

INTRODUCTION

One of the major educational activities of the Commonwealth Secretariat is the encouragement and promotion of co-operation in education among member countries. In pursuance of this objective the Fifth Commonwealth Education Conference (1971) underlined the particular need for this exchange among Commonwealth countries of information on educational research and experimentation which are essential to the improvement of the quality of education.

In 1968 the Commonwealth Secretariat published a booklet listing research programmes in the field of education then in progress at a number of Commonwealth universities. A further booklet on the same topic was published in 1969. The enthusiastic response to these publications encouraged the Education Division to enlarge the booklet into a Register of on-going research programmes and to issue it biennially as a regular feature of its information programme.

The first Research Register was published in 1972 incorporating the researches undertaken during the years 1970-1971, and was entitled Education in the Developing Countries of the Commonwealth. It comprised research in progress in institutes and departments of education and other similar organizations both within and outside universities. The contributions received were classified under eighteen areas of educational research and for easy reference an author and an institutions index were provided.

The Education Division is pleased to publish another volume of the Research Register covering the years 1971-1973. It follows largely the pattern of the first register at the same time incorporating suggestions received for making it more useful. We regret the delay in the publication of this volume, the preparation of which had to be held over till after the Sixth Commonwealth Education Conference (1974). The Conference commended the publication of the Register as an important and valuable contribution to Commonwealth co-operation by providing wider opportunities for those engaged in research in similar fields of education to disseminate information about their research projects.

The Education Division would like to thank all those who sent in contributions and suggestions for the improvement of the Register and would appreciate a similar response to this second volume of the Register.