

view-point over the period 1848-80, and it gives a good deal of information on the dispute between nationalists and denominationalists. There seems to be only one series of records (NCE/20) which pre-dates the establishment of the Council of Education, and one wonders where one would have to go to find information on the establishment of schools before 1866, and on educational policy generally, especially as the one earlier series is of such a small size. The records of the Colonial Secretary's Office, one assumes, would contain information about education prior to 1866. It appears that there were also two boards prior to 1866, one responsible for National Schools, and one for Denominational Schools. It would be interesting to know where the records of these two Boards are now held. Even in certain outlying parts of the Colony of New South Wales, which were in 1859 separated to make the new Colony of Queensland, there were schools established under the aegis of the two Boards, and to-day there are in existence, amongst the accumulation of records of the Education Department, certain documents dating back to pre-1859 unenlightenment.

The records of the Council of Education were apparently arranged in a complex manner. The "letters received" series (NCE/1) seems to have been interfiled with examiner's reports and memoranda received (NCE/2), with pupil-teacher applications and reclassification reports (NCE/5), with inspectors' itineraries and weekly diaries (NCE/6), with letters and memoranda received from inspectors (NCE/7), with applications for employment (NCE/10), with letters received from government departments (NCE/11), with letters and memoranda received from office staff (NCE/12), and with other, smaller, series. The archives office has done well to sort out all this confusion. Detailed lists (called shelf lists) are included in the preliminary inventory to show the covering dates for individual items or, where applicable, the content in other terms of the items. All told, this is a valuable part of the *Guide to the State Archives of New South Wales*, and will be of great assistance to any person studying education in N.S.W. in the period in question.

List of Series Titles in the Archives Office of New South Wales. The Archives Authority of New South Wales, Sydney, 1965. [This work, a copy of which has been sent to us for review, is mentioned in Miss Lukis's article "Archives in Australia; 1955-1965: Retrospect and Prospect", printed elsewhere in this issue. With these comments, the present reviewer is in agreement].

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## DIRECTORY OF ARCHIVES INSTITUTIONS

At the Annual Meeting of the Section held in Canberra this year, it was agreed that Mr G. L. Fischer should compile, on the Section's behalf, a Directory of Archives Institutions in Australia. This will provide information on the names of the principal archives institutions in Australia, the names of their principal officers, their addresses, an outline of their holdings and other data of significance. Would those who receive a request from Mr Fischer on these matters please co-operate in the interests of the profession in Australia?