NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

The A.G.M.

The Ninth Annual General Meeting was held on 19th May at the National Book League. If any member has not yet received a copy of the Minutes, please write to the Hon. Secretary for one.

After business was over we were honoured to hear a talk by Mr. Norman Knight on his index to Volume 1 of Winston Churchill, 1874-1965 by Randolph S. Churchill.*. The Lamont Room of the N.B.L. was crowded to the doors with nearly 70 members and guests.

The evening was rounded off with a very enjoyable reception and sherry party which in no small part had been rendered a success by the attentive staff of the National Book League.

1966/67 Winter Meeting Programme

Three evening discussion meetings will be held. On Tuesday, 8th November, Mr. C. H. J. Kyte will talk on The Times Index of which he is the editor.

In January, on a date still to be fixed, Mr. Colin R. Barber will talk at a joint meeting with the Library Association Indexing and Cataloguing Group on computer typesetting and its applications for indexing and cataloguing. Mr. Barber, a mathematician, is a director of Rocappi Limited, which is concerned with this form of typesetting.

On Thursday, 16th March, 1967, Mrs. Alison Quinn has agreed to talk on her index to the Hakluyt Society’s edition of Principall navigations. This index won her the 1965 Wheatley Medal. All three meetings will be held at 6 p.m. in the offices of the Library Association, to whom we express our appreciation for making available their accommodation for these meetings. Members who arrive early may obtain tea. Further details are being distributed to members by post.

New members

The following new members were elected to the Society at the March and June Council meetings:

**Individual members—U.K.:** Mrs. A. F. C. Baber (Gloucestshire), Mrs. N. A. Blenkin (Yorkshire), Mr. W. F. Broome (London), Mr. G. H. Burns (Northumberland), Miss E. A. Furlong (London), Miss B. K. Gurdler (Surrey), Miss E. C. Hayes (Sussex), Mr. E. H. Jones (Belfast), Mr. S. Lawrence (Essex), Mrs. G. M. Lowe (London), Mrs. M. Lyons (London), Mr. M. F. T. Pearce (Kent), Mrs. A. M. Quinn (Liverpool), Mr. E. C. Sington (Middlesex), Miss M. A. Wilson (London).

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The Panel

The Annual Report of the Council refers to the use that is being made of the Panel of Indexers. I have recently re-organized my details by recording on edge-punched index cards each member’s interests and specialities to ensure that all members are treated equally when I am dealing with publishers’ requests for names of likely indexers.

Dinner to Hon. Correspondent

On 9th August, Mr. and Mrs. M. Z. Barkay were entertained as guests of honour at a small dinner arranged by officers of the Society. In addition to several officers we had the pleasure of the company of Mr. John M. Shaftsley, who is engaged in compiling a cumulative index to the Jewish Chronicle for the years 1841-1946; an account of this project appeared in The Indexer, Vol. 4, pages 3-13. Mr. and Mrs. Barkay were on a short visit to England from Israel where he is the Society’s Hon. Correspondent. He is also Senior Librarian in the Jewish National and University Library, Jerusalem, and is Secretary of the Israel Library Association.

* Being published partly in serial form in The Sunday Telegraph and in toto by William Heinemann Ltd.