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Editorial

A FEW words of explanation are due to subscribers who now find the second double-volume in their hands, within five years; they have had volumes xxvi/xxvii for 1961/62, xxviii for 1963, and now have xxix/xxx for 1964/65.

The basic facts confronting the Editorial Committee recently have been that the annual income available for *Oxoniensia* up to 1964 was virtually the same in pounds sterling as in the mid-1930s when the publication was started—while the Oxford Architectural and Historical Society now possessed negligible reserves to meet a deficit should there be an editorial miscalculation of cost.

Subscribers may wish to be reminded that printing costs have risen about four times since the mid-1930s. Subscribed income in 1935 secured an ample, well-illustrated volume; it was possible to continue publication on this income up to and including volume xxv for 1960, by various means (including drawing on reserves and on the technical resources of staff of the Ashmolean Museum). After 1960 it became obvious that if *Oxoniensia* was to survive in its traditional form, most of its cost would have to be borne by subventions from organizations other than the body of subscribers, that its articles would have to be chosen so as to qualify for subventions, and that the recurring delays until such articles became available would have to be endured with patience. The success of this policy may be appreciated when subscribers realize that the income they provided paid one-fourth of the cost of volume xxvi/xxvii, less than a half of that of xxviii and less than a third of that of the current volume. The secretaries of the Editorial Committee are happy to record thanks to those institutions and individuals whose money and time have kept *Oxoniensia* alive during this exceedingly difficult time.

In 1964 members at the Annual General Meeting resolved to double the subscription for *Oxoniensia*. Regrettably the potential increase in income has not yet become available in full, and the Editorial Committee thought it best therefore to cost the present double volume according to the income actually in hand, in the hope that a small surplus would become available for 1966 and after. For the next few years therefore the survival of *Oxoniensia* seems assured, following the policy pursued since 1960. A further increase in subscribed income will be needed if it is to survive in the 1970s. Members are asked to do all they can to increase the number of subscribers.