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THIS SPECIAL ISSUE on William Blake was first announced over a year ago. Response from contributors has been so good that *CLQ* will be able to publish additional articles about Blake in forthcoming issues. Prospective contributors are reminded that we take a continuing interest in Blake, and in the relationships of art and literature.

Another continuing interest is regional. As announced in the last issue, we particularly solicit articles about the literature of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. Maine people have many ties with the adjacent provinces of Canada. *CLQ* would like to help explore what is, at least in part, a common cultural heritage.

The picture on the front cover of this issue is of *Satan in his Original Glory*. The original is in The Tate Gallery, London. The picture on the back cover is from Blake's *Jerusalem*, Plate 63. The original is in the Library of Congress, Rosenwald Collection. Both are illustrations to Professor Warner's article on "The Language of Art." Illustrations to the various articles are numbered consecutively throughout this issue, and there is a list of illustrations following the table of contents.

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SPECIAL COLLECTIONS recently received two handsome gifts. Alfred K. Chapman, Roberts Professor of English Literature, Emeritus, donated seventy-two World War I patriotic posters. Most convey a desperate urgency in their slogans: "Hunger, for three years America has fought starvation in Belgium"; "Women! help America's sons win the war." Others are more plaintive: "Feed a Fighter." Many are superb examples of graphic art and their energy and vibrant colors are as fresh today as when they were printed sixty years ago.

Hazel Littlefield Smith of Ann Arbor, Michigan, donated two of Lord Dunsany's holograph manuscripts. The stories were written in the spring of 1955, scratched out with a swan's quill pen, and quite probably have never been published. Both show the influence of the Cold War's ambience. "Jorcken's Dilemma" recounts the experiences of a political prisoner who is incarcerated and threatened with torture solely in hope of forcing him to reveal the address of a casual acquaintance. His knowledge of the behavior of animals in anticipation of an earthquake enables him to escape.

"The Poisoned Orchid" is the tale of a formerly powerful young politician from an unnamed country who has received asylum in England. Fearful of being poisoned by an older rival, the refugee had emptied out a glass of wine into the pot of the man's prize orchid. The orchid died and the younger man, wise to the passions of collectors, fled to avoid certain death. As he points out to a sympathetic listener, "It is not the fox that is to be so much feared. But when a stoat chooses a rabbit, ah, that is different: he follows that rabbit with implacable fury, there is no escape from him. It was so with me. I had a certain political enemy, but a mere fox. I could have escaped from him. But I turned him into a stoat."

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THE COLBY MUSEUM OF ART announces a special summer show which will run from June 26 through September 4. It will include a retrospective exhibition of the works of Cesar Domela, the second annual exhibition of the faculty of the Skowhegan School of Art (1977 faculty), and selections from the permanent collection.

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