Editorial

Modern Logic plans from time to time to publish special issues devoted to a single topic or to one particular significant individual in the history of modern logic. The present issue is the first of such special issues.

Among Schröder's contemporaries and immediate successors, logicians as diverse as Charles S. Peirce and Bertrand Russell regarded the *Vorlesungen über die Algebra der Logik* as the most complete and perfect compendium of its subject of the day (even while disagreeing radically about the precise scope and boundaries of the topic as presented in the *Vorlesungen*), and many wrote that the logician who failed to study this definitive work thoroughly would risk being forever a novice in logic; thus, for example, Peirce, wrote (on p. 21 of his review–essay "The regenerated logic" (*The Monist* 7 (1897) 19-40) on the third (1895) volume of Schröder's *Vorlesungen über die Algebra der Logik* that whoever failed to study the work thoroughly would risk being a "false pretender," while even Russell grudgingly admitted that Schröder in the *Vorlesungen* "published a work in three big volumes summarising all that had previously been done" (*My philosophical development*, London, Unwin Hyman, 1985, p. 51) which gave "by far the most complete account of the non-Peanesque methods" of logic (*Principles of mathematics* (London. Cambridge University Press, 1903), p. 10).

The present issue, devoted entirely to Ernst Schröder and his work, commemorates the centenary of the publication of the first volume of Schröder's *Vorlesungen über die Algebra der Logik*.

This Schröder commemorative issue is considerably longer than is planned for regular issues of **Modern Logic** and contains more papers than are normally planned for our regular issues; for this reason, and in order as well to accommodate the scheduling requirements of our contributors, our guest editor, and of the journal itself, in addition to the special demands which the preparation of this volume placed upon all concerned, we have found it appropriate to offer this tribute to Schröder as a double issue.