

EDITORIAL

At the Biennial General Meeting of the Archives Section of the Library Association of Australia held in Sydney on 24th August 1971, it was agreed that a newsletter section of *Archives and Manuscripts* should be prepared, in the first place as a section of the ordinary copies of the journal distributed to subscribers, and in the second place as an offprint to be distributed amongst members of the Section who do not subscribe to *Archives and Manuscripts*. In this issue, an attempt is being made to implement that decision.

Off-prints will be prepared of the first few pages, and the last few, and an attempt is being made to include on those pages general news of interest to members of the Section. In this present issue, this is being done at the expense of the normal feature relating to news from archives institutions. It is hoped in future however to have both the news from archives institutions, and the newsletter for Section members.

As the annual subscription to this journal is only \$1.00 for members of the Library Association of Australia, it is hoped that members will subscribe to the journal as a whole, however, and not rely merely on the newsletter. *Archives and Manuscripts* is under the same disadvantage as all small circulation journals. It has reduced its cost by making use of offset printing, and all editorial work, circulation work and almost every other task associated with its production is done as a labour of love, by the Editor in his spare time. It is not encouraging to read the opening remarks of the two gentlemen who have honoured us with letters to the Editor in this issue. Both of them disclaim the status of paying subscribers to the journal. "Their attention has been drawn to an issue of our publication . . .", to use the stock opening for letters to the editors of journals which are unworthy of financial backing.