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EDITORIAL

As both chairman of the Society and editor of "Branch News" I feel that I must pay tribute to everyone who has contributed in some way to the continued success of the Society. It is most encouraging to hear that so many of you are offering to help with the various projects and excitement grows as each piece of finished work is returned to us. In gathering material together, indexing, and publishing the finished work we are helping family historians everywhere.

Of course, the main object of the Society is to help members in their own researches. "Branch News" is produced as a means of contact, not only with officials of the Society, but with other members, and many other Societies. We encourage members with similar name and area interests to contact each other and we are very pleased to hear when such contacts are made. Some people are unsure in case a member they might contact should feel reluctant to pass on 'hard gained' information, but this should not be so. Family historians are noted for their willingness to share and their generosity in passing on information. One good way of finding contacts is through the use of Members' Interests (see p. 3.) as all interests submitted by members, right from the formation of the Society are alphabetically listed. Many members are now finding 'lost' relatives through the use of these booklets.

Another way of making contact, is to make "Branch News" work for you, it is your magazine, use it to help you. Send in a query for "Help Wanted" (free to members) or better still, write a short article about your family research. I was persuaded to write an article about my family research in the very first issue of "Branch News" and this brought me a letter and information from the noted author, lecturer and genealogist, Frank Smith of Salt Lake City, and we find that we are 3rd cousins!

I would like to thank everyone who has sent in information and interesting items. A short while ago we had a marvellous gift from Mr. E. Breffit of Felixstowe, Suffolk, of an album packed with old postcards, many relating to Derbyshire. Thank you, Mr. Breffit, your gift is very much appreciated.

Good hunting during the summer months
W.E.W.

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- 349. Mr. Alan G. SCOTT, 100 Portreath Drive, Allestree, Derby. Searching SCOTT of SUNDERLAND 1900; THOMPSON of DUNDEE, SCOTLAND; SCOTT of HALIFAX, YKS. 1890.
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