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Dear Simms Society Member,

Greetings from the Executive Council. In the eight months since our first newsletter, there have been a number of exciting developments in Simms studies and with the Society, many of which are described in our second newsletter, enclosed. Please let us know what you think of our new format and as always, please send us your Simms news.

The Society continues to make progress on many fronts, including plans for the upcoming conference, work on our organizational infrastructure, and a number of initiatives designed to further our mission. The Executive Council met to discuss these and other topics in June; members are invited to read the minutes of that meeting, along with the minutes of the business meeting in Athens this past fall, at the Society website, <http://www.westga.edu/~simms/>. As always, our thanks to Dr. David Newton for his hard work in maintaining our web site. He has asked for assistance, so any members with web expertise who would like to help, please contact the Secretary-Treasurer at [Meriwetn@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:Meriwetn@mailbox.sc.edu).)

Our special double issue of *The Simms Review* is in its final throes of preparation, thanks to the hard work of editors Jim Kibler, Nick Meriwether, and the entire Executive Council. Due to the generous support from Society members John G. Simms, Jr. and Mary Simms Furman, this special volume boasts production values normally associated with much higher circulation journals. All Society members in good standing should expect their issue by late summer or early fall.

Members who have not paid their annual dues should please do so promptly in order to ensure receiving a copy of what is already shaping up to be a sold-out production run. Members wishing to purchase additional copies may do so by sending a check for \$25 per copy made out to The Simms Society and sent to The Simms Society, South Caroliniana Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, 29208. And if the extra copy is a gift for someone who might be a good addition to the Society, then why not designate it as a subscription? All contributions are, of course, tax-deductible.

We thank you for your continued support, enthusiasm, and efforts as we all continue the Society's work to restore Simms's reputation and centrality to the mainstream of American literature. Please let us hear from you.

Sincerely,

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