ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
1971

The 14th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at ASLIB, on Tuesday, 18th May, 1971. Thirty-two members attended the meeting and a number of apologies had been received from members unable to attend.

The minutes of the 13th Annual General Meeting were approved and the Report of the Council for the year 1970/71 was adopted.

The Chairman reported further that the American Society of Indexers had that day confirmed their acceptance of the final draft of the terms of affiliation which the Council of the Society of Indexers had prepared. The terms would be circulated to all members of the Society and a Special General Meeting would be held in the autumn at which the terms would be formally submitted to members.

The following Officers were re-elected for the year 1971/72:

Chairman
Vice-Chairman
Treasurer and Membership Secretary
Secretary

Mr. R. F. L. Bancroft
Mr. F. H. C. Tatham
Mrs. M. D. Anderson
Miss P. M. Trew

The Chairman reported that Mrs. Anderson had advised the Council that she did not wish to continue as Hon. Treasurer and Membership Secretary after the close of the current year, owing to her many commitments. Members unanimously endorsed the Chairman's expression of warm appreciation of Mrs. Anderson's unstinting work for the Society over a period of many years.

Under Rule 7(b) of the Constitution, Mrs. E. Wallis and Mr. N. R. Fisk were due to retire but were eligible for re-election. There being no other nominations Mrs. Wallis and Mr. Fisk were duly re-elected to the Council.

The accounts for the year 1970/71, which had been circulated, were adopted and the Hon. Treasurer was congratulated on her judicious management of the Society's finances, which had resulted in a surplus of £252 for the year.

A vote of thanks to the Auditors was also recorded and Mrs. Anderson reported that Dr. Dickinson was not able to stand for re-election, owing to his recent illness. Mr. Davies was re-elected as Auditor for 1971/72 and it was agreed that the appointment of the second auditor be delegated to the Council.

The Chairman referred to a letter he had received from Mrs. Shuttleworth on the application of the Earnings Rule. One or two members spoke of their own experience which illustrated the unfairness of the application of this Rule and it was agreed that members with points to submit on this matter should send a note to the Secretary.

The President, Mr. Norman Knight, drew attention to a new book which Mrs. Anderson had written entitled Book indexing which was published by the Cambridge University Press (50p) and which was a very worthy successor to the late Mr. Carey's book which was now out of print.

A very cordial vote of thanks to ASLIB was recorded for the use of their premises for the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. L. M. Harrod., F.L.A., then gave a most informative talk on his work as Hon. Editor of The Indexer which should have provided much food for thought to all those who submit scripts for publication.

After this, members adjourned for the Annual Reception which, as usual, provided a welcome opportunity for members to get together and exchange views.