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D.H. Pike, D.Litt.(Adel.) [returned from leave in July]

Reader
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Professorial Fellow
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R. Kumar, B.Sc.(Delhi), M.A., Ph.D. (Panj.(I)), Ph.D.(A.N.U.) [resigned January]
J. Eddy, S.J., B.A.(Melb.), D.Phil. (Oxon)

Senior Research Fellows
W. Bate, M.A.(Melb.)
P.R. May, M.A.(N.Z.)

Research Fellows
J.H. Voigt, Dr.phil.(Kiel), D.Phil. (Oxon) [on leave from March to August]
B.K. de Garis, M.A.(W.Aust.), D.Phil. (Oxon)

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Research Associate
M.E. Hoare, B.A.(Hull), M.A.(Monash) (jointly with Australian Academy of Science) [on leave from October]

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General

The main work of the Department is research in Australian, modern British, imperial and commonwealth history. Two scholars are completing their theses in modern Indian history, but the future of this field within the Department has yet to be decided. Pioneer work within Australia has been done in it, and received international recognition, but it may be time to turn to another field.

During the year a major long-term project has come successfully to an end. Miss P. Mander-Jones and her small staff in London have completed the manuscript of the Guide to Manuscript Sources in the British Isles relating to Australia and the South-West Pacific, and it has now been delivered to the A.N.U. Press for publication. The Guide, which has been sponsored since 1964 by the Australian National Library and the Department of History acting for the A.N.U., will be a major work of reference for scholars in Australia and many other countries.

The work of the Australian Dictionary of Biography under Professor Pike is described below.

Staff

Dr R.A. Gollan, who was appointed to a Professorial Fellowship in April, spent July to November as a visiting lecturer at the University of Papua and New Guinea, by arrangement between that University and the A.N.U.

Messrs Bate of the University of Melbourne and May of the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, and Dr de Garis of the University of Western Australia, will complete their two-year periods of appointment early in 1971. Their research work while here is described below. It has been generally agreed by members of the staff and by students that their presence has been stimulating to others, and that so far the experiment of short-term appointments of mature workers of this kind has been justified.

Professor La Nauze, a foundation member of the Australian Humanities Research Council, and Dr Gollan, were elected Fellows of its successor, the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

Mr M. Hoare was awarded a Humboldt fellowship for study in Germany, 1970/71.

Students and Seminars

Eight students were working for the Ph.D. at the end of 1970. R. Norris and G. Davison successfully completed their Ph.D. courses. K.I. McPherson was on field-work in India.

Weekly seminars, presenting reports on the work of staff and students, and papers by visitors from other Departments and places, were held throughout the year. Visitors included Sir Steven Runciman, Professor Allen of the University of London (in conjunction with S.G.S.) and Miss P. Mander-Jones. A very successful series of three seminars was concerned with the work of Hugh Stretton, of the University of Adelaide, The Political Sciences, mainly written when he was a Visiting Fellow here in 1966.
Professor La Nauze completed his work on the making of the Australian Constitution, which will go to the publishers, Melbourne University Press, in January 1971.

Mr Fitzhardinge made substantial progress on the second volume of his biography of W.M. Hughes. It will be completed for publication during 1971.

Dr Gollan continued work on the second volume of his work on Radical and Working Class politics and hopes to complete it in 1972.

Dr F.B. Smith completed his biography of William James Linton which is now being considered for publication. He began several further projects: 'The Chartists and the Plug Plot' (completed); a history of parliamentary reform in the United Kingdom, 1867 to the present, to be completed in 1971; a history of Britain 1700-1860, to be published 1973-4; and a book on the social consequences of venereal disease in Britain in the nineteenth century.

Dr J.J. Eddy continued work on a study of Great Britain and the Australian Colonies, 1830-75, a successor to his book published in 1969. It deals with the development of the Australian colonies within the wider context of imperial government. He is also editing for the Clarendon Press and contributing to a volume of historical studies of imperial policies and their effect at the end of the nineteenth century. Both works should be ready for publication in 1972-3.

Dr J.H. Voigt, who was on field work in India from March to August, wrote several chapters of a study of the Indian Freedom Movement and the Second World War. He expects to work on relevant sources in Japan, the U.S., and Europe after completing his three-year term as Research Fellow in July 1971. The book should be finished about the end of 1972.

Dr B. de Garis has continued to work on the history of the federation movement in Australia. This is a large study which will not be completed before the end of 1972. He is also preparing a chapter on the 1890s for a new History of Australia to be edited by F.K. Crowley.

Mr W. Bate continued work on his history of the city of Ballarat.

Mr P.R. May did extensive work on his study of the Australian aspect of a large study of the mid-nineteenth century gold-rushes in the Pacific area, from California (1848) to New Zealand (1860s). He has been particularly interested in comparative technologies. Some results have been published, or will be in 1971, in the form of articles or monographs. The big book should be completed within the next three years.

Mr M. Hoare continued his work on the history of Australian scientific societies. From mid-September he has been working in Germany on the career of Johann Reinhold Forster, who travelled with James Cook as a scientist, and he hopes also to investigate relations between German scientists and Australian science in the nineteenth century.

Australian Dictionary of Biography

During 1970 work on the A.D.B. has been concentrated on Volume 4,
of which two thirds have gone to the printer. Publication of the volume is expected in mid-1971. In the same 'chronological slab' (1851-1890) Volumes 5 and 6 have made steady progress, thanks to the generous co-operation of hundreds of contributors.

Preliminary lists for the third section (1890-1939) are now being revised by the State Working Parties, and will be ready by mid-1971 for circulation among prospective authors. The Biographical Register continues to grow in size and in value. Increasingly it is consulted by local scholars and its information is sought by inquirers from all the States.

Publications

* ANDREWS, E.M.


† BATE, W.

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* BOLGER, P.F.


* DAVISON, G.


† CROWLEY, F.K. and † DE GARIS, B.K.


† FITZHARDINGE, L.F.


† HOARE, M.E.

'Note on the MS Collection in Basser Library', Records of the Australian Academy of Science, 2, 1 (In press).

† McPHERSON, K.


* Former member. Based on work done while a member of the Department.
† Member of the Department of History.
‡ Not a member of this University.
** Based on work done prior to joining this University (a substantial amount of work and compilation having been done at this University).
MAY, P.R.


PIKE, D.H.


SHULTZ, R.J.


SMITH, F.B.


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STRETTON, H.


VOIGT, J.H.


'The Foreign Policy of the SPD/FDP Coalition Government in West Germany', Australian Outlook, 24, 1, April 1970, 61-69.

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Based on work done while a Visiting Research Worker.
WRIGHT, D.I.


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