hardback copies! (Print on paper is known to microfilm aficionados as "hard copy").

'To ensure adequate pay, authors and journalists generally will require a far higher proportion of receipts when publication is on microfilm.

'These then are the big problems—microfilming rights, and remuneration. Far too big a problem to be discussed in depth at Conference, but worthy of the deepest investigation by a Commission of the Institute and other interested bodies.'

Mr. Brookes referred to talks he had had with Mr. Bernard Williams, Chief Investigator at the National Reprographic Centre for Documentation. Mr. Williams said there should be a separate microfilm right. Libraries recorded material up to 50 years ago, so royalties had to be paid on this material. But on material from, say 1914, to the present day negotiations have to take place mostly with publishers in the U.S. A 'copying right' could be arranged. It was practicable. There could be a tag with reference number or letters.

Music copyright was an example. A record was kept of every piece of music played. The playing of music was the equivalent of copying a document on microfilm. Royalties were shared out at the end of a year to those holding the musical copyright. Microfilm reproductions could be fed into a computer and the royalties apportioned.

Paul Dong (Freelance) said the Institute of Journalists was represented on the Copyright Council and worked with the Publishers' Association. It was a vast problem, which IoJ representatives were tackling.

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THE WHEATLEY MEDAL, 1970

The Wheatley Medal—the first to be awarded under the new conditions—was presented to Mr. E. L. C. Mullins for his index to A guide to the historical and archaeological publications of societies in England and Wales 1901-1933 (University of London, Athlone Press, 1968). Mr. K. G. Bakewell introduced Mr. Mullins to the Past President, Mr. Richnell, who made the presentation on behalf of the President.

Mr. Mullins compiled the Guide as a spare time occupation during twenty years for the Institute of Historical Research. It consists of a listing of the contents of the periodicals issue by issue; adequate indexing is therefore absolutely essential for the tracing of information required. Mr. Mullins obtained a London University M.A. in history and after a period of teaching was Librarian of the Oxford and Cambridge Club from 1946 to 1949. He is now Librarian of the Royal Historical Society, and has been Secretary to the Editorial Board of the History of Parliament Trust for the past twenty years.

He was created an O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours in 1971.

Mr. John Dent's index to Martin Hardie's Water colour painting in Britain, published by Batsford in 1968, was commended.
Mr. D. T. Richnell, Past President of the Library Association, presenting the Wheatley Medal to Mr. E. L. C. Mullins.

THE WHEATLEY MEDAL

1970

The Wheatley Medal for 1970 was the first to be awarded under the revised conditions agreed by a special committee of the Library Association and the Society of Indexers. Thirty-five public, university and special libraries were invited to submit up to two outstanding indexes in their own specific subject fields and, because indexes are often difficult to judge accurately at first sight, any British index published during the preceding three years (1968, 1969 or 1970) was eligible for the award. Members of the two Societies could still make recommendations, of course; so could, for the first time, publishers or indeed any other individuals or corporate bodies.

As a result of these revised conditions the complaint certainly could not be made this year, as in previous years, that too few titles were recommended. The Joint Adjudicating Panel, consisting of three representatives of the Society of Indexers and three representatives of the Library Association Cataloguing and Indexing Group with Dr. J. E. Holmstrom in the chair, were given thirteen indexes to consider.
The winning index was *A guide to the historical and archaeological publications of societies in England and Wales, 1901-1933*, compiled by E. L. C. Mullins for the Institute of Historical Research and published by Athlone Press (University of London) in 1968. Mr. Mullins, who is Librarian of the Royal Historical Society, received his award at a special reception held at Library Association Headquarters on 25th May, 1971.

Mr. Mullins’s work consists of three indexes: an alphabetical list of societies with their publications (pages 1 to 490); a general index (pages 491 to 788); and an index of authors (pages 789 to 850). In words taken from the foreword, it ‘lists and indexes the titles and authors of books and articles bearing upon the history and archaeology of England and Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands, issued to their members between the years 1901 and 1933 inclusive by more than four hundred local and national societies located within these areas’.

The compilation of the main section of the work, the list of societies and their publications, might at first sight seem a fairly simple task. But a tremendous amount of research has gone into the tracing of publications: the societies listed range from such august national bodies as the Royal Historical Society and the Royal Society to lesser known local bodies like the Liverpool Committee for Excavation and Research in Wales and the Marches, and the Society of Dorset Men in London. The publications of each society are preceded by a brief history of the body with details of its amalgamation, etc. In all, 6,560 volumes are listed but, since many volumes contain a large number of articles, there are many more entries than this.

The brief explanatory note on the use of the indexes, a model of clarity and conciseness, explains that, to facilitate reference to the main list from the general index and index of authors, a number has been allotted to each volume in the lists and a letter of the alphabet to each article within a volume. This letter is doubled or trebled if there are more than 26 or 52 articles. The following extract illustrates this method, which was one of the ‘features novel to standard indexing which serve a useful purpose’ considered by the Adjudicating Panel when recommending the work for the award:

**SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES OF LONDON**

*Founded 1552, for the study of antiquity and the history of former times. Suppressed by James I, but continued to meet until c1660. Refounded 1707. Incorporated by royal charter 1751.*

**Proceedings, 2nd ser., vols. 18-32 ([1901]-20)**

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a [Roman stone coffin found at Braintree, Essex, by G. F. Beaumont]

b [Romano-British remains in the upper Thames Valley near Wallingford, Dorchester, Oxford and Eynsham, by F. Haverfield] (etc.)

Unlike so many introductions to indexes, this one also explains the arrangement, which (to the joy of Mr. Fisk and myself) is letter-by-letter. One example will illustrate the thoroughness of the subject indexing. Under SOUTHEASTERN UNION OF SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES: OTHER PUBLICATIONS,
5520 A survey and record of Woolwich and west Kent, containing descriptions and records, brought up to date, of the geology, botany, zoology, archaeology and industries of the district, with a brief photographic commentary, in commemoration of the 12th annual congress, 1907, of the Union.

This is indexed as:

- Geology—of Woolwich and west Kent
- Botany—of Woolwich and west Kent
- Zoology—of Woolwich and west Kent
- Industries—Woolwich and west Kent
- Kent
- London—Woolwich (with a reference from Woolwich)

South-Eastern Union of Scientific Societies

There is, of course, no need for an entry under 'Archaeology' since this is the subject of the whole work.

Mr. Mullins is an honourable addition to the roll of Wheatley medallists.

Mr. John Dent, Borough Librarian of Epsom and Ewell, was a most worthy runner-up for his excellent index to *Watercolour painting in Britain* by Martin Hardie (Batsford, 1968).

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We are grateful to Wing Commander *Roger F. Pemberton* for indexing this volume of *The Indexer*. He says that doing this has afforded him ‘peculiar pleasure. It is nice to be allowed to make a really comprehensive index without restriction of space by publishers’ editors “breathing down one’s neck”’.