

EDITORIAL

At Last Some Good News...

With this Newsletter comes some of the best news Shroud-wise for a very long time. No, not that your Editor has moved to Australia (which he has!), but that for the first time since 1978 the Shroud is again to be put on full public display, with all the opportunity for international fresh appraisal of the subject that this will bring. The just-announced 1998 exposition will of course mark the exact centenary of Secondo Pia's discovery of the Shroud's hitherto unknown negative characteristics, so central to the whole Shroud mystery. The surprise - but a most welcome one - is that there is to be a further exposition in the year 2000. The fullest details as known so far, being released as early as possible to members, and before receipt of the official Italian text, appear on p.3 onwards.

On a personal note, with regard to the move by my wife and I to Australia, our new address, which is a few miles out of Brisbane, appears on the front page of this Newsletter. However thanks to today's communications, the fullest contact is being maintained with the U.K. BSTS Steering Committee member Nigel Yeadon has kindly agreed to look after the printing and distribution of the Newsletter in liaison with General Secretary Dr. Michael Clift and member Mrs. Judith Bate (who will be responsible for address labels). Accordingly, while members of the Society remain willing (and some one third live outside Britain), I will continue to edit and originate the Newsletter as if still in the country. As I have assured Rex Morgan, editor of the proudly Australian *Shroud News*, there will be no encroaching on his territory! Because most of my office equipment and files are in transit, there have been some limitations on producing this present Newsletter, but normal service should be resumed by the next issue. Naturally I will be returning to the U.K. as regularly as possible.