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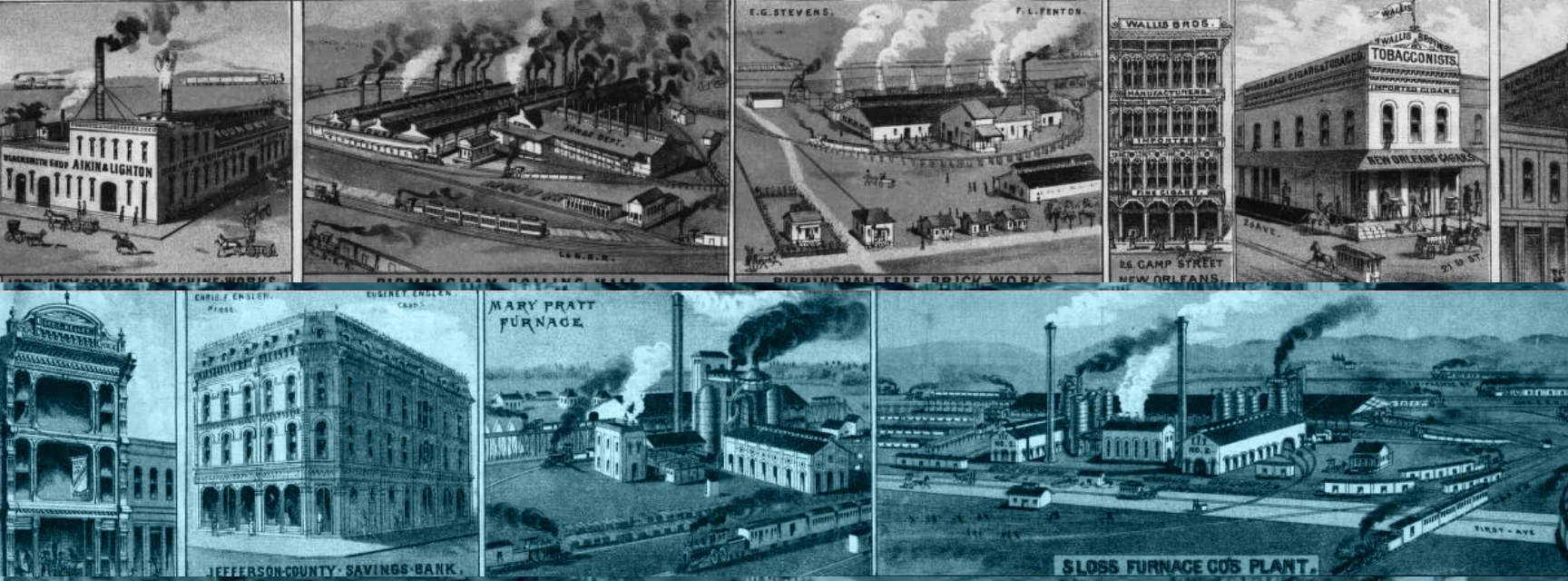
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITORS

**T**he *Vulcan Historical Review* is one of the most useful and important traditions for the humanities at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and we would all like to express our thanks for the privilege of working on this year's issue. This journal affords the opportunity for both graduate and undergraduate students to gain vital experience and exposure during their formal education. Our individual passions and dedication to the craft of history propels new research and helps us ask new questions of the past. The answers to these questions, hopefully, can not only help us better understand how and why we arrived at our current situation but also uncover solutions to change the world for the better. This is the goal of all scholarly history research and our current editors, authors, and faculty have taken up the mantle of this serious and vital scholarship which constitutes not only this issue of *The Vulcan Historical Review* but the legacy of the former issues as well.

Our current issue contains papers and research dealing with historical issues in places ranging from here in Birmingham to across the pond in England and even South Africa. We have chosen to continue our use of the Vulcan statue for our cover as it is not only the namesake of the journal but also the best physical representation of the wonderful city this university calls home. This twenty-second edition of the journal explores various types of history in the hopes to expand scholarly consideration of the past as stated above. Our featured sections include highlighting female perspectives and feminist history in America, cultural histories in America and their legacies, a look at some foreign subjects in history, as well as local history in Birmingham. The journal concludes with a book review by an outstanding graduate student.

This journal could not have been possible without the support and advice of several faculty and staff who helped recruit authors as well as give advice and

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