would be submitted for consideration by the Panel must inevitably be very few indeed.

This is an important aspect of the Award, and readers are invited to express any views they have on the subject to the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible.

It is regretted that the revised arrangement (mentioned on page 58 of the Autumn 1970 issue of *The Indexer*) for the submission of recommendations by selected libraries, which was introduced effectively for the first time in respect of the 1971 Award, has met with poor response, and individual and institutional members of the Society are urged to send recommendations to the Library Association by the 15th February next.

Mr. Bakewell’s report also appeared in the May issue of the *Library Association Record.*—Editor.

**Revised Conditions of the Award**

(a) The award to be called the Wheatley Medal and to take the form of a gold-plated medal with suitable inscription.

(b) Indexes first published in the United Kingdom during the preceding three years, i.e. 1970, 1971 and 1972, to be eligible; printed indexes of any type of publication may be submitted for consideration.

(c) The index must include all headings that common sense would expect and scholarship need to find in an index.

(d) The index must be the best possible for the work of which it forms part, and attention will be paid to features novel to standard indexing which serve a useful purpose.

(e) Recommendations for indexes to be entered for the award are invited from members of the Library Association and of the Society of Indexers, publishers and others. A number of selected libraries will be invited to submit indexes in their special subject fields. All recommendations will be submitted on a form available from the Library Association. This will include notes for guidance and a list of criteria which should be satisfied.

(f) The recommendation on the award to be made by a panel consisting of three representatives of the Library Association Cataloguing and Indexing Group, and three representatives of the Society of Indexers, with power to co-opt. The final decision will be subject to confirmation by the Chairman of the Library Association Publications Committee.


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