EDITORIAL

This enlarged issue contains a selection of material which we hope will interest all our readers, but since it is impossible to please everybody all the time, we trust that all readers will find something to educate, amuse or stimulate.

Mr. J. Mills, a Lecturer at the North-Western Polytechnic School of Librarianship, is well-known for his writings on classification, and his article will be welcomed by fellow librarians. Mr. John Askling, one of our Corresponding Members in the United States, was unable owing to illness to send us the original article promised, but we reprint an earlier contribution from his pen, and wish him a speedy return to health.

We also reprint the article by Mr. C. W. Hanson and Miss Marian Janes on the "Lack of indexes in reports of conferences", and are grateful to the authors and to Aslib for permission to do so. The wider the publicity given to such articles the better. This issue also contains the Society's "Standards for Indexes to Learned and Scientific Periodicals", compiled and distributed with the aid of a grant from the Advisory Committee on Co-operation with Educational and Professional Organizations of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, of which Mr. John Cook Wyllie, one of our Corresponding Members for the United States, is the Chairman. These "Standards" were preprinted and many copies have been distributed to editors and publishers of periodicals.

Dr. H. Robinson Shipherd, Ph.D., Litt.D., Book Editor, of Southold, New York, lists the special features of his own indexes and presents the results of extensive personal experience. We thank all our contributors of large, small and even minute items, for the value of an article is not judged by its size, which could be inversely proportionate to its merit. We also welcome articles and contributions to any of our usual features.

CONFERENCE ON INDEXING

It is proposed to hold in conjunction with Aslib a One-day Conference on Indexing. This will take place early in 1961, and members will be notified as soon as details are fixed.