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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the fifth volume of *Proceedings of the Brisbane Catholic Historical Society*, which comes to you under the auspices of a new President and a reformed Executive committee.

May I begin by officially thanking Dr. T.P. Boland for the contribution he has made as my predecessor and express the hope that his invaluable advice and expertise will be available to the Society for many years to come.

Special thanks too must go to Brother Leo Ansell CFC who, once again, has done much exacting work in preparing the volume for the press. Thanks also to people who engaged in proof reading and other time-consuming duties. I will not mention you by name, but you know what you have done and how much of this volume is the result of your labours.

As usual, the *Proceedings* reflect the scope of the *Society's* lecture material for the previous two years. They demonstrate the wide range of topics it is possible to pursue within the field of local history.

Our Patron, Archbishop Bathersby, follows in the footsteps of his predecessor, Bishop James Quinn, in retracing that Bishop's travels in North Queensland. The lives of other famous Catholics, are represented in the person of Mr. J.P. Kelly. Parish histories, Fortitude Valley, the Logan Reserve and Caboolture, are examined, as are certain distinctively Catholic aspects of social life before Vatican II, one of which was the Hibernian Catholic Benefit Society. Thanks to those who presented this material.

(Regrettably, the paper on "Irish Navies in the Qld. Railways" was unavailable at the time the volume went to press, but it is acknowledged as part of the *Society's* lecture series. Should it become available, it may be included in a future volume.)

And now, it's good-bye from me. Sit down, make yourself comfortable, and get ready to enjoy the articles that follow.

Chris Hanlon (Dr.)
President