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From historical re-evaluations and current experiments, this issue of the Paranormal Review brings a wide range of psychical research topics to your attention. The Society’s President, Prof. John Poynton, continues his philosopher-president series with a re-examination of Hans Driesch. Dr Peter Hewitt of the Museum of Witchcraft and Magic returns with another fascinating object from the Museum’s collection. Brandon Hodge continues his search for missing Spiritualist devices as he scour the present for traces of the past.

The Psi Society column makes a return this issue and I have re-branded an item that has appeared before, Spontaneous Activity. Last year, I was delighted to be accepted onto the Spontaneous Cases Committee and this occasional column aims to publish some of the reports received as a matter of public record. It was one of the complaints against the Society during the First World War, for example, that it did not do enough to document people’s experiences, especially at a time when so many were reported, and this column, in its own small way, aims to redress the current turn to the laboratory. However, that attempt is entirely dependent on readers sending in their own accounts. As always, the email address is paranormalreview@spr.ac.uk. Anonymity can be requested, so please do not be shy.

I am also delighted to welcome Ashley Knibb to the magazine as our new Events Reporter. He begins with an account of the last Study Day, Psi in Nature, and I look forward to reading more about the Society’s many fantastic lectures and events from him.

In the next issue, a new columnist will be joining us – you will have to wait to find out more. I will also be launching the 2018 Paranormal Review Photography Competition. Those of you who would like to jump the gun and send in their images (see the requirements given for 2017) are most welcome to do so.Ψ

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