

Most of the articles here republished appeared for the first time ten or even twenty years ago. The Editor's decision to use such articles is a wise one. Most of us have runs of the principal archives journals going back to the mid 1950s or earlier. A Bibliography of Posner's writings shows that he has continued to prepare articles for publication right up to the present day, but to gain access to these will not be difficult for the dedicated Posnerophile. The older writings, on the other hand, were harder to find, and at least one was not previously available in English translation. The essays then were for the most part published between 1940 and 1955, only two having been first published within the last decade. In addition, Posner has written a *Postscript* under the title "Archivists and international awareness".

From the point of view of the Australian reader, Posner's ability to look upon the American archival scene with the eyes of a European, and upon the European archival scene with the eyes of an American, is fortuitous indeed. To date, almost all the substantial works we have been able to read have been written about the archives profession in particular countries by citizens of the country in question. Thus Jenkinson's work, illuminating though it is, is a commentary on Public Record Office practice by a Public Record Office man. Muller Feith and Fruin scarcely claim to observe Dutch or other European practices with the eyes of outsiders. Schellenberg helps a little, by observing German, French and British archives as a visiting American, but he was very much a visitor. Posner, on the other hand, is a citizen of two worlds. His stature as a great American archivist is in no sense lessened by his European background; on the contrary, it is heightened and enriched. Though he had little reason, indeed, to be grateful to Hitler's Third Reich, he can comment on German archival practices with affection and tolerance.

This is a fine volume, and constitutes a very worthy tribute to a great man.

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## LIBRARY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA ARCHIVES SECTION

Annual Meeting held in Room 81, Main Building,  
University of Queensland,  
Tuesday, 22nd August, 1967.

### MINUTES

#### **Present**

The President (Miss S. Mourot) in the Chair; Miss E. Edwards, Miss J. D. Hine, Miss S. Humphries, Miss M. L. McCall, Miss M. Medcalf, Miss M. O'Keeffe, Miss J. Robinson; Mr L. Cleland, Mr R. Doust, Mr K. Green, Mr A. Horton, Dr E. F. Kunz, Mr J. H. Love, Mr G. D. Richardson, Mr R. C. Sharman, Mr D. B. Street and Mr A. Wilkes.

#### **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Miss M. Lukis, Mr G. Fischer and Miss T. Exley.

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting which had been published in *Archives and Manuscripts* Vol. 3, No. 3 (November 1966) were taken as read.

It was resolved that they be certified as correct.

### **Report of Honorary Secretary/Treasurer**

The Honorary Secretary/Treasurer's report was read. It was resolved that the report be received.

### **Report from General Councillor**

As announced at the Conference, General Council approved a new syllabus for Registration, including alterations to Papers 14, 15 and 16. Mr Sharman as the member of the Board of Examiners concerned with the redrafting for these Papers, outlined the intent of the changes including the aim that Paper 16 should be at a more advanced level than the other two papers.

Miss Mourot raised the proposal now before Council to absorb *Archives and Manuscripts* into the *Australian Library Journal*. The following resolution was carried unanimously; That this Section wishes Council to be informed that it sees a strong need for *Archives and Manuscripts* to be continued as a separate publication.

### **Election of Office Bearers**

The following were appointed officers: Mr R. F. Doust (President) for 1968 and 1969; Mr R. C. Sharman (Editor of *Archives and Manuscripts*), Miss Mourot, Miss Lukis, Mr Fischer, Mr Green, Mr Street (1968); Mr Cleland continues as Honorary Secretary/Treasurer having been elected in 1966 for 1967 and 1968.

### **Peter Eldershaw Memorial**

Mr Sharman spoke of the institution of the Library Association of Australia Prize announced at Conference and the activity of the Tasmanian Historical Research Association and with Mr Green, spoke of the need for a memorial to Mr Peter Eldershaw. Mr Horton raised the possibility of the publication of a volume of readings in the history of Australian archives including for example the Henderson Report. The problem of financing such a publication, the need to have approval of General Council for such expenditure and the time which would elapse before publication, were pointed out. Mr Richardson suggested a special issue of *Archives and Manuscripts* with appropriate tributes and articles. After discussion it was resolved that the question of the Peter Eldershaw Memorial be referred to the Committee for consideration in the light of discussion and for such action as the Committee sees fit.

### **Directory of Archives Institutions**

Miss Mourot reported that preparation of the Directory had been suspended while the Association was planning to publish its own directory, but as this has not been proceeded with she had asked Mr Fischer to resume his editorship. This action was confirmed by the meeting. Mr Fischer has now finalized the form of the entry. Members were asked to supply names of institutions they knew which might otherwise be missed.

### **Bibliography of Periodical Articles**

Miss Lukis was appointed to the vacancy on the editing sub-committee resulting from the death of Mr Peter Eldershaw and the Committee empowered to co-opt as necessary.

### **Visit of Mr Roger Ellis**

Mr Richardson informed the meeting that it was hoped Mr Ellis or another archivist from overseas would make a visit to Australia in 1969 and that adequate financial arrangements had already been made.

### **Archives and Manuscripts**

The Editor reported that there was a continuing need to reduce the cost of publication of the journal and questioned whether a wider range of printing services might not be available in other capital cities with

the possibility of reduced quotes. A proof page prepared by a justified typewriter was examined. The meeting expressed full confidence in Mr Sharman's ability to continue to produce the journal at the most economical figure possible.

### **The Constitution**

It was reported that amendments had been proposed but as it was not possible to approve alterations without prior notice it was resolved that the Committee complete the redrafting of the Constitution and if practicable, circulate it in duplicated form with an issue of *Archives and Manuscripts* and an enclosed notice indicating that the matter would be submitted to the 1968 Annual Meeting.

[Sgd] (J. L. Cleland)  
Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.

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## **BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ARTICLES**

CONCERNING ARCHIVES TO BE FOUND IN *HISTORICAL STUDIES*; *AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND*, and in *PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION*, *THE JOURNAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL GROUPS OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION*.

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[Note. The accompanying Bibliography was prepared as a contribution to the more widely-embracing project of listing articles in a number of periodical publications, in such a way that students taking the Archives papers in the Registration Examination of the L.A.A. might have a guide to useful periodical references. This project was initiated at the Annual Meeting of the Archives Section of the L.A.A. held in Canberra on 25th August 1965. (See *Archives and Manuscripts*, III, 1, (November 1965), p. 9 and pp. 29-31). It was originally intended to issue the list in order of examination subject—i.e. to list first those periodical articles which would be useful to candidates attempting paper 14, then those useful to candidates attempting paper 15, and so on. However, the syllabus is now in the process of being changed, and it would be confusing to list these references in such a way as to suit either the "old" syllabus—i.e. that which will apply for the last time in 1968—or the "new" one—i.e. that which applies from 1969 onwards. However, it seems that not much will be lost by adopting the arrangement which follows. Most of the references from *Public Administration*, in fact, relate to administrative history, as well one might expect. Those that do not relate to administrative history are numbered 3 (Review by Alan Birch of T. R. Schellenberg's book *Modern archives*), 14 (G. A. Cook on "The microfilm—its use as an instrument of administration"), 21 (P. R. Eldershaw's contribution to the Jacobs/Metcalf dialogue on archives administration), 30 and 31 (Marjorie Jacobs's part in this dialogue), 32 (G. F. James on "The preservation of administrative records"), 45 (John Metcalfe's contribution to the above-mentioned dialogue) and 48 (G. S. Reid on "Official reports in the Commonwealth Parliament"). The references from *Historical Studies*, as might well be expected, cover a wider field, and relate to the use of archives and other primary source materials in the writing of history, as well as to subjects of more immediate concern to the archivist. However, the entries are not so many that it is thought necessary to classify them. The student will do well to work right through the list. Alphabetical arrangement by the names of authors has been used in both lists.]