companying correction tape, opaquing fluid and cut-and-paste corrections is quite horrifying.

After our year’s experience with microcomputers we have certainly concluded that working with them is most worthwhile and rewarding—as well as, on occasion, quite frustrating.

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Wheatley Medal, 1978
Only eight indexes were submitted to the joint panel of the Library Association and the Society of Indexers as candidates for the Wheatley Medal for indexing for 1978. Most served well the purpose for which they were compiled and none showed gross inaccuracies, but equally, the Panel, after considerable deliberation, decided that none of the submissions was of high enough standard or showed sufficient depth in its subject approach to merit the making of an award.

Of more concern to the Panel than the quality of the indexes submitted was the poor response from the two professions and from publishers in putting forward works for the award. Indexes, although they may not sell books as such, are often mentioned by reviewers and are also noted by cataloguers and used by hard-pressed reference librarians: yet few librarians, indexers or publishers make nominations for the award, which was instituted with the aim of encouraging the improvement of indexing standards. The Panel recommended that further publicity should be given to the Medal through the Library Association, the Society of Indexers, the National Book League and the publishing and bookselling world: it would welcome nominations (addressed to Michael Yelland at the LA) for an outstanding British index for 1979—one that is comprehensive and comprehensible, accurate, consistent, clearly laid out, suitable for the work to which it is a key, takes appropriate account of subjects and not merely names, and is usable by specialist and hurried consultant alike. Such indexes exist and have been given the award in the past and the panel hopes that the lack of such an index in 1978 will be remedied in 1979 by a larger field of selection.

R. A. CHRISTOPHERS,
Chairman, Wheatley Medal Joint Selection Panel.

Wheatley Medal, 1979
Entries are invited for the Wheatley Medal, 1979, from members of the Library Association and the Society of Indexers, publishers and others.

The Library Association Wheatley Medal is awarded annually for an outstanding index first published in the United Kingdom during the preceding three years.

Printed indexes to any type of publication may be submitted for consideration provided that the whole work including the index, or the index alone, has originated in the United Kingdom.

The final selection is made by a committee consisting of representatives of the LA Cataloguing and Indexing Group and the Society of Indexers with power to co-opt.

All recommendations should be submitted on a form available from the Library Association, to the Development Secretary, the Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WC1E 7AE, not later than 1st February 1980.

Congratulations
It is with much pleasure that we note that the first presentation of the H. W. Wilson Company Indexing Award has been made to Hans H. Wellisch for the index to his own book The conversion of scripts: its nature, history and utilization, published in 1978 by John Wiley and Sons, who also received a citation. The index was ‘especially commended for its clarity, precision, and appropriateness in both its intellectual content and its typographic form’. Dr Wellisch is a member of the American Society of Indexers and a contributor to this journal.