

EDITORIAL

The advent of a new periodical calls for a word of explanation, if not excuse, when there are already so many claiming the attention of scholars and amateurs alike; but in the field of architectural history there was a gap to be filled. Many of the journals which used to publish papers and original documents in the architectural field are now more concerned with technology, or with contemporary criticism, than with historical research, and though there has never been more widespread interest in the architecture of the past than there is now, a good deal of the material, which ought to be widely available, cannot be published commercially. The object of **ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY** will be to make available a wide variety of historical research material, both in the form of original documents and drawings and papers based upon such material, as well as providing a medium for the publication of ideas about architectural history and ways of studying it.

From the number of people who have joined the Society in its first few months, and before it has had anything tangible to offer them, it is clear that there is even greater need for a publication of this kind than the originators of the Society suspected, and there seems to be every reason to hope that the scope of the publication may be extended far beyond what it has been possible to do in this first pioneer issue, in the preparation of which our task has been greatly facilitated by the generous and practical support of the University of Durham. We wish to express our gratitude to The Council of King's College, in the University of Durham, and to The Rector, Dr. C. I. C. Bosanquet, for placing the resources of the printing section in the College at our disposal and to its director, Mr. C. J. Duncan and his staff for the skilled and extremely helpful service they have given to us and the great interest they have taken in the production.