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Editorial

A glance at the foot of the page bearing the Contents of the Journal usually discloses a statement of the Objects of the Association. These involve collection as well as distribution of information. The Journal is the organ by means of which information is disseminated, while the Library is the place for collected information.

A good library is an essential for any scientific body. It helps to provide the answer to Members' problems, it helps in the education of our younger Members, and it provides a record of the work done in the past. Our library is small ; in fact far too small to fulfil the functions for which it was created. It contains a few books, a few periodicals, and, thanks to the generosity of one or two Members, a few publications of historical interest. This state of affairs is unsatisfactory and the time has come to appeal to Members to help build our library up into something worthwhile. What sort of things should it contain ? A partial answer to this question is given in this copy of the Journal in which appears a bibliography of important papers on rotary wing aviation (additions will be made to this from time to-time). The total number of items in this bibliography is quite large. If we are doing our job properly a copy of every paper of which the title appears should be in the library. A few we already have. Some we hope to secure from the Ministry of Supply, but many we can only hope to obtain if Members possessing copies they no longer need will present them to the Association.

Have *you* any rotary wing papers tucked away that you no longer require ? If so, the Secretary wants them and wants them *now*. The sooner this library of ours is a going concern, the sooner Members can be offered an adequate library service. Books and periodicals can be borrowed from the library, but we can only organise this if we have something worth loaning, so the Editor earnestly asks all members to help in this direction. Incidentally, the fact that we have permission from the Ministry of Supply to publish this bibliography does *not* mean that Members can borrow the listed reports from the Ministry. With the full co-operation of all Members we do hope soon to be able to say that the various papers can be borrowed from the Library.