There is no subheading under this last entry for 'preparedness', but we do find 'Preparedness for writing' under P.

Omissions include: 'Carbon copies' (for which see 'Yellow', as above); 'Charts' (we have 'Bar charts' and 'Pie charts', under B and P); 'Drafts' ('Number of drafts' is under N); 'Rights' (only found under S for 'Subsidiary rights'); 'weights of headings' as a subhead under 'Headings' (to be found only under W).

A distinguished name is misspelt; Gowers, Sir Ernest, is correctly cited thus in Appendix 1, but appears in the index as Gower, Sir Ernest.

There are simple inconsistencies in page numbers, as:

- Counting words 72, 83
- Words: counting 62, 72, 83
- Handbooks 7, 58, 90
- Uniformity of appearance in handbooks 91.

And there are headings that seem to require qualification:

- Editor, copy (providing editor with? No, copy-editor)
- Signatures (not the value of the author's autograph; 16 pages of the printed book)
- Royalty jump (A challenge to the mind's eye, especially as it follows the heading 'Royalties' with 7 undifferentiated references. But no—it's just royalties, jump in.)

As to punctuation: the colon following 'writing' was superfluous, but colons are lacking where needed in:

- Book, length 51, 136
- next 141
- Size, book page 97
- drawing 99
- paper for typing 107.

The admirable sentiment is expressed, 'It requires considerable skill, both professional or [sic] technical and literary, to edit a compilation of others' work'. How deplorable that a related truth is not recognized about indexing! But there can be no doubt that the quality of this index disastrously demonstrates that the do-it-yourself indexing here advocated simply will not serve.

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