

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY REPORT OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

RIPON 25th APRIL 1993

In contrast to the unseemly haste of last year's meeting, the Ripon conference arrangements allowed time for more leisured deliberations. Those arrangements were the work of the Venerable David Scott who was retiring as Executive Officer, and to whom the Chairman paid tribute in his report. The Chairman also mentioned plans for the 1994 day conference and the hope that the Lord Chancellor would be able to speak (we now know that he will), and drew attention to the Society's fledgling library at Lambeth Palace.

The Treasurer presented his accounts. Whilst these showed a reasonable balance in hand, he warned that expenses are increasing and a further review of subscriptions might be necessary.

The officers and one third of the General Committee were elected with a couple of new faces, including Canon Christopher Hill who became Vice-Chairman, Archdeacon Hughie Jones having been appointed Executive Officer.

Chancellor Goodman reported on the Journal. He called for comments and criticisms. He was quite shocked to receive only one of the former and none of the latter.

There was ample time for regresses from the Society's working parties. Chancellor Spafford urged General Synod to consider the report of the statute law revision group. We also heard from those involved with establishment, peculiars, education, archdeacon training and marriage preliminaries. The meeting concluded after two hours with any other business. Members were then able to move effortlessly to Eucharist in the College Chapel next door.

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