

REPORT OF AGM – 14 April 1991

AUGUR PEARCE

The Society's Annual General Meeting for 1991 took place at Aberdare Hall, Cardiff in the course of the Annual Conference. After dealing with minutes and apologies, the meeting heard the Chairman (Chancellor Edwards) present a brief report on the state of the Society: generally healthy, with sound finances and membership standing at 377. An appeal was made for members to spread the good news of the Society in areas where support was limited, particularly among archdeacons. The Chairman spoke with appreciation of the work of Archdeacon David Scott over the past year, in relieving the honorary Officers of a heavy administrative burden. He thanked the two working parties who had given very carefully-prepared presentations at this year's Conference, and reports were given of the progress of the others. Comments on the pattern of future Conferences were invited and should be sent to the Secretary.

The Society's accounts for 1990 were received, following an introduction from the Treasurer. Spending on publications and administration was now quite heavy, but the finances were equal to it, with a credit balance of £9,802 on 31 December. No subscription increase would be needed in June 1991. Conferences were tending to pay their way, without an excessive surplus.

The meeting agreed two constitutional amendments – one recognising polytechnic law degrees as a qualification for membership. The other created a new Officer post of 'Executive Officer', to which the Venerable David Scott was then immediately appointed.

The remaining Officers of the Society were re-elected for a further year, and Messrs. Hanson and Harte were re-elected for three year terms on the General Committee. Two vacant Committee places were filled by the Archdeacon of Berkshire and Canon Peter Boulton. The President moved a vote of thanks to the Officers for the past year's work.

Chancellor Goodman and Mr Harte reported briefly on the Journal (content and binding respectively); and the meeting closed with expressions of gratitude to the Warden and staff of Aberdare Hall for their hospitality, and to Archdeacon Hughie Jones for his efforts in organising a very successful Conference.