

EDITORIAL

Isolation is one of the largest problems facing theological libraries in Australia today. Generally there is the isolation from the major areas of thriving theological librarianship of Europe and the United States. More immediately there is the isolation of our countless libraries scattered throughout the continent. Most of these have only minimum staffing and many with little professional expertise.

In an effort to counter this situation associations of theological librarians were formed in Sydney and Adelaide. These have been in existence for over ten years. Now there is our national Association. Our Constitution recognises the problem of isolation and addresses it in the first of the "Aims" -

"To provide a forum for interaction between librarians of and others interested in theological and religious libraries".

This newsletter's primary function is to act as such a "forum for interaction". This can only be achieved with the full co-operation of all members. News and information should be shared together with the many difficulties resulting from our isolation. In doing this we will provide the needed "forum for interaction".

Our 1987 conference will be held in Melbourne at Ridley College from August 23rd to 25th. Booking forms are included with this issue. Members are encouraged to attend.