When Mr. Robert J. Palmer was in London recently he had lunch with some members of the Council and took the opportunity of discussing some form of association between the recently-formed American Society of Indexers and the Society. He took this photograph which shows (l. to r.) Mr. J. M. Shaftesley, Mr. G. Norman Knight, Mr. R. F. L. Bancroft, Mr. L. M. Harrod, Mrs. E. Wallis, Mr. N. R. Fisk and Mr. John Thornton.

Mr. Shaftesley then took a photograph to include Mr. Palmer.
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR 1969-70

The Council has pleasure in reporting that, during the past year, the Society has successfully continued its activities and wishes to thank all those officers and members who have helped to further the aims of the Society.

The Council was saddened by the death of Mr. G. V. Carey, Vice-President, during the past year. Mr. Knight represented the Society at the Memorial Service.

Members will, we are sure, welcome with acclamation the nomination of Mr. G. Norman Knight, Founder of the Society, for election as President.

Membership. The total membership at the end of the financial year was 311 compared with 292 in the previous year. New members elected during the year totalled 38.

The Council calls attention to the rule that if members' subscriptions are not paid by September 1970, their membership is liable to lapse automatically. Subscriptions should be sent to Mrs. M. D. Anderson, 23A Chaucer Road, Cambridge CB2 2EB.

Register of Indexers. The number of Registered Indexers is now 120. During the year 64 authors or publishers asked the Society to recommend indexers for specific works and 285 recommendations were made. The majority of requests have continued to be for indexers specialising in scientific works and although every effort is made to spread these requests evenly over members on the Register, it is inevitable from this that Registered Indexers specialising in the Arts could not be put forward so frequently as those specialising in scientific subjects.

Fees for Indexing. The Council has given very careful consideration to the points made by members at the 1969 Annual General Meeting and the matter has been considered in detail by a sub-committee. It has come to the conclusion that to put forward any proposals relating to methods of payment other than those based on the 'by the hour' formula would be impracticable.

The Council proposes to prepare a leaflet on fees which will be available to members on request.

Meetings. At the Annual General Meeting in May 1969, Mr. Norman Knight gave a most interesting account of The History of the Society. The wine and cheese party that followed provided a much appreciated opportunity for members to meet and discuss problems and points of interest.

During the past year, Mrs. D. Blake gave a talk on 'Cumulative Indexes' in October 1969, and Mr. K. Mallaber spoke on 'Indexing at the Board of Trade' in December. The Society expresses its warm thanks to both these speakers.

Hon. Correspondents. The Council is pleased to announce that Mr. Kendon Stubbs, who is Reference Librarian to the University of Virginia, and Dr. Lindsay Verrier, formerly Chief Medical Officer of Fiji, have agreed to become Hon. Correspondents to the Society for the Southern United States and South Pacific respectively.

Finance. The Statement of Accounts which accompanies this Report reflects the Society's continuing viability. The Council is particularly grateful to Mrs. M. D. Anderson for the considerable work she undertakes both as Treasurer and as Membership Secretary, and to the Auditors, Mr. William Davies and Dr. A. Dickinson.

Awards. The Council has been giving some thought to a proposal to institute an award in memory of the late Mr. G. V. Carey. In the meantime, efforts are being made with the co-operation of the Library Association to improve the flow of applications for the Wheatley Medal Award.

Training Courses. No course was held in 1969-70 but arrangements were made for a course to be held from 29th June to 2nd July, 1970, at the North-Western Polytechnic.

The Indexer. At the end of the year the Council is pleased to report that the Society's journal now has a circulation of just over 700 and plays a most valuable part in promoting the Society's aims. Special thanks are due to Mr. L. M. Harrod for his
work as Editor and to Mrs. E. Wallis who acted as Editor while Mr. Harrod was in the U.S.A., as well as to the members of the Editorial Board who assisted him. Contributions and letters to the Journal are welcomed.

*Society Representation on other Organisations.* The Society is represented on the relevant committees of the British Standards Institution by Mr. R. Bancroft, Mr. L. M. Harrod and Miss Piggott.

*American Society of Indexers.* Discussion on what form an association with the American Society of Indexers should take has been more protracted than was anticipated and the Council is not yet in a position to put definite proposals to members.

*Council.* The Council has met six times during the year.

Mr. J. L. Thornton is unable to continue as Vice-Chairman, owing to pressure of other commitments and in his place the Council nominates Mr. F. H. C. Tatham for election as Vice-Chairman. Our thanks are due to Mr. Thornton for his sterling service.

Under Rule 7(b) Mr. J. Shaftesley and Mr. M. Wace are due to retire and the Council nominates both these members for re-election.

*Hon. Secretaryship.* Miss Townley was unable to stand for re-election as Hon. Secretary owing to pressure of other commitments, and because of ill-health was unable to complete her term of office.

The Council have appointed Miss P. M. Trew as Hon. Secretary and she took up her duties at the beginning of March 1970.

The Council records its appreciation of the work undertaken by Miss Townley for the Society and extends a warm welcome to Miss Trew.

*Register of Indexers.* For the time being, Mrs. Elizabeth Wallis is maintaining the Register of Indexers and dealing with enquiries from publishers. Her address is: 25 Leyborne Park, Kew Gardens, Surrey.

R. BANCROFT, Chairman.
P. M. TREW, Secretary.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL**

*Memorial to the late Mr. G. V. Carey*

Preliminary consideration has been given to the institution of an Award in memory of the late Mr. G. V. Carey. The Council is anxious that the Award should not be in competition with the Wheatley Medal and feels it is advisable therefore to wait until the effect of the new scheme for the latter is evident before deciding on the form the G. V. Carey Award should take. Suggestions noted to date are: (a) for services to indexing; (b) for an outstanding body of work; and (c) for indexing in the scientific field. If members have any other suggestions would they please send them to the Hon. Secretary.

*Proposed affiliation with the American Society of Indexers*

What form the proposed affiliation should take has been one of the matters for detailed consideration by the Council during its last few meetings. The American proposals were not acceptable in their entirety and the Council has put forward counter-proposals aimed at devising a simple scheme which would allow the relationship between the two Societies to develop from this by a natural progression.

*Fees for indexing*

The final preparations for the pamphlet on fees are in hand and members will be notified when the pamphlet is available.

*Library*

Mr. L. M. Harrod has very kindly agreed to become the Hon. Librarian of the Society and the Council has authorised the expenditure of an agreed sum each year on the purchase of additional books to make the collection more representative of its subject.

*Dr. Lindsay Verrier*

The Council are very glad that Dr. Verrier, a distinguished member of the Society who