THE CAREY AWARD

presented by the Society of Indexers
as a tribute to the memory of

GORDON V CAREY
the Society’s First President

for outstanding services to indexing

to

MARGARET D ANDERSON
Master of Arts
upholder of the Carey tradition
as author of BOOK INDEXING (1971)
in succession to his MAKING AN INDEX (1963)
founder-member, for many years a member of Council
and the holder of various executive offices
a Vice-President of the Society from 1972 to 1983
awarded the 1975 Wheatley Medal for Indexing
exemplary indexer, promoter of indexer-training,
highly influential in the advancement of indexing standards

Chairman of the Society
President of the Society

this eighth day of July 1983
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The Carey Award, for outstanding services to indexing, was presented in 1977 to G. Norman Knight (The Indexer 10 (4), 162-3), and in 1982 to L. M. Harrod (The Indexer 13 (2), 77-8). The third Award has now been presented to the doyenne of indexing in Britain, Mrs Margaret Anderson, on retirement from her position as a Vice-President of the Society of Indexers.

Mrs Anderson joined the Society in its early years and was one of the first Registered indexers. In 1962 she prudently took up the offer of a Life Membership, and in 1965, when it was decided to appoint a Membership Secretary, she accepted this post, adding to it in the following year that of Hon. Treasurer. In 1968 she was appointed to the Board of Assessors, and in spite of all these duties, she managed to produce, in 1971, the booklet which has proved to be so invaluable to all aspiring indexers—Book indexing—published by the Cambridge University Press in its ‘Authors’ and Printers’ Guides’ series. This was described by L. M. Harrod in a review (The Indexer 7 (4), 204) as being ‘the distillation of the experience of one of our most industrious indexers’.

In 1972 Mrs Anderson became a member of the Society’s newly-formed Copyright Sub-committee, and in that year, on her retirement from the post of Treasurer/Membership Secretary, she was elected to the position of Vice-President. At a small presentation ceremony, the Chairman, Richard Bancroft, spoke of the very high regard in which Mrs Anderson was held and paid tribute to her sterling work for the Society and for indexing generally (The Indexer 8 (2), 115). In 1973 the Rapid Results College introduced a course on indexing, using scripts prepared by Mrs Anderson.

1975 saw the publication of a book Vanishing spas under the co-authorship of Mrs Anderson and her husband, the outcome of a long period of interest and exploration of the subject by the authors. It was in this year that Mrs Anderson was awarded the Wheatley Medal for her index to Copy-editing: the Cambridge handbook (CUP, 1975) by Judith Butcher; her index was described as ‘not just a competent index, but an excellent one’.

In 1979 the booklet Book indexing was reprinted, with revisions, by the Cambridge University Press. The dedication on the first page reads, most appropriately, ‘In piam memoriam, G. V. Carey’. We hope that the Award now presented to Mrs Anderson will provide her with a constant and pleasant reminder not only of a great man, but also of the Society with which she has been so much involved for more than 20 years.

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