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authors have created. While I value Mythlore's articles for their insights and intellectual stimulation, it is the pictures that I look at and say, "Yes, this person sees something of the same vision I do," or, better yet, "This person has given me a new vision of the world I love." Poetry has something of the same effect; it too appeals to the heart rather than the head. Both of these things help to make Mythlore the very special journal it is.

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C. S. Lewis had a brief letter published on the dust cover of Arthur C. Clarke's Childhood's End (London: Sidgwick & Jackson, 1954). (G34 in Walter Hooper's second bibliography). This letter was not reprinted on any subsequent edition, and the few copies of the 1954 edition I've located have lacked the dust cover. I have exhausted all avenues of search of this letter! I've checked hundred of libraries, including those reported to have a large collection of science fiction. I've checked with the publisher, with Walter Hooper, and even with Arthur C. Clarke himself. No luck. Surely some reader of Mythlore owns the Sidgwick & Jackson edition. It would mean a great deal to me to get a photocopy of the Lewis letter.

(Please try to write letters of comment within a month of receiving an issue, so that timely letters can be included in the next issue. — Editor)

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Editorial Notes - Glen GoodKnight

As a response to readers' interest, the next issue will be a special one focusing on The Silmarillion, Unfinished Tales, and The Letters of J. R. R. Tolkien. As part of that issue, we would like to publish readers' comments on how these books have affected and changed their previous view of Tolkien. A sheet is enclosed for your comments for possible publication.

In the following issue, we will mark the 15th anniversary of The Mythopoeic Society. We would like to include comments from readers on what the Society has and does mean to them. The same enclosed sheet can be used for this.

I hope you will take part in both of these to share your thoughts and feelings.

The changes that were begun in the last issue have brought very favorable comments from many quarters. Your support is vital for Mythlore's ongoing improvement. Please make its welfare your personal concern by: encouraging your friends to subscribe; giving gift subscriptions; becoming a patron; posting the flyer that was enclosed in the last issue in libraries, English Departments, etc. (more copies are available on request); requesting or asking a faculty member to request that your library subscribe; and resubscribing yourself before we need to send you a renewal letter.

You, the individually involved and concerned reader, are the most important reason for Mythlore's success. Only through us working together with a sense of common purpose can Mythlore continue to improve.

The change-over to the new format with larger print, and the addition of the Subject Index, have meant less room for Reviews and Letters for this issue. If we can increase our subscribers by about 15 to 20% we can add at least six additional pages for each issue and other improvements.

1983 Mythopoeic Conference

At this point there has been no definite interest shown in the organization of the 1983 Conference. Those interested should write this year's Chairman of the Council of Stewards, Christine Lowentrou, 115 5th St. #2, Seal Beach, CA 90740 for guidelines.

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