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ANNUAL REPORT

**of the Committee of
Plymouth Law Society**

presented

to the

One Hundred and Seventy Fourth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel
Millbay Road, Plymouth**

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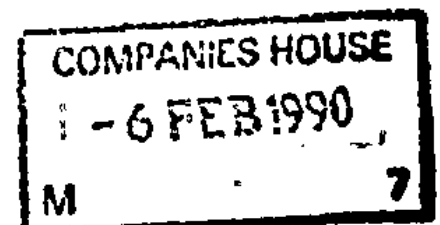
30th NOVEMBER, 1989

with

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
AND LIST OF MEMBERS**

to

30th September, 1989



Plymouth Law Society

Established 1815

Incorporated 1871

1989

OFFICERS:

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A.J. Parish

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Report of the Committee

presented to the

ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of

PLYMOUTH LAW SOCIETY

to be held on the 30th November 1989

The Committee present the 174th Report of the proceedings of the Society.

MEMBERSHIP

As at the 30th October 1989 there were 323 Members of the Society. The deaths during the year of Mr. J.S. Yeo a former President of the Society, of Mr. E.R. Dennis and at the early age of 42 of Mr. D.A. Bobbin are recorded with great regret.

MEETINGS

The Committee has continued to meet during the year. The most important topic throughout has been the Lord Chancellor's Green Papers and the subsequent White Paper on Legal Services : A Framework for the Future. A special meeting called on the proposals in the Green Papers was well attended and the views of members helped a sub-committee to settle the Society's response which was submitted to the Lord Chancellor's office and to the Law Society.

After years of effort by this Society a link has now been forged with L'Ordre Des Avocats au Barreau de Brest. At the end of September the President, the Vice President and the Secretary visited Brest for a weekend of discussions with members of Le Conseil de L'Ordre when a draft of a Twinning Charter and Agreement for Cooperation between the two groups of lawyers was settled. Following further discussions, during a return visit by members of the Ordre to Plymouth in October the Twinning Charter and Agreement for Cooperation were signed at a ceremony attended by members of the Society and the Ordre which was followed by a dinner given by the Lord Mayor to mark the occasion. The object of the Charter and the Agreement is to lay the groundwork for cooperation between the Society and the Ordre in future with particular reference to the changes resulting from the single European Act following 1992. It is to be hoped that the contacts now made will be strengthened by further visits in the future.

Lectures on various legal topics have continued in conjunction with Plymouth Polytechnic. The Society benefits from a share in the fees. Negotiations are presently under way concerning future payments for these courses.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SERVICE

The Accident Claim Scheme continues in operation and is widely and regularly used by members of the public. The advice sessions at the Citizens Advice Bureau have also continued although the venture of the Plymouth Sound Advice Centre which was set up in conjunction with Plymouth Sound has unfortunately not flourished.

SOCIAL

The Annual Dinner in October 1989 was once again the Society's main social event. It was well attended with the Lord Chancellor as the principal speaker although perhaps surprisingly he had nothing controversial to say. The revised method of ticket allocation has been continued successfully.

GENERAL

The profession continues to face fundamental changes as the result of legislation proposed in the White Paper on Legal Services. Members will be well aware of the changes proposed. It seems likely that the profession is going to have to face these changes whether it likes it or not; so it is to be hoped that the representations which have already been made and which continue to be made will ensure that the profession does not lose its professional integrity or independence. It seems likely that rights of audience will be extended but it remains to be seen what type of control is to be imposed on the exercise of those rights. The Law Society's response to, and representations on the proposed changes have, by and large been well received by the media.

PLYMOUTH LAW SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year to 30th September, 1969

INCOME

	1969	1968
Subscriptions	3,425	3,177
Entrance Fees	148	29
Profit on sale of Contract Forms	675	1,395
Profit on Annual Dinner	444	405
Profit on Polytechnic / Law Society Courses	2,329	468
Building Society Interest	271	303
	<u>7,145</u>	<u>5,577</u>
 * Solicitors' Benevolent Association		
Gross Income	—	5,939
Building Society Interest	—	15
Less: Expenses	—	(3,720)
Transfer to Solicitors' Benevolent Association	—	(2,234)*
	<u>7,145</u>	<u>5,577</u>

EXPENDITURE

Administrative Expenses		
Postages, Stationery etc	1,781	1,235
Insurance	31	35
Audit Fees	275	230
Hon. Secretary	1,250	1,000
Hon. Treasurer	400	275
Filing of Annual Return	20	20
Underprovision in Previous Years	—	20
Advertising	—	—
 Provincial Law Societies		
Subscriptions	40	40
Delegation Expenses	548	737
 Donations and Subscriptions		
Solicitors Benevolent Association	—	—
Plymouth Law Students Society	59	50
 Deficit on A.G.M. Luncheon	26	38
Deficit on Felix Goodman Dinner	—	21
Lectures and Meetings	377	79
Brew Bar	400	—
Miscellaneous Expenses	644	34
	<u>5,872</u>	<u>3,814</u>
 SURPLUS for the Year	<u>£1,293</u>	<u>£1,763</u>
 LESS EXTRAORDINARY ITEM		
Legal Fees for Company Re-Registration	—	868
 TRANSFER TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT	<u>£1,293</u>	<u>£895</u>

**Report of the Auditors to the members of the
INCORPORATED LAW SOCIETY OF PLYMOUTH**

We have audited the financial statements in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the financial statements which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 30th September, 1989 and its surplus for the year then ended.

Leslie and Godwin House
Hampton Street
Plymouth PL4 8DB

NEVILL MOVEY AND CO

Chartered Accountants.

27th October, 1989

PLYMOUTH LAW SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th September, 1989

	1989	1988
FIXED ASSETS		
President's Chair of office at Valuation in 1965 (Insured for £2,250)	<u>225</u>	<u>225</u>
LIBRARY FUND		
Bristol and West Building Society	4,799	4,458
CURRENT ASSETS		
Contract Forms at Cost	264	470
Ties at Cost	445	445
Debtors	—	127
Halifax Building Society	10,139	8,401
Cash at Bank	<u>16</u>	<u>2,388</u>
	<u>£10,864</u>	<u>£11,831</u>
Less		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Creditors	3,653	2,971
Monies held for Annual Dinner	<u>3,906</u>	<u>6,848</u>
	<u>£7,559</u>	<u>£9,819</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>3,305</u>	<u>2,012</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>£8,329</u>	<u>£6,695</u>
REPRESENTED BY:		
ACCUMULATED FUND		
Balance at 1st October, 1988	2,237	2,613
Transfer from Income and Expenditure Account	<u>1,293</u>	<u>895</u>
	3,530	3,508
Less: Fixed Assets Written Off	<u>—</u>	<u>1,271</u>
	3,530	2,237
LIBRARY FUND		
Balance at 1st October, 1988	4,458	4,171
Add: Interest Received on Investments	<u>341</u> <u>4,799</u>	<u>287</u> <u>4,458</u>
	<u>£8,329</u>	<u>£6,695</u>

JEREMY BENNETT Esq (Hon. Treasurer)

Jonathan H. Ingham
William H. Ingham

LIST OF PRESIDENTS

1815	Henry Woolcombe	1877	Charles T. Brown	1939	Humphrey W. Woolcombe
1816	Thomas Clapham	1878	G.R.C. Holberton	1940	R. McDonald
1817	Gen. Eastlake, Sec.	1879	Ernst Rager	1941	D.M. Yonge
1818	John Saunders	1880	M.C. Fox	1942	C.R. Serpell
1819	Joseph Pridham	1881	Charles T. Brown	1943	H.E. Turner
1820	George Coryndon	1882	Charles T. Brown	1944	John Woolland
1821	Joseph Whitford	1883	Charles T. Brown	1945	Albert Gard
1822	Joseph Whitford	1884	Charles T. Brown	1946	W.E. Blakney
1823	William Jacobson	1885	Charles T. Brown	1947	W.E.J. Major
1824	Samuel Kelly	1886	Charles T. Brown	1948	C.B. Spencer
1825	William Gagg	1887	Charles T. Brown	1949	The Rt. Hon. Isaac Foot, P.C.
1826	William Eastlake	1888	Francis Fitzroy	1950	T.R. McCready
1827	John Moore	1889	Francis Fitzroy	1951	John Elliott
1828	Samuel Williams	1890	Francis Fitzroy	1952	Edwin Broad
1829	George Eastlake	1891	John Shelly	1953	Ernest Vesper
1830	George S. Brown	1892	John Shelly	1954	David F. Nash
1831	Edward Jago	1893	J.J.E. Vanning	1955	A.E. Stedman
1832	Jonathan Luxmoore	1894	J.J.E. Vanning	1956	K.C. Brinn
1833	Richard J. Squire	1895	H. Penrose France	1957	J.S. Yeo
1834	Herbert Maud Gibson	1896	William J. Woolcombe	1958	A.H. Rendle
1835	Edward Prior	1897	Walter Radcliffe	1959	W.H. Maddock
1836	Robert W. Coryndon	1898	J.P. Goldsmith	1960	J. Barber
1837	George Pridham	1899	Thomas Walford	1961	Arthur Goldberg
1838	Charles C. Whitford	1900	William Harrison	1962	A.F. Lown
1839	J.N. Bennett	1901	John Shelly	1963	R.C.F. Serpell
1840	John Edwards	1902	J.H. Ellis	1964	J.F. Knappe
1841	John Jolly	1903	J.A. Holland	1965	G.K. Woolcombe
1842	Benjamin Parkes	1904	T.H. Gough	1966	L.B. Spear
1843	G.N. Ouseham	1905	J.J.E. Vanning	1967	R.H. Sweet
1844	Francis F. Buxton	1906	Harold Walford	1968	The Lord Foot
1845	Nicholas Lockyer	1907	Foster J. Bone	1969	H.H.A. Harrison
1846	Robert E. Moore	1908	Coryndon Matthews	1970	N.A.M. Sitters
1847	Samuel Rowe	1909	Richard B. Jones	1971	D.I. Dobell
1848	John Kelly	1910	James Y. Woolcombe	1972	H.J.H. Collins
1849	Henry Pridoux	1911	K.E. Peck	1973	G.C. Willis
1850	J.B. Wilcocks	1912	J.P. Dobell	1974	H. Peck
1851	Jno. Faithful Fortescue	1913	C.L. Croft	1975	H.R. Haydon
1852	John Curgeson	1914	H. Penrose France	1976	W.I. Thompson
1853	Alfred Rooker	1915	John Shelly	1977	A.G. Bellingham
1854	William Marshall	1916	J.P. Goldsmith	1978	C.E.G. Cocks
1855	John Kelly	1917	E.A. Brant	1979	R.E. Jackson
1856	Nicholas Were	1918	R. Robinson Rodd	1980	E.W. Huddart
1857	William Holberton	1919	Coryndon Matthews	1981	F.B. Proust
1858	Robert Stephens	1920	W.H.T. Dawe	1982	T.M.N. Bartlett
1859	George T. Shorthad	1921	G.N. Dickinson	1983	D.C. Brian
1860	George S. Eastlake	1922	Eric R. Ward	1984	D.H.B. Bishop
1861	William Hughes	1923	J.A. Pearce	1985	M.F. Barton
1862	John Gard Edmonds	1924	K.E. Peck	1986	J.A. Holland
1863	Robert Gard Edmonds	1925	B.H. Whitford	1987	T.E.J. Savery
1864	F.W.P. Cleverton	1926	O. Wilcocks	1988	D.J.L. Gabbigan
1865	Jonathan Luxmoore	1927	W.L. Munday	1989	R.H. Midgley
1866	William Eastlake	1928	Albert Gard		
1867	Samuel Cater	1929	F.E. Bowden		
1868	Gustavus Gidley	1930	S. Carlisle Davis		
1869	Thomas Philips, Jr.	1931	E.F. Anthony		
1870	Francis Fitzroy	1932	P.S. Snel		
1871	J. Brooking Rowe	1933	P.S. Snel		
1872	J.W. Matthews	1934	H. Lawrence Spear		
1873	John Shelly	1935	Ernest Howard		
1874	Glinn Pridham	1936	E.S. Dobell		
1875	Hamilton Whitford	1937	Sir William Munday		
1876	Edward G. Bennett	1938	John Bone		

LIST OF MEMBERS

Those marked * are members of the Law Society and those marked † are members of the Solicitors' Benevolent Association. ‡ indicates Past Presidents of the Society

Name	Firm (or address if not in practice)	When elected a Member of the Society
PLYMOUTH		
*† G.H. Stevens	Godfrey Stevens & Co.	1926
†† A.F. Leest, O.B.E.	46 Compton Ave., Macclesfield	1931
†† J. Elliott	7 Queen Court, Richmond Walk	1932
†† R.C.F. Serpell, M.A.	Serpell, Son & Davey	1935
†† N.A.M. Stiers	Norman Stiers & Son	1936
* F.B. Goodman	70 Terridge Road, Plympton	1937
* D.G. Spear	34 Woodbury, Plymstock	1937
†† The Lord Feet, B.A.	Feet & Bowden	1937
†† R.H. Sweet	Feet & Bowden	1938
†† D.L. Dobell	Collingwood, Crapston	1939
†† H.R. Hayden	70 Ter Lane	1946
* C. Hewett, R.E.M.	Nash & Co.	1946
†† W.I. Thompson	40 Hays Road South, Elburton, Plymouth	1946
†† C.E.G. Cooks	Nash & Co.	1946
* K.H.R. Chapp	Nash & Co.	1946
†† R.E. Jackson	The Grange, Harrowbeer Lane, Yelverton	1947
†† E.W. Haddart	Littlescourt, Darriford	1947
* C.B. Hutchings	28 Dunstone View, Plymstock	1948
*† D.C.I. Powell, LL.B.	D.C.I. Powell	1948
†† T.M.N. Bartlett	"Tray", Kirkella Road, Yelverton	1948
†† F.B. Frost		1949
*† J.W. Trobridge	Trobridges	1950
* R.J. Hutchings	119 Pophlett Road, Plymstock	1951
*† R.T. Maikie	Woolcombe & Yonge	1953
The Rt. Hon. The Lord St. Levan	St Michael's Mount, Marazion	1953
†† D.C. Brinn	Gill Akster	1953
†† D.H.B. Bishop	Gill, Akster	1955
* R.V. Morrell	Pearce Major & Morrell	1955
*† T.E. Hoyle, LL.B.	Gard & Co.	1955
* C. Venn, LL.B.	45 New Mayo, Newton Ferrers	1955
*† I.D. Rendle	Rendle, McDonald & Rendle	1956
*† P.D. Tilden	Paul Tilden & Hill	1958
†† T.E.J. Savery, M.A., LL.B.	Saverys	1958
*† W.H. Davy	Serpell, Son & Davey	1958
*† E.F.H. Avons	25 Coleridge Avenue	1958
*† D.M. Crocker, LL.B.	Whiteford, Bennett	1959
* J.R. Dobell	Thompson & Jackson	1959
*† R.H. Midgley, M.A.	Dodd, Pearce	1961
†† J.A. Holland, LL.B.	Feet & Bowden	1963
*† J.H. Trafford, B.A.	Bond, Pearce	1963
* L.D. Lipson	Lipsons	1963

- W. Major
- D. L. G. G.
- H. R. Over
- W. J. P.
- M. T. G.
- W. A. D., LL.B.
- R. D. S.
- D. G. W.
- W. N. R.
- J. R. C., LL.B.
- R. G. W., M.A., LL.B.
- H. P. S.
- J. G. H.
- P. W. S., LL.B.
- P. C. D., M.A., O.B.E., T.D.
- J. E. C. K.
- R. A. L., M.A.
- A. D. W.
- P. E. S.
- R. K. M.
- A. F. W., M.A.

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- W. J., B.A.
- D. I. S., LL.B.
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- G. T., LL.B.
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- R. H. F., LL.B.
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- M. P. A. B.
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- J. E. C.

Pearce Major & Morrell	1964
Wolfe	1964
Howard & Over	1964
Bond, Pearce	1964
Howard & Over	1964
Foot & Bowden	1965
Wolfe	1966
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Whitford, Bennett	1967
Bond, Pearce	1967
Norman Sitters & Son	1967
Randall, McDonald & Randall	1968
Bright, Bond & Skinner	1968
Foot & Bowden	1969
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Gill, Alister	1969
Foot & Bowden	1969
Godfrey Stevens & Co	1969
Whitford, Bennett	1970
Chief Executive and Town	
Clerk	1970
Pearce Major & Morrell	1971
Clerk to Justice for City of	
Plymouth	1971
Bond, Pearce	1971
Gard & Co	1972
Thomson & Jackson	1972
Loughborough	1972
Trobridge	1972
Foot & Bowden	1972
Nash & Co	1973
Lipson	1973
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Trobridge	1973
Wolfe	1973
Norman Sitters & Son	1973
Wolfe	1973
Bond, Pearce	1974
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Foot & Bowden	1974
Peter Thornley & Co	1974
Woolcombe & Young	1974
Goldberg	1974
Goldberg	1974
Bond, Pearce	1974
Gard & Co.	1974
John Rickard	1974
Wolfe	1974
Serpell, Son & Daycey	1974
Crown Prosecution Service	1974
Savory	1974
Bond, Pearce	1974
Bond, Pearce	1974
Wolfe	1974
County Area Secretary	1975

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 G. R. J. Walker, L.L.B.
 P. L. Woods, L.L.B.
 R. Chubb, L.L.B.
 V. E. S. Salmons, M.A.
 R. A. F. G. L. B.
 R. N. G. M. L. B.
 S. P. H. L. B.
 N. A. Thayer, B.A.
 J. S. Murray
 Mrs. C. M. Thayer, B.A.
 P. A. Mapley
 Miss A. J. P. L. B.
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 A. N. Gibson, M.A.
 A. Harris, L.L.B.
 J. Haythorn, L.L.B.
 G. Sanders Wellerstans 1979
 P. A. M. L. B.
 A. C. Carter, L.L.B.
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 G. E. Gregory, L.L.B. Howard & Over
 C. P. M. L. B.
 J. W. Woodward, M.A. Nash & Co.
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 Mrs. T. M. F. L. B.
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 A. P. W. L. B.
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 M. S. L. B.
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 Miss Cindy A. R. L. L. B.

Thompson & Johnson 1975
 Foot & Bowden 1975
 Stephen J. J. Walker 1975
 Foot & Bowden 1976
 Gill, Akster 1976
 Nash & Co. 1976
 P. M. L. McDonald & Rendle 1977
 Bond, Pearce 1977
 Bond, Pearce 1977
 W. L. L. B. 1977
 Gill, Akster 1977
 Richard Miller & Co. 1977
 Bond, Pearce 1977
 Lawrence Spear 1978
 Bond, Pearce 1978
 Peter Tharley & Co. 1978
 Foot & Bowden 1978
 Goodley Stevens & Co. 1978
 Norman Simes & Son 1978
 Scrift, Son & Devy 1978
 Foot & Bowden 1979
 Alan Harris 1979
 Woolcombe & Yonge 1979
 23 Campion Rise, Tavistock 1979
 Anthony Brooks & Co 1979
 Wellerstans 1979
 Howard & Over 1979
 Nash & Co. 1979
 Foot & Bowden 1980
 Miller Harman 1980
 Foot & Bowden 1980
 Saverys 1980
 R. W. Stebbings 1980
 Farnson, Sparkwell 1981
 Gill, Akster 1981
 Whitford, Bennett 1981
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