Council is now awaiting the American proposals on the form this relationship should take, and certainly hopes to have more definite information for our next Annual General Meeting.

Council. In addition to the Officers and members of the Council elected in May 1968, Mrs. E. Wallis, Deputy Editor of The Indexer, was co-opted to membership of the Council during the year. The Council has met five times during the year.

Miss R. D. Coole and Mr. R. Raper have expressed a wish to retire from the Council owing to pressure of other business. The Council thanks both these members for their valuable services over a long period. Under Rule 7(b) of the Constitution, Messrs. Harrod and Raper are required to retire. The Council proposes the re-election of Mr. Harrod, and the election of Mrs. E. Wallis and Mr. N. R. Fisk to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Miss Coole and Mr. Raper.

R. BANCROFT, Chairman.
H. TOWNLEY, Secretary.

CORRESPONDENCE

CHAPTER HEADINGS

It was delightful to see Mrs. M. D. Anderson's article, in our Spring issue, under the above heading, as I had long felt strongly on this. Many indexes are of the 'wood-for-trees' category, picking out isolated mentions and oblivious to chunks. One can give a numeral, with explanation at the beginning, but it is perhaps better to prefix 'chap.' each time. One has only found one publisher deprecating such references. Care needs, however, to be taken to distinguish these from chapters of works quoted, such as the Bible; e.g. 'Jerusalem, chap. v, pp. 36—'; 'Luke, gospel, chap. xx'. Mrs. Anderson has made a fundamental contribution.

H. V. MOLESWORTH ROBERTS.

CECIL ROBERTS' AUTOBIOGRAPHY

As the indexer of The Growing Boy and The Years of Promise, the first two volumes of Cecil Roberts' autobiography published by Hodder & Stoughton, I was interested to read Sean Day-Lewis' comments on the second volume on page 133 of the Spring 1969 issue. 'Lady Cunard' was merely one among more than 200 names omitted from the index to that volume for reasons of space, and with the author's approval. These were people not directly concerned with Cecil Roberts himself. Lord Curzon was mentioned twice, but the author never met him. There were many paragraphs solid with names, but they were associates of others, not the author.

Mr. Day-Lewis would no doubt be relieved to know that Lady Cunard had already received honourable mention in the first volume (and index) of Mr. Roberts' autobiography.

K. ATTERTON.

Dear Sir,

I was very sorry to see from page 129 of your Spring 1969 issue that my letter in the previous issue had given offence to Mr. K. G. B. Bakewell. I am afraid it never occurred to me to consider that the book used as an example by Mr. Negus (Autumn 1967, page 189) must in fact have been indexed by someone, and that that person might take my general remarks about the difficulties and dangers of indexing against the clock as an implied criticism of his work on this particular book. In fact my letter was not in reply to Mr. Negus's original query, but to his evasion of Mr. Dixon's plea for more time, made in the Spring 1968 issue. In that issue the title of the book was not mentioned.

I honour and marvel at indexers like Mr. Bakewell who, in addition to doing (I presume) a full-time job, are able and willing to put aside all other pleasures and commitments, and spend their evenings and weekends making indexes. But Mr. Bakewell admits to one advantage which many of us do not have—a wife who is both willing and competent to share his self-denial and his labours. I have often thought how much less complicated life would be if I had such a wife.

(Miss) ALISON M. HODGSON.