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## EDITORIAL NOTES

<u>A new "Bulletin"</u>? At the last annual general meeting of the Association it was suggested that the <u>Bulletin</u> should appear in a more durable form. For some time, the Committee has been aware of the necessity for this. Inquiries were made about the cost of printing the <u>Bulletin</u>, from which it became clear that, unless it were to receive a regular subsidy from an outside body, this would not be possible.

The Committee, therefore, is now considering the possibility of producing the <u>Bulletin</u> by the photo-offset process or one of the kindred methods of reproduction. Estimates which have already been received suggest that, ultimately, the Association may be able to bring out its <u>Bulletin</u> in this way. But, even by this process, costs will be high and it may be some time before the Committee will feel that it is in the position to allot a substantial proportion of the Association's already limited finances to producing a new type of <u>Bulletin</u>.

Furthermore, such a <u>Bulletin</u> will mean changes in format and content. Over the last two years, the character of the <u>Bulletin</u> has been altered considerably by the introduction of articles and by the emergence last summer of a <u>B.A.A.S. Newsletter</u>. A new type of <u>Bulletin</u> will mean much greater changes. B.A.A.S. members were sent recently a leaflet asking for suggestions about methods of reproducing a new kind of <u>B.A.A.S. Bulletin</u> and for comments and contributions. The Editor would like to repeat this appeal.

--- The <u>B.A.A.S.</u> Bulletin of the future will depend even more than it has done in the past on the support and suggestions of members.

"Trivia" and a Correspondence Column. It has been suggested that the Bulletin should include these features.

Mr. Peter Marshall of Bristol University thinks that members would find interesting a page of Anglo-American "trivia" similar to the "trivia" section of <u>The William and Mary Quarterly</u>. As an example, Mr. Marshall quotes from <u>The</u> <u>Amberly Papers</u> (London, 1937), II, pages 498-9, in which Lady Amberly wrote to Lady Stanley of Alderly in 1872, "Yesterday we all went to the servants' cricket match and to have tea at the White Lodge with the Techs; there was no one there but the Duchess of Cambridge who received me by saying, 'I know you are the daughter in law but now I hear you only like dirty people and dirty Americans. All London is full of it; all the clubs are talking of it. I must look at yr petticoats to see if they are dirty.'" Members who encounter Anglo-American references which might be noted for the amusement and even the instruction of others in a "trivia" section of the <u>Bulletin</u> are encouraged to send them to the Editor.

A Correspondence Column has, in effect, been in existence since Mr. Marcus Cunliffe brought out the first <u>Bulletin</u> in April 1956. Interesting letters are always welcome and, more than once, the editors of the <u>Bulletin</u> have tried to start epistolary controversies.

The first B.A.A.S. Chairman. The resignation of Mr. Frank Thistlethwaite as chairman of the Association will be noted with regret by all members. Mr. Thistlethwaite has held this office since the Association was formed in 1955. His wise counsels have proved of inestimable value to the B.A.A.S. during its formative period. It is good to note that Mr. Thistlethwaite has consented to serve on the Committee for the next three years and that, in this way, the Association will continue to benefit from his advice.

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