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.

**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
is resident in Fiji, has agreed to become the Hon. Correspondent for the South Pacific, and were delighted to welcome Dr. Verrier in person at a luncheon party arranged in April by Mr. Norman Knight. Dr. Verrier is a member of the Fiji Legislative Council and was in London in connection with the Independence negotiations.

NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

The Society has, in conjunction with the Library Association, drawn up conditions for awarding the Wheatley Medal which are very different in many respects from those which have existed so far. The revised conditions of the award and new arrangements for inviting recommendations are given on another page (page 58).

Practising indexers have a concern for the raising of the standards of indexing and a desire to further the compilation of more, and better, indexes. One of the ways in which this can be done is to submit recommendations for the award, and it is hoped that the changes which have been made will encourage more members to make recommendations.

LIFE MEMBER

We are pleased to report that another member of the Society—Squadron-Leader A. H. Waitt—has become a life member.

BACK NUMBERS OF THE INDEXER WANTED

Will readers who have any issues of The Indexer published before 1968 which are surplus to their needs please send them to Mrs. M. Anderson, 23A Chaucer Road, Cambridge CB2 2EB, as some are becoming in short supply. Those for September 1958 (Vol. 1, No. 2) and Spring 1965 (Vol. 4, No. 3) are specially needed as they are out of print until reprints (which are in hand) become available. Any copies sent will be paid for at the original price if they are in mint condition.

EXTRACTS AND COMMENTS

There is an interesting note on the contents page of The Institute of Directors’ Guide to Europe (Thornton Cox, 1968).

‘Each country is dealt with in the same sequence and format, which we believe is clear enough to make an index unnecessary.’

The book has 677 pages and deals with some 19 countries, allowing about 30 pages to each country. The rest of the book is taken up with general articles and there are approximately 40 pages of advertisements. An index to advertisers is provided.

‘Information Bulletin takes a swipe at a new book (Randall’s Dukedom large enough: Random House, 1969), wherein the author, a university librarian, not only gets a lot of his facts mixed but omits L/C (Library of Congress) from the index despite at least 20 mentions.’—Comment in Engineering, 8 May, 1970.

INDEXING AUGUSTUS

Few indexes can have been compiled in more incongruous, yet nevertheless romantic, surroundings than that of John Buchan’s Augustus (Hodder & Stoughton, 1937). That year as Governor-General of Canada he visited Canada’s North. On the deck of a stern-wheeler on the Clearwater River a ‘long narrow table had been contrived for him with a couple of planks. And there he sat with the fluttering little white paper markers of his index all over the place. Our cargo almost swallowed him up. His spare form was all but lost in the midst of pig crates, the cage of chickens, the tractors, the assortment of agricultural implements which surrounded him’.—Margaret Bourke-White, who accompanied him, quoted in John Buchan by Janet Adam Smith (Rupert Hart-Davis, 1965).