

## EDITORIAL

This issue of *Dalhousie Review* contains the 1995 Dorothy J. Killam Memorial Lectures. These lecture, given under the general title of "Healthy, Wealthy and Wise", addressed important issues of social value. Stephen Toulmin brought to the topic his long concern with questions of ethics, the philosophy of science and the history of ideas, Mary Catherine Bateson, the perspective of a cultural anthropologist, and Elizabeth Yerxa, the experience of an occupational therapist. Together they presented a powerful challenge to the persistent dominance of materialism and of the monetizing of value. It became clear on hearing the lectures, as it no doubt will on reading them, that we need to profoundly re-think the meaning we attach to occupation and employment. Furthermore, we must recognize that the shared activities of teaching and learning, and the many activities that express our care and concern for one another, are now fundamental to the construction of a world that can overcome its present discontents, and survive.

The committee that oversaw the 1995 Killam Lectures was chaired by Dr. Barbara O'Shea of Dalhousie University's School of Occupational Therapy, to whom, together with Dr. Peter Ricketts, Dean of Graduate Studies at Dalhousie, our thanks are due for facilitating the publication of the lectures in the *Review*.

Mark Silverberg's essay on J. D. Salinger began life as the winner of the 1995 James DeMille Essay Contest. Its publication here is particularly timely in the light of the announcement that Orchises Press is publishing Salinger's first book in 34 years. As usual scholarship is embellished with fiction and poetry. We think it is particularly instructive to read the fiction and poetry in this issue in the light of the three Killam lectures—and *vice versa*.