

EDITORIAL

Archives and Manuscripts was first published in November, 1955. It appeared then, thanks to the editorial work of Miss P. Mander Jones and Mr. Allan R. Horton, in cyclostyle form, and it has maintained the same format, and has been produced by the same process, ever since. In June, 1956, Mr. H. J. Gibbney of the Commonwealth Archives Office (which was then the Archives Division of the Commonwealth National Library) took over the editorship, and he was responsible for the publication until August, 1960, when the present Editor took over.

With the present issue the journal is presented in printed form for the first time. We hope that we shall be enabled to continue to issue our publication in this form. We believe that there is a demand for a publication devoted to archives administration, and related subjects such as records management, in Australia. The best way for us to ensure that *Archives and Manuscripts* continues to meet this demand, in printed form, is without a doubt for us to encourage members of the Library Association of Australia to choose the Archives Section as the one to which they wish to belong. We can probably do something to expand the membership of the Association as well, especially with regard to enrolling new corporate members. If it should be in our power to do this, we should ensure that such new members opt for the Archives Section when they complete their membership applications.

We hope by these means to be able to point to the increasing demand for *Archives and Manuscripts* as a justification for its continued appearance in printed form. We are entirely dependent upon the General Council of the Library Association for the finances whereby the cost of printing can be met. While the Association is administered in the manner that applies at the present, and the finances are distributed on the basis of estimates which need General Council approval, there is no way whatever whereby this Section of the Association could finance the printing of a journal without General Council approval.

We need your help, of course, not only with regard to recruiting new members, and maintaining existing support, but also with regard to the writing of articles, book reviews, and news notes. We trust that those who deliver papers on subjects of immediate interest to the Section at the forthcoming Biennial Conference of the Library Association of Australia in Hobart (August, 1963) will submit the text of these papers to *Archives and Manuscripts*. We realise that some of these papers will already have been printed in the *Conference Papers*; however, we are confident that, in the discussion that follows the delivery of these papers at the actual Conference, new ideas will be developed and point or emphasis will have been given to older ideas, and this will bring about a new statement in many cases which will be appropriate for printing in *Archives and Manuscripts*.