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EDITORIAL

NO more Jumble Sales! For some time now the question of increased Annual Subscription rates has been in the minds of us all. It is hard to have to raise these rates when everything else is getting more and more expensive and the cost of living is continuing to mount, but so is the cost of running the Society increasing and the demands put on the Branches and the C.E.C. are heavier than in years gone by.

Any professional body must have a sound financial backing and we have now reached a stage in our development when we should be able to support ourselves and the Branches run their affairs without having to turn to such unprofessional aids as Jumble Sales, Cake Sales and Raffles. It is the Branches who are particularly in need of more money, as up till now they have been existing on ten shillings per capita annually.

This has had to cover all expenses such as postage, printing, Conference expenses and publicity in the form of social gatherings and film shows and lectures. Now, with extra cash in their pockets, these demands should be more easily and more professionally dealt with.

Alongside these immediate needs we have to consider the all-important long-term view of what

the Society will need for the future. We have many ideas in mind, the most important being the raising of some hundreds of pounds to put our Bill for Compulsory Registration through Parliament. When this has been achieved we will have to have permanent headquarters, with permanent paid staff which will be a continual strain on our resources.

The Journal, which does much to publicise the Society, is running with its head just above water, and cannot expand without being "in the red".

The Bursary fund too needs capital to carry out all it was established for, such as training of teachers, sending members overseas to Conferences where many important contacts can be made and information gained.

In every sphere our activities could and must be expanded but this is only possible with money in the bank.

A commission of enquiry is to be set up to circulate the definite needs of all the Branches and the Central Executive Committee. But before this work has been completed it has been decided to raise the annual subscription immediately for the forthcoming year to £3. 3. 0. This sum will be revised at a later date when more data is to hand.