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Alonzo Church played a major role in the development of both Logic and The Association for Symbolic Logic. He died on August 11, 1995 and an obituary appeared in the December, 1995 issue of this *Bulletin* (pp. 486–488). The Council of the Association and the editors of the *Bulletin* felt it appropriate to commemorate his passing in a more substantial way. The Council voted in February, 1996 to help support the publication of Church's collected works.

The editors of the *Bulletin* asked four logicians to write articles about Church and various aspects of his work. The next two articles in this issue begin this series of papers. The first is "Step by recursive Step," by Wilfred Sieg. It deals with Church's thesis and his work on computability and undecidability. The second, "The Impact of the λ-calculus in Logic and Computer Science," is by Henk Barendregt. It follows some themes in the development of the λ-calculus from its invention by Church in the 1930's to the present. A future issue of the *Bulletin* will contain articles by C. Anthony Anderson on Church's work in philosophy and intensional logic and by Herbert Enderton on Church's role in the beginning years of the Association and the *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, as well as his project for reviewing published works in logic that became the Reviews section of the *JSL*. We dedicate these articles to his memory.

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