

EDITORIAL

This is the fourth Auckland University Law Review and the third to be presented in this form. The Law Review is a young journal and is still in its formative stages. As a consequence, we have been faced with various problems. It was necessary to decide whether contributors should be limited to students and whether those articles finally included should be only those dealing with specifically legal problems.

It was decided finally to continue the policy of former editors and limit the Review to student publications. Students, unlike staff, have little chance to publish their research, and the quantity of good work produced by them during the year appeared to demand the space of the whole Review.

We have also refused to limit ourselves to articles of a specifically legal character; there are many journals dealing with the difficulties of the written law. We felt our Review could serve a more useful function if it were to deal with subjects of interest to the lawyer and law student and relevant in the future, though not, perhaps, of direct help to his course or practice. Thus we include a paper dealing with computers and the law, a topic which will certainly be discussed more frequently in the future as the complexities of the written law increase. Furthermore the paper on industrial conciliation, though not dealing with an actual legal problem, provides an interesting insight into a system which directly or indirectly involves most of the profession. The paper on Dickens, as well as being entertaining reading will, we hope, give the reader some understanding of the state of the law in the mid nineteenth century. The papers on thalidomide and Antarctica deal with parts of the law which to date have met with little discussion and which in the future are likely to be of concern to the lawyer.

We offer our thanks to our Business Manager, Michael Kent, and the Advertising Manager, Paul East. We owe a special debt to Mr Seymour who has spent a great deal of time helping us to avoid the mistakes novice editors can make.

In reply to many inquiries, we have included the scheme under which this journal will be bound. The scheme is as follows:

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The Editors.