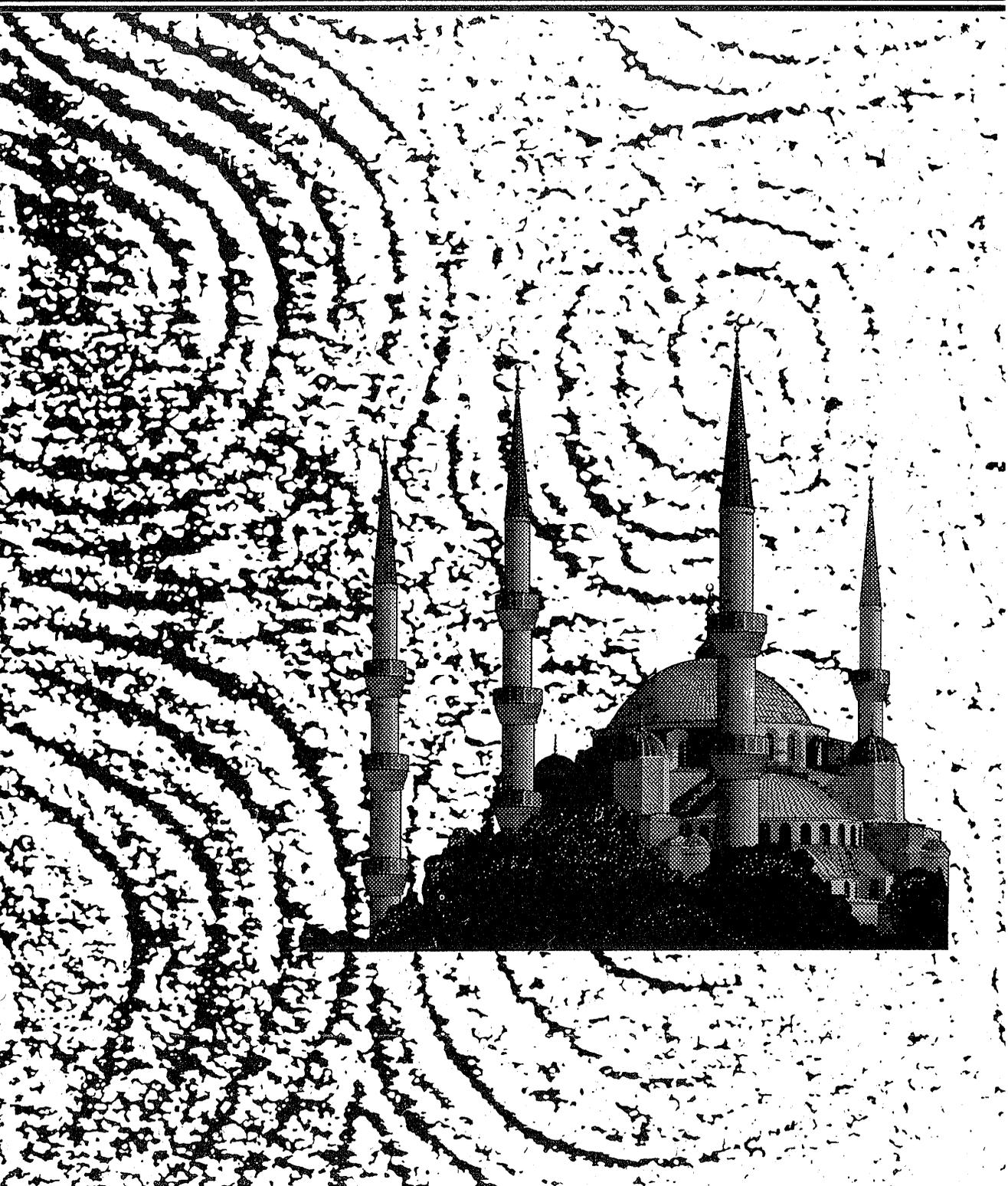


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Editorial

I was pleased to catch up with so many members at the Ballarat conference and to meet so many of the ACU staff from around Australia who made the effort to join us. Book sales went well and several new members joined. Personally I was disappointed at the range of papers and hope the pilgrimage to NZ and mixing with their association will produce greater diversity and a keener focus on the study of religions.

One of the resolutions passed at the Conference was that to alter the size of the REVIEW to bring it into line with standard postage and thus decrease costs. This is also an excellent opportunity for all members to suggest any changes they consider would enhance the publication. Philip and I have been editing the REVIEW for several years now and would appreciate your comments on the type of material covered in the Features section, the relevance of other sections, and any modifications which would bring it more in line with your needs. The job of editing is often a lonely one and I do appreciate those of you who show some reaction to the pieces published but just at the moment response rate seems to have dropped to an all time low. As you can see from the Newlink section very few members are sending in information either on their department or on their own conference, study leave or other news.

The next issue - Autumn 1996 - will look at Religion and the environment. I already have one paper on offer but that is a long way from a section. Perhaps if it's not your field one of your students may be working in the area. I'd like to get the next edition out on time so contributions would be appreciated by Christmas. You can always find me in cyberspace tblomber@metz.une.edu.au if you need to check out any details. Thanks again for those who volunteer without having to be nagged.

Since the conference I've managed to catch up with all Exec members except Jane in NZ and we're hoping to get together December-January to look at where the Association is going and ways of encouraging new members and more enthusiastic participation. If you have any suggestions or contributions you'd like to make to the discussions send them to me or one of the other Exec members.

Remember Autumn 1996 - the Greening of Religion!

Tricia Blombery
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