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The eagle eyed will notice that this week's journal looks a little different. The full details are given on p 11, but new entries in the journal include Peter Armstrong and Stephen Keevil writing unusually clearly about the complexities of magnetic resonance imaging (p 35), Colin Douglas delineating the detached retinue syndrome suffered by recently retired professors (p 63), David Widgery spotting similarities between the Secretary of State for Education and the butcher of Culloden (p 63), and John Rees making his personal selection of the best books in chest medicine (p 67). But

this is also a week of endings. Stephen Lock—whose festschrift is reviewed by Robin Fox, editor of the *Lancet* on p 66—declared that he would be the last editor of the *BMJ* to understand Latin, and it seems he may be right: several correspondents have pointed out the error in the Latin that accompanied our editorial on bleeding peptic ulcers (15 June, p 1417). Since we have only one remaining editor who understands Latin (and she describes her knowledge as "shaky") and since most of our readers don't understand it either, we are renouncing the Roman tongue.