

Introduction

In 1968 the Education Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat compiled information on current research in some Commonwealth countries, which it published in a booklet under that title. The aim of the publication was to enable persons engaged in research projects, or having educational problems similar to those being investigated, to make contacts with one another and exchange information, ideas and experience.

The booklet was so well received that the exercise was repeated in the year 1969, and continued in 1970/71 as a regular series under the title "Research Register" to be published bi-ennially.

As an extension of the idea of the Research Register reports on some of these projects are being published for the first time this year. There are 42 reports contained in this volume; 36 of these carry cross references to the Research Register where they are listed; six are not yet listed.

These reports are condensed versions of the full reports on the projects. They cover a wide range of topics all related to problems in education, and are broadly classified for presentation in two parts. Part I deals with matters affecting educational policy and planning, history and development, administration and organisation, economics and techniques; Part II deals with human behavioural patterns and characteristics.

It is hoped that this publication will serve the purpose for which it is intended. Comments and suggestions for the improvement of future editions of the 'Report' will be welcome.

The Education Division of the Commonwealth Secretariat wishes, on behalf of all those who will use this volume, to thank the research workers who have made this publication possible by submitting reports on their work.