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## EDITORIAL

Few members who attended the BCG meeting in Manchester could have failed to be impressed by the work being carried out in museums in the North West. The atmosphere and enthusiasm created by the North West Collections Research Unit is obviously resulting not only in better documentation of biological collections, but providing a useful forum for communication at a regional level. If the provinces expect peripatetic curatorial help from the B.M. (N.H.), a prerequisite must be well documented and researched collections at the local level, and the development of C.R.U's in other regions must foster this aim. Potential exists within the present BCG Committee structure to parallel developments in the North West, each region having a representative. Will 1979 see Collection Research Units flourishing in all the regions?

Many members will have been following the debate in Nature pertaining to Exhibition policy at the B.M. (N.H.). This issue includes an open letter on display from Brian Seddon, and I would be pleased to continue the discussion in the Newsletter.

Many hours of labour went into the enclosed index of Newsletters 1-10 by Geoff Hancock. To make subsequent index production an easier task all subsequent Newsletters will be numbered sequentially. Can you please regard Newsletters 1-10 as Volume One.

Finally I would like to express my thanks to all the contributors from north of the border who have helped to make this particular edition a bumper one.

Peter Davis