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The picture on the front cover of the present issue is from a drawing by William Blake entitled "Har and Heva Bathing." It is reproduced by permission of the Syndics of the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, England. The original was intended as an illustration to Blake's unpublished poem, Tiriel. The picture on the back cover is from an engraving by James Barry entitled "Temptation of Adam." It is reproduced by permission of the Trustees of the British Museum. Both pictures are referred to in Stephen C. Behrendt's article on Blake's Tiriel.

Contributors to this issue

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He is presently re-editing a monograph on the history of Clan Egan, written in collaboration with his wife, Dr. Mary Joan (Girlinghouse) Egan. 

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The Colby Library Associates met on June 2, 1979, in the Robinson Room of Miller Library. A full report of the meeting has been distributed to members. The following new officers were elected: President, R. Mark Benbow; Vice-President, Harold R. Pestana; Book Selection Committee, Bertrand W. Hayward, Alfred K. Chapman, Irving D. Suss, Wayne L. Smith, and James M. Gillespie; Secretary-Treasurer, J. Fraser Cocks III. The meeting heard reports from Director of Miller Library, W. Stuart Debenham, and Curator of Special Collections, J. Fraser Cocks III. Mr. Debenham commented on the commitment of the College administration to improving the Library, and pointed out how valuable the support of an Associates group can be. Mr. Cocks explained the collecting priorities of Special Collections. Effort is being made to obtain poetry and prose works produced in New York between 1900 and 1920. Edwin Arlington Robinson lived and worked in New York and was associated with many of the creative artists of the period. In Irish literature, the emphasis is being placed on post-World War II poetry and prose, while at the same time the 1880-1940 period is being gradually filled in.

There will be a special exhibit of children’s literature in the Robinson Room from July through October. Susan M. Kenney of the English Department selected the books for the display, and has prepared a descriptive checklist.

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