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A Note to Authors and Readers

L. A. Selby-Bigge's editions of Hume's *Treatise* and *Enquiries*, revised by P. H. Nidditch, have served as scholarly standards for many years. *Hume Studies* has relied on them since 1977, when parenthetical page references, first to "T" and later to "EHU" and "EPM," first began appearing in its pages. For many readers of the journal, page numbers in Selby-Bigge/Nidditch carry the mind directly to the contents of those pages, as Hume, at T 11 and EHU 24, in effect predicted.

Equally familiar—and for some, even more cherished—is the custom of referring to the numbered parts of Hume's *Treatise* by a series of three numerals: upper-case Roman numerals for the broadest divisions (Hume's "books"); lower-case Roman numerals for the next broadest (Hume's "parts"); and Arabic numerals for the narrowest (Hume's "sections"). This scheme was commonly used in early modern philosophical texts, and is most familiar nowadays from its use in Locke's *Essay*—so familiar that it's easy not to notice that the *Treatise* as it appeared in 1739–40 did not actually employ it. (In the headings and tables of contents there, upper-case Roman numerals, sometimes of descending size, are used for all three divisions. In the footnotes, upper-case Roman numerals are used for books and parts, and Arabic numerals for sections, except in the later part of volume 3, where Roman numerals are employed uniformly.)

As recent reviews in this journal and others testify, the texts in Selby-Bigge/Nidditch have been superseded by the more accurate texts prepared for the Clarendon Edition of the Works of David Hume. These newly-edited texts of the *Treatise*, the *Enquiry concerning Human Understanding*, and the *Enquiry concerning Morals* are (or will soon be) available in two formats: as cloth volumes (with complete scholarly apparatus) in the Clarendon Edition itself, and as cloth and paper volumes (with introductions and other aids designed for students and general readers) in the Oxford Philosophical Texts series. The editors have attached a number to every paragraph in each text, and refer to particular passages by a series of Arabic numerals: four in the case of the *Treatise* (book, chapter, section, paragraph) and two in the case of the *Enquiries* (section and paragraph). Thus "3.1.1.9" refers to *Treatise* III i 1, at T 458, and "12.34" to *Enquiry concerning Human Understanding* 12, part 3, at EHU 165.

Beginning with the first issue of its next volume (April 2002), *Hume Studies* will require its authors to quote from the new Clarendon Edition texts, and to provide references *both* to the Clarendon texts (in the new style) *and* to Selby-Bigge/Nidditch (by page number). (We are told by Oxford University Press that the Selby-Bigge/Nidditch volumes will remain in print, at least for the time being.) A typical block quotation will therefore conclude as follows:

[W]hen after three or four hour's amusement, I wou'd return to these speculations, they appear so cold, and strain'd, and ridiculous, that I cannot find in my heart to enter into them any farther. (T 1.4.7.9; SBN 269)

Authors will be responsible for checking all quotations, and for supplying accurate references of both types. The journal will use Arabic numerals, separated by periods where necessary, to designate the numbered parts of both the *Treatise* and the *Enquiries*.

The editors realize that this change is likely to provoke strong feelings. Some will object that new-style references are enough, because readers loyal to SBN can simply add paragraph numbers wherever needed. (Students who turn to the journal are, however, unlikely to have done this.) Others will lament the absence of SBN page numbers from the Clarendon and OPT editions. The dual system of reference described here represents, in our view, a reasonable and workable compromise.