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The present issue of AETHIOPICA is sadly marked by the obituaries of Paolo Marrassini and Taddesse Tamrat, who passed away respectively on January 10 and May 23 of this year. They were both great scholars whose research areas coincided at large with the spectrum and focus of traditional Ethiopian Studies as also represented by this journal. The news of Gideon Goldenberg passing away on July 30, a towering figure of Semitic and Ethiopic linguistics for several decades, and on August 16 of Donald Crummey, the eminent historian on modern Ethiopia and land tenure history, were no less sad. Goldenberg and Crummey were, like Marrassini, members of the Editorial Board of the *Encyclopaedia Aethiopica*, for which they had delivered their remarks on volume 5 only a few months ago. Let this issue of AETHIOPICA be dedicated to the memory of these four scholars, who will be deeply regretted.

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I remind the reader that as in the previous volume a list of “Bibliographical abbreviations” is introduced which is generally valid for every contribution in the current volume.

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