Readers will quickly note the hybrid character and reduced number of pages of this long overdue first 1990 issue of the journal. For both we apologize. We thought it better to get the issue out now than to wait longer. The Spring 1990 and Summer 1990 issues are in production and are expected to be finished in late summer or very early fall, so that both issues can be mailed then. After that we aim at mailing the Fall 1990 issue by sometime in late November.

The present situation has been unavoidable, made up of a group of complications beyond anyone's control. One result is that it has been necessary for us to fall back on older methods of production. It is likely that these will have to be employed for the remainder of this year. When it again becomes possible — we hope and trust that it will — to do the job as professionally as it has been done the past year and a half, readers may look forward to seeing the journal's appearance upgraded once again. If such does not again become possible, it will be necessary to be content with the old Between the Species. That would not, in our opinion, be such a disaster, because — after all — the writing continues to be of the same high quality that has been typical of BTS since we began the journal five and one half years ago.

We are diligently searching for the financial resources which will make possible something like the advances we wrote about in our recent funds appeal. Approximately $5,000 will be required in excess of our usual annual operating budget. We are very grateful to those readers who responded generously to the appeal for funds, which raised about 20% of the aforementioned sum, but we need additional assistance, if such can be afforded, from others. Most organizations undertake several funds drives annually. We have kept our appeals to one annually, but will be sending out several appeals over the next year. Please bear with us. We do not mean to be dunning our readers constantly for money, and there will be many who simply cannot contribute beyond the cost of their subscription — and subscriptions are the basic source of our financial stability. But sometimes it is more possible to contribute more if that is spread out over several times a year.

The following issues will be back to 60 pages. In the interest of getting this issue out within our usual budget — and indeed out at all — we chose to take this conservative route.

We continue to be very appreciative of your interest and support.

John Stockwell