

OTHER NEWS NOTES

The Editorship of this Journal has now passed to the staff of the Queensland State Archives, and all correspondence should be addressed to the Editor, care-of the Public Library of Queensland, William Street, Brisbane. Congratulations and appreciation are expressed to Mr H.J. Gibbney of the Commonwealth Archives staff for the work he has put into the editorship of the Journal over the past few years.

University of New England. The University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales, has appointed Mr Raymond John McDonald, B.A., as its Archivist. Mr McDonald obtained his B.A. degree with Second Class Honours in History in 1955, and completed his Diploma of Education in 1956. He has commenced M.A. work in History, and for the past three years has been a teacher of History and English in Sydney schools. He joined the staff of the University of New England Library in February of this year, and will remain in training during 1960. Some of this training has been completed in the Archives Department of the Public Library of New South Wales, in the Mitchell Library, and under the tutelage of Mr David S. Macmillan, Archivist of the University of Sydney. He is at present at the Commonwealth Archives Division, Canberra, and will do further training in association with Mr Bruce Shields, of the Department of Economic Studies, Australian National University.

Mr Allan Roy Horton. Mr A.R. Horton, a former Archivist in charge of the Archives Department, Public Library of New South Wales, has been appointed Associate Librarian, University of New South Wales.

Library Association of Australia. Certification of Archivists. The Board of Examination of the Library Association of Australia has before it proposals for the establishment of a special syllabus in Archives Administration in conjunction with the Registration Examinations. The Board is considering this matter in association with its present syllabus revision. However, the revised syllabus (with the exception of the Archives papers) has been accepted by the General Council of the Association. This involves the passing of three introductory papers, in which a certain elementary knowledge of Archives, inter alia, will be required, and four further papers, involving Reference Work, Library Administration, and Cataloguing and Classification. Beyond that, candidates for the Library Certificate will be able to exercise an option of two papers from amongst nine, three of which, it is proposed, will be Archives papers. It is proposed that candidates for the Archivists Certificate will be required to do the same three introductory papers as those for the Librarian's Certificate, but not to do the next four compulsory ones. Instead, Archivists will complete the three Archives papers as compulsory ones, and three more chosen from the ten remaining ones in the syllabus. The outcome of these discussions will be awaited with interest. At the General Council Meeting, held in Sydney this month, Mr R.C. Sharman was appointed to the Board of Examination. He is the first Archivist to have been so appointed.

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