

developing commercial interest in manuscripts, I trust we will be able to give this topic of growing importance a thorough and useful airing for the first if not the last time.

I hope a large number of our membership will be able to attend our annual meeting at Winnipeg in June.

- John A. Bovey

THE JOURNAL OF THE SOCIETY OF ARCHIVISTS

Our colleagues in England have gone "mod": Volume four of the Journal of the Society of Archivists has been completely reset. The first issue (April, 1970) has a light terra cotta covering, good lettering and a most pleasing appearance. The articles (printed on acid-free paper) cover a wide bank of interest, and there is increasing awareness of modern records and the new technology.

Professor Christopher Brooke, in "The Teaching of Diplomatic", makes a plea for its study, not for its own sake but in relation to bureaucratic necessity as an aspect of administrative history. He points out that little has been done on English diplomatic from 1290 to modern times, and stresses its underlying continuity with the earlier period.

Among other articles, there is a useful survey of English history and Dutch archives and another on the present organization and working conditions of Scandinavian archives. Dr. Felix Hull has some wise things to say on modern records, and there are technical notes on fungicides and use of thymol for document fumigation. There is also a short notice on the Canadian Archivist which is much appreciated, and has prompted this reciprocity.

In Britain, subscription to the Journal is on a sliding scale according to income, but Commonwealth members who are practicing archivists may join the Society of Archivists and receive the Journal, published twice a year, for one Pound, ten shillings, or about \$3.84 which is very good value indeed. Applications for membership should be sent to Hon. Secretary, Mr. Peter Walne, M.A., County Record Office, County Hall, Hertford, England. Ed.

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