Negotiations have been in progress for a joint meeting of representatives of the Society and the Publishers Association to discuss matters of mutual concern.

*The Indexer.* Demand for the journal was not affected by the increase in the subscription rate and we are pleased to report that *The Indexer* has maintained its circulation figures throughout the year. A great deal of the credit for this must go to the Hon. Editor, Mr. Harrod, and the Assistant Editor, Mrs. Wallis. Contributions and letters to the journal are welcomed.

*Library.* Members are reminded that the Society’s library is housed in the basement of the Library Association’s headquarters.

*Council.* We are sorry to report the death of Miss K. Sinclair, a valued member of the Council for many years who was always active in the interests of the Society. Just before she died, she expressed her happiness on being elected Honorary Vice-President of the Society in recognition of her services.

Under Rule 7(b) of the Constitution, Mr. Wace is due to retire and the Council has pleasure in nominating him for re-election. In addition there are four vacancies on the Council, and the following have been nominated:—

Mrs. D. Frame, Mr. A. Raven, and Mrs. V. Chandler.

Nominations for the Offices, and for the Council, are invited and must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary by 14 May 1974.

*Honorary Secretary.* Miss P. M. Trew resigned as Hon. Secretary and Membership Secretary early in March, and the Council take this opportunity of recording their grateful thanks to her, on behalf of the members, for her loyal services during the past few years. Her place has been taken by Mr. W. A. Menzies, ACIS, ATII, to whom we extend a very cordial welcome.

*Annual Subscriptions.* Members are reminded that the annual subscription became due on April 1st last. The amount of £3 should be sent to the Membership Secretary, cheques to be made payable to the Society of Indexers. His address is the Old Inn, Keere Street, Lewes, Sussex, BN7 1TY.

*Annual Address.* The Council has pleasure in announcing that, following the formal business of the Annual General Meeting, at approximately 6.30, Dr. T. N. Besterman, DLitt, LLDD, will deliver an address.

Wheatley Medal Presentation. The presentation of the Wheatley Medal will follow Dr. Besterman’s address—at approximately 7 p.m.

*Annual Reception.* A reception will be held after these events at which wine, cheese and biscuits will be served. A small charge will be made towards the expenses.

The Annual General Meeting

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at the Library Association on 23 May 1974. Twenty-six members attended and apologies were received from thirteen members, including the Chairman, Mr. J. M. Shaftesley. In his absence, Mr. L. M. Harrod was appointed to take the Chair for the Meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the new Honorary Secretary.

The Report of the Council for the year ended 31 March 1974, which had been circulated, was considered. The Chairman read the headings of the report, requesting any comment, and the Report was adopted.

*Officers.* The following nominees were elected, *nem.con.:

Chairman  
Mr. J. M. Shaftesley

Vice-Chairman  
Mr. L. M. Harrod

Hon. Treasurer  
Mrs. A. M. Wilkinson

Hon. Secretary  
Mr. W. A. Menzies

Hon. Editor  
Mr. L. M. Harrod

Registrar  
Mrs. E. Wallis

The Chairman voiced the sentiments of the Meeting, when he expressed on the Society’s behalf, appreciation of the work of Mr. F. H. C. Tatham. Mr. Tatham had held various offices from 1961 to 1974, and had earned the respect and gratitude of the Council, and of many members, for some 13 years. His resignation was due to a change of circumstances which made his attendance at Council meetings difficult.

*Hon. Vice-President.* The Chairman expressed his deep regret at the death of Miss K. Sinclair, who had served the Society over many years and in several capacities, including her abilities as an excellent indexer.
Council. Mr. M. Wace, who was due to retire, was re-elected to the Council, nem.con., and the following were elected to fill vacancies:
Mrs. V. Chandler, Mrs. D. Frame, Mr. A. Raven.
Annual Accounts. The accounts for the year ended 31 March 1974 were circulated to those present. The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Wilkinson, made short comments, and the accounts were formally adopted.
Auditor. The Members present again recorded their thanks to Mr. Davies for his continued service to the Society, and he was re-elected, nem.con.
Honorary Membership. After discussion, an amendment to the Constitution to allow for the election of 'members and others who have made a significant contribution to the Society' was passed and Mr. W. Davies was elected an Honorary Member as a mark of appreciation for his services to the Society as Hon. Auditor over many years.
Any Other Business. The question of training courses was raised, and the Chairman stated that the Council were very aware of this need, but that, at this time, they had no alternative to the correspondence course offered by the Rapid Results College in connection with which he understood that several members of the Society were associated in various capacities.
Following the formal business, Dr. T. N. Besterman, DLitt, LL.D., gave a talk on his experiences in many fields. Thereafter the Members adjourned for the presentation of the Wheatley Medals for 1973. This was followed by the Annual Reception.

News of the Society
Members of the Society are sometimes asked to index material other than books. Some months ago the Chief Constable of a county police force asked if it would be possible to find a member who could index the Standing Orders of the Force. The Orders had in the past been indexed by a member of staff but the result had been unsatisfactory. Orders are revised from time to time because of new laws and regulations, and the index consequently needs to be updated periodically.
The Society's Registrar was able to make some recommendations for someone to carry out this work, with the result that the Chief Constable was later able to express great satisfaction with the work of the member he engaged to compile the index.
Since the Annual General Meeting, the Council has approved applications for membership from thirteen persons resident in the United Kingdom and nine from Australia.
Council has learned with regret of the death of two members: Mr. J. Broy Freeman and Mr. A. W. McIntosh.
Council is drawing up a revision of its recommendation concerning fees for indexing.

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Personalia
R. L. Collison, a Vice-President of the Society, returned from the U.S.A. in June 1973, and after an academic year as a Principal Lecturer at the Loughborough School of Librarianship, has taken up the appointment of Head of the School of Librarianship at Ealing.
Readers who have had an opportunity to examine the new 15th edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica may have noticed that a twenty-page article entitled Encyclopædia is followed by the author's initials R.L.C. Congratulations, Mr. Collison.
Philip Wright has indexed volume three of what Margaret Lane refers to, in her review in The Daily Telegraph of 22 August, as the 'incomparable Pilgrim Edition' of The Letters of Charles Dickens which was published by the Clarendon Press in August. Volumes one and two were indexed by the late James Thornton who gave a talk to the Society on how he did it, in May 1965 (see The Indexer, 4, (4), Autumn 1965, pp 119-22). Later Mr. Wright wrote on Mr. Thornton's index in The Indexer, 7, (1), Spring 1970, pp. 16-17.