REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITORS
FOR THE YEAR 1969

The list of Fellows has been checked against subscriptions received and the relevant parts of the professionally-audited accounts have been inspected.

During our examination of the premises we observed several improvements in the state of decoration and in organisation. We note with approval the redecoration of the Council Room, and hope that its atmosphere will soon be enhanced by some of the Society's paintings, drawings and plaques.

It is gratifying to learn that the general condition of the building is being improved. The disrepair of paintwork and ceilings in the entrance hall and on the first floor, commented on by the Honorary Auditors last year, will shortly be attended to. We are particularly pleased that the old meeting chamber is to become a Fellows' Room and extension to the secretarial premises. The provision of this new meeting place will afford Fellows greater opportunity for conversation than the Library.

We must express concern about the condition of the basement. The bathroom fittings in the caretaker's flat are very old and should be replaced. The kitchen is inadequately ventilated.

We consider that the general office is ill-lit and that more space should be made available to the secretarial staff. We suggest that the general records (the only complete list of Fellows past and present) be rehoused in a more secure and fireproof cabinet. A copy might be lodged elsewhere.

The walls and ceilings of the annexed premises in the former Chemical Society building have now been put in good order. Toilet facilities have been provided. We understand that certain library material is to be taken to these rooms to ease the present congestion of shelf and storage.

The General Secretary and his staff have afforded us considerable help in making our tour of inspection and we express our thanks for their co-operation.

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