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EDITORIAL

This second issue of the Review is intended to consolidate the approach adopted by the very first issue. Readers will notice that Harry Kidd has provided us with another contribution on European law: this time on Article 7 of the Treaty of Rome. I am also particularly pleased that Peter Somerfield of the Liverpool Office of the Charity Commission has contributed an historical survey of urban charity in post-Reformation France; in addition, he has supplied what several readers have specifically requested: the latest information on the dates on which various provisions of the Charities Act 1992 come into effect. That statute is of course the subject of considerable further investigation in this issue. For example, Dr Peter Luxton has brought his learning to bear on the new provisions dealing with professional Fund-raising in the first of two articles on that subject, while Lee Sheridan has targeted the new investment provisions in sections 38 and 39 of the Act.

The increased powers of the Commissioners will play an important rôle in the supervision of charitable administration in the future, and Elizabeth Cairns has provided a convenient survey of the various changes in that direction. This is complemented by the discussion provided by Francesca Quint, a former Deputy Charity Commissioner, on the criminal and other sanctions under the Charities Act 1992, a topic capable of making the flesh creep!

I am anxious to leaven the discussion of statutory provisions with contrasting pieces on case law topics and it is hoped that Adrian Longley's ruminations on religion as charity will provide intellectual food for contemplation and digestion. Peter Clarke, a law tutor at Jesus College Oxford, has combined his academic experience in relation to the law of trusts (he contributes to the All England Reports Annual Review on that topic) with his specialist interest, as a member of the Firearms Consultative Committee, in shooting. The result is a keen analysis of the topical issue raised tentatively by the Commissioners as to whether rifle clubs should be charitable.

Two cases involving recreation grounds are noted, one of which *Oldham Borough Council v A-G*, decided by the Court of Appeal at the end of the Trinity term, is of particular significance.

It is hoped that in future issues some precedents can be included.

Hubert Picarda QC
21st September 1992