

## CELESTIAL REVIEW OF AACOBS ACTIVITIES

At its annual meeting on Friday, 25th August, AACOBS resolved to appoint a working party of seven to review the role, function and method of operation of the Council.

AACOBS was established in 1956 to plan and recommend to appropriate authorities, measures for the further development of Australian library and bibliographical services and to co-operate with international bodies on library matters. The original working party which set out AACOBS role, function and method of operation was appointed in 1953, so that the present organization of AACOBS dates back almost twenty years. Important changes have occurred in the Australian and world library scene over those years and the Council agreed that it was time for an examination of its position to see if it still achieves the objectives it originally set out to achieve and if these objectives are appropriate to the present situation and likely developments in the future. The plan is for AACOBS to continue functioning in its present form while the working party reviews the whole system of its operations and then reports to AACOBS.

Mr D. Borchardt, librarian of La Trobe University, was appointed convener for the initial meeting of the working party.

## COMPUTERS AND ARCHIVES — An Addendum

Mr P.D. Wilson contributed an article on "Computers and Archives" to the August issue of *Archives and Manuscripts* (vol. 4, no 8, August 1972, pp.11-18). He writes:

As the perceptive watcher of the literature will have noted, I owe an apology to the Public Record Office for my remarks about the progress of their work with automation. I trust I may be able to offer the following references by way of penance:

P. Summons, L. Bell and M. Roper — "PROSPEC: a computer application for the Public Record Office", *Journal of the Society of Archivists*, vol. 4 (5), April 1972, p. 423.

M. Roper — "Modern departmental records and the Record Office", *Journal of the Society of Archivists*, vol. 4 (5), April 1972, pp. 400-412.

My only excuse is that the relevant issue of the *Journal* did not come into my hands until I had despatched the article.

P.D. Wilson