staff and I would welcome your input and comments. We truly appreciate yo patience and support.