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During the year I have produced three Newsletters using the photocopying facilities of my Council on a rechargeable basis. I fear my editing has not been as accurate as it should have been and Mr Stansfield's move to the University of London has no basis in fact. The creased pages in Newsletter 4 were a machine fault and we have received a compensatory reduction in the charge.

The content of the Newsletters has been somewhat of a problem. In the absence of a definite policy I felt that, for the first year, it would be interesting to see what articles arrived uninvited. This has resulted in mixed quality and rushed deadlines, and the publication of the Bolton Collection is as much a tribute to our Chairman's conscience as to their suitability for the Newsletter. I have, however, been encouraged by the wide variety of short notes and requests for information received, as this type of communication was always conceived as a major function of the Group.

During the past month I have attended two meetings on behalf of your Committee. The first was the inaugural meeting of the Environment Division of the Institute of Biology. Although it did not seem appropriate to request formal representation on the Committee I would strongly recommend close contact with this Group, and the Institute.

More recently I attended a discussion about a proposed joint meeting with the Society for the Bibliography of Natural History and the Geological Curators Group on the History of Collections. The GCG were, unfortunately, unable to attend so no more than preliminary ideas were put forward. A provisional date suggested is Spring 1979 - Spring 1978 would tend to clash with our own Conference in September 1977 whereas the suggested date does coincide with a scheduled SBNH Seminar, with all that implies with regard to publication of proceedings. Details will be worked out by a Steering Committee of two members each from the Groups involved.

Stephen Flood

Newsletters for 1977

No. 6 (available June) Invited articles on Record Centres.
Items relevant to M.A. Conference.

No. 7 (available September) On the theme of B.C.G. Liverpool Conference.