Training Courses. Two courses were held at the Willesden College of Technology in 1971, an advanced one from 21 to 24 June and an introductory one from 28 June to 1 July. Twelve students attended the Advanced Course and the Introductory Course was over-subscribed, admission being closed at 32. Both courses concluded with a lively Question and Answer session and our thanks are due to Mr. Harrod for his work as Director of the Courses.

The Council is pleased to announce that arrangements are being conducted to inaugurate a correspondence course in indexing. Full details will be published in The Indexer as soon as possible.

In view of this development it has been agreed that no short courses will be held this year.

The Indexer. At the end of the year the Council is pleased to report that the Society's journal has maintained its circulation and continues to play 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. Wallis the Assistant Editor. Contributions and letters to the journal are welcomed.

Library. Members are reminded that the library is housed in the basement of the Library Association premises. The Council has authorised regular purchases to be made each year up to £10 p.a. to make the library more representative of its subjects.

International Book Year 1972. The Council has agreed that copies of the April 1972 issue of The Indexer should be sent free to delegates to the FLA Conference to be held in Budapest in September. An approach has also been made to the National Book Committee, which is responsible for co-ordinating national activities, to ensure that such an essential part of all serious books as the index is suitably promoted in the International Book Year activities.

American Society of Indexers. The terms of affiliation were formally approved by members at the Special General Meeting held on 19th October, 1971.

Society Representations 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. Dr. J. E. Holmstrom, Mr. M. Wace and Mrs. E. Wallis represent the Society on the Wheatley Medal Sub-Committee.

Council. The Council has met five times during the year.

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

R. Bancroft, Chairman.
P. Trew, Secretary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY OF INDEXERS

The 15th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at ASLIB on Tuesday, 16th May, 1972. Twenty-six members attended the meeting and a number of apologies had been received from members unable to attend.

The Report of the Council for the year ended 31st March, 1972, was received. The Chairman brought members up to date on events since the end of the year and reported that he had been interviewed by the BBC and BBC representatives had been invited to the AGM and the Reception.

The following officers were elected for the year 1972/3:

Chairman: Mr. Richard F. L. Bancroft, M.A.
Vice-Chairman: Mr. F. H. C. Tatham, B.A.
Under Rule 7(b) of the Constitution, Mr. J. M. Shaftesley and Mr. M. Wace were due to retire but were eligible for re-election. There being no other nominations, Mr. Shaftesley and Mr. Wace were duly re-elected to the Council.

The Accounts for the year 1971/2, which had been circulated, were adopted. It was agreed that in future the accounts should include details of the previous year's figures for comparison.

A unanimous vote of thanks to the Auditor, Mr. W. Davies, F.A.I.A., was recorded and Mr. Davies was re-elected Auditor for the ensuing year. It was agreed that the appointment of a second auditor whenever this became possible should be delegated to the Council.

It was resolved that Rule 7(a) of the Constitution be amended to include the Editor and the Registrar as Officers of the Society. Following this amendment, Mr. Harrod was elected Editor and Mrs. Wallis Registrar for the year 1972/3. The Chairman, in proposing the appointment of Mrs. M. Anderson as a Vice-President of the Society, spoke of the very high regard in which Mrs. Anderson was universally held and of the debt owed to her both for her sterling work over many years as Hon. Treasurer of the Society and Member of the Council, and for her outstanding services to indexing generally. The members present unanimously recorded their approval of the proposal and on behalf of the Society the Chairman presented Mrs. Anderson with a book token and a posy of flowers.

Following the conclusion of the formal business, Mr. Lloyd put forward the suggestion that a highly experienced member of the Society might consider setting up a small 'stable' of suitable newcomers on a similar basis to that used by barristers in chambers. This could both facilitate the entry of novices into indexing and ensure that skilled indexers would be available in the future to replace the older ones when they retired. Mrs. Quinn reported that she had already undertaken to coach a young woman who was interested in indexing and considered that newcomers needed a system of coaching rather than a course of lectures. It was agreed that Mr. Lloyd should approach the experienced member he had in mind and later report back to the Council on the success of the proposal.

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

Mr. E. L. C. Mullins, O.B.E., M.A., who had been awarded the Wheatley Medal in 1970, then gave a most engaging and informative talk ranging over his work as Secretary to the Editorial Board of the History of Parliament Trust, the life and work of H. B. Wheatley and indexes which had won the Wheatley Medal.

After this members adjourned for the reception which as usual provided a welcome opportunity for members to meet and discuss points of view and exchange ideas.

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**THE CORRESPONDENCE COURSE**

The Council have arranged with a well-known correspondence college to organize a course in book indexing; the text which has been written by a member of the Society is almost complete. Full particulars of the Course will appear in the April 1973 issue of *The Indexer*. Any enquiries for information (which may not be available until January) should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, 15 Maple Drive, Chelmsford CM2 9HP, Essex. Envelopes should be marked 'Correspondence Course'.