REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITORS
FOR THE YEAR 1970

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

Several improvements to the premises have been made since last year. The old meeting chamber has been converted into a Fellows’ Room, an Officers’ Room and an office for the General Secretary. Fellows should be encouraged to use the new room since it affords pleasant surroundings for conversation, letter writing and informal discussion. The new office has relieved the congestion in the old general office, but the latter is still rather ill-lit.

Before improvements are made to the decorative state of the hall and stairway, as recommended by previous Honorary Auditors, the replacement of the central heating system and the electrical wiring should be considered. The present heating system is fired by an ancient solid fuel boiler and the water pipes are leaky. The electrical wiring is apparently in a poor and possibly dangerous condition.

The improvements to the caretaker’s flat, suggested by the Honorary Auditors last year, have been carried out. The problem of dampness on the walls in one of the bedrooms, originating from the leaking joints of the central heating system, needs attention.

The larger room in the annexed premises in the former Chemical Society building has been used successfully this year for holding small specialized meetings in the early afternoon, prior to the Ordinary Meetings of the Society. The transfer of library material to the annexed premises is in progress.

Last year the Honorary Auditors suggested that the only complete list of Fellows past and present should be rehoused in a fireproof cabinet and that a copy should be made. We are concerned to find that there is still only the one list, housed in a wooden cabinet.

We wish to thank the General Secretary and his staff for their considerable help and co-operation during our tour of inspection.

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