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Butterworths have recently issued the last of the forty volumes (1968-72) of the third edition of Halsbury’s Statutes of England, namely the General Index compiled under the editorship of A. R. Hewitt, one of the Society’s Vice-Presidents, in collaboration with two other members, C. C. Banwell and J. Bray Freeman. The Index volume (25 x 16 cm.) contains 1,374 pages set in double column. This is the third of Butterworths’ legal encyclopaedic works indexed under Mr. Hewitt’s editorial supervision, the two previous works being Halsbury’s Laws of England, third edition, 1963, forty-two volumes, and the second edition of the Statutes, 1948-51, twenty-seven volumes.

Mr. Banwell is also one of the most experienced indexers of mammoth law works, having edited the Index to the English and Empire Digest, ‘replacement’ edition, fifty-six volumes, completed in 1970, to which Mr. Hewitt and Mr. Freeman contributed. Another of Mr. Banwell’s works is the index to the Encyclopaedia of Forms and Precedents, shortly to be completed in twenty-four volumes.

An interesting and enjoyable little luncheon party met at the Civil Service Club, Great Scotland Yard, on 8th September to welcome Professor W. Heckscher, who was paying a brief visit to this country. Professor Heckscher is a Founder-member of the Society, having flown expressly from Utrecht to attend its inaugural meeting in May 1957. He has made several notable contributions to The Indexer, and was for a number of years the Society’s Hon. Correspondent for the Netherlands, to which country he has recently returned after residing in the United States, to resume temporarily his Professorship at Utrecht University.

Another pleasant little function took place on 26th September, when Mrs. Anne Richter, a Director of the American Society of Indexers, was entertained to luncheon at Oscar’s Restaurant, Richmond. Mrs. Richter gave her hosts an encouraging account of the progress and activities of the American Society, whose membership has already topped the 200 mark. No fewer than seventy members from several States attended the all-day A.G.M. in 1972, each paying an entrance fee, I understand, of $12. She presented her hosts with a copy of her Society’s beautifully produced prospectus and particulars, which is being used in an intensive recruiting campaign, largely aimed at publishers.

Mrs. Ruth H. Hines, editor, indexer, librarian, teacher, and member of the Society of Indexers and of the American Society of Indexers, died, 23rd September, 1972.

Dr. J. E. Holmstrom is nearing the completion of his indexing of the 50-volume Proceedings of the British Academy.

Robert J. Palmer has finished the 50-year index to Foreign Affairs. He believes the total number of cards was about 85,000.

H. A. Rydings, Librarian of the University of Hong Kong Libraries, has compiled the Index to vols. 1-10 of the Journal of the Hong Kong Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

THE WHEATLEY MEDAL

Mr. Bakewell, in a letter to the Editor, writes: In view of your comment on page 111 of The Indexer, vol. 8, no. 2, I think that some explanation is called for of what I meant by ‘bread-and-butter’ indexes. The Panel felt that a number of the indexes suggested were very good, routine indexes which required a sound knowledge and application of indexing techniques, and some subject knowledge, but which could not, by any stretch of imagination, be described as ‘outstanding contributions to indexing’ worthy of the Wheatley Medal.