tial students for the 1967 and subsequent courses are assured that where possible the recommendations arising from the questionnaire survey are being incorporated to make the course more useful.

Acknowledgments are made to all who replied to the questionnaire and I am sure that future students will be grateful to them for making it possible to assess the ways in which the course can be of better use.

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NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL

Members are notified that at the 1967 Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th May, officers and two Council members will be elected. The Constitution and Rules of the Society, Section 7, require that officers shall serve for one year but are eligible for re-election. Two members of the Council retire each year in rotation, but are eligible for re-election. The two members retiring at the next A.G.M. are Miss D. F. Atkins and Mr. F. H. Tatham.

Each nomination for office and membership of the Council must be received by the Secretary on or before 25th April and must be duly signed by two members of the Society and countersigned by the nominee.

PERSONALIA

Mrs. A. Magda Whitrow is working on a large bibliography for the History of Science Society of the U.S.A. The project has already kept her busy for the last two years, and it will be some time yet before she will be able to bring her task to completion.

Miss Gladys M. K. Beck, who retired from being Librarian of the Architects' Journal two years ago, writes that she is busier than ever with her book indexing and in particular is compiling indexes to sections of the U.D.C. dealing with civil engineering.

Eyvind S. Tew has edited the completely re-styled *Yearbook of International Organizations*. This is the 11th edition to be published in fifty-six years.

Miss P. L. Erskine, recently the Librarian at Aslib, has joined the Society. Readers of *Aslib Proceedings* may recall having seen her bibliography on 'Co-ordinate Indexing' published in Vol. 15, No. 2, February 1963. She has settled in Sark and is a probationer on the Panel of Indexers.

Another new member, Mr. M. A. V. Siddiqui, has been accepted by the Council as a corresponding member for Pakistan.

Mr. R. L. Collison has been elected Chairman of the British Standards Institution committee concerned with the standards on Alphabetical Arrangement and Preparation of Indexes.

Mr. Zvi Barkay, who is the Senior Librarian of the Jewish National Library in Jerusalem and the Society's Hon. Correspondent for Israel, is at present engaged in compiling the index to a new 32-volume encyclopaedia, designed to become the Hebrew equivalent of the *Britannica* or our own *Chambers's*. The index volume will constitute the final volume of the set and only one volume of text, the 6th, which deals with Palestine, will have its own index.

Mr. Barkay reckons that this colossal task will keep him fully occupied for some eight years. He is also writing for Hebrew readers a pamphlet, *Indexing*, based on this experience. The latter publication is being sponsored by the Israeli Ministry of Education.

Mr. K. G. B. Bakewell took up the appointment of Lecturer in cataloguing and classification at the Liverpool School of Librarianship on 1st November, 1966. His *How to find out: management and productivity* was published by Pergamon Press in December 1966.

Mr. John Shaftesley, who in November 1963 spoke to the Society (see *The Indexer*, Vol. 4, Spring 1964, pages 3-13) on his colossal task of compiling a cumulative index...
to the *Jewish Chronicle* since its start in 1841—before he became editor in 1946 the individual volumes had no index at all—has now completed the first 40 years.

The resulting product of some 140,000 cards (with an average of five entries to each card) has now been put on microfilm, which also includes his index to the first five years of *The Voice of Jacob* (1841-6). Mr. Shaftesley has only another 60 or so volumes to do in order to complete his task! It has already taken him about four years.

Mr. Aemil Pouter, a Hyatteville (Maryland) member of the Society, is to be congratulated upon having been selected by the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted (Scottish) Rite of Freemasonry in the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. to undertake the compilation of a cumulative index of the *Transactions* of its Supreme Council from 1857 to the present day. Mr. Pouter, who himself holds high rank in the A. & A. Rite and is format Editor of *The New Age*, has already made a start on his formidable task.

The indexes to a new edition of Lady Nugent’s *Journal* (1801-1805), edited by Philip Wright (Kingston, Jamaica: The Institute of Jamaica), 1966, were praised by *The Chronicle of the West India Committee* in its issue for January, 1967. It says: ‘A particularly valuable feature is the Index of Persons, whose entries actually include brief biographies of the chief characters concerned. The General Index is also beyond reproach.’ Mr. Philip Wright, a member of the Society of Indexers, compiled the indexes as well as edited the *Journal*.

CONGRATULATIONS

... to Mr. John M. Shaftesley, on his recent feat in compiling the index to *Remember the days: essays on Anglo-Jewish history presented to Cecil Roth* (London: The Jewish Historical Society of England), 1967. This volume has been edited, as well as indexed, by himself. Originally planning to compile an eight-page index in a week, he found on its completion that it would stretch to 28 pages. By dint of skilful cutting, however, he managed to compress his product by one half—and all within the week!

... to the *University of London Press* for printing a ‘credit’ to the indexer on the verso of title-page of *Books and the teacher* by Antony Kamm and Boswell Taylor.

... also to *Oxford University Press* for crediting Margaret Crosland with writing the Introduction and compiling the index to Benedetto Croce’s *Philosophy, poetry, history*. Martin Seymour-Smith reviewing this book in *The Scotsman* says that the reader will find the ‘skilful index more than usually helpful’.

... and to Mr. E. S. de Beer, who has had conferred on him the title of Fellow of University College, London.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Mr. E. S. de Beer, Fellow of the British Academy, historical scholar specialising in seventeenth-century history, editor of the first complete edition of Evelyn’s *Diary*, was acting librarian of the Institute of Historical Research for the *Bulletin* of which and for *History* he compiled several indexes. He has contributed articles and reviews for learned periodicals, including an article on ‘The Larger Index’ which appeared in *The Journal of Documentation*, Vol. 12, 1956, pp. 1-14.

Robert L. Collison, F.L.A., a Vice-President of the Society, is one of the most prolific British writers on librarianship and indexing.