

Notes and Comments

ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM, 1989

The Spring Conference was held at Burwalls Conference Centre, Bristol from 3-5 April 1989. The 38th AGM was held on 4 April 1989. Professor Thompson was elected President of the Society, Dr Collins re-elected Treasurer, and Dr Overton re-elected Secretary. Dr Chartres was re-appointed Editor of the *Review*. The meeting expressed thanks to Professor Mingay, the retiring president, for all he had done for the Society over the years. Before he became president he had been editor of the *Review* and had served on the Executive Committee from 1966. Dr Dewey, Mr Havinden, Dr Hoyle, Dr Phillips, and Dr Thirsk were elected unopposed to the Executive Committee.

The Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr Hey, presented the Committee's report. Membership of the Society stood at 897, exactly the same figure as last year. The Treasurer presented the audited accounts of the Society and reported that although it was rather early to tell, it seemed as though the subscription increase would not have any substantial effect upon membership levels. If this proved to be the case then the Society's finances would remain on an even keel for a few years. He also pointed out that the Society received considerable hidden subsidies from the Universities of Leeds and Newcastle. The Editor, Dr Chartres, reported that the production difficulties at the University of Leeds had been considerable but now seemed to be at an end. The flow of articles had been increasing satisfactorily. Because of the production difficulties, the index to the *Review* would be issued with the first issue of 1990. The meeting expressed its thanks to Dr Bettey, the conference organizer, to the staff at Burwalls, and to the Officers of the Society.

WINTER CONFERENCE, 1989

The next winter conference is to be held at the Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, Malet

Street, London, on 2 December 1989. Once again it is to be held jointly with the Historical Geography Research Group and the theme is 'Food Supply and Towns'. Booking forms should be included in this issue of the *Review*.

SPRING CONFERENCE, 1990

Next year's Spring Conference is to be held at Trinity and All Saints' College, Horsforth, Leeds, from 2-4 April. Further details are available from Dr Chartres at the University of Leeds.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Society is compiling a list of those working in the general field of agrarian and rural history, to be published in the *Review*. A form is enclosed in this copy of the *Review* and all those engaged in such research are asked to complete it and send it to Mr Byford at the address on the form. Since we would like the list to be as complete as possible it would be of help if this request could be brought to the attention of non-members of the Society.

CONFERENCE ON THE HISTORY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND EDUCATION

The British Society for the History of Science is organizing a one-day conference to be held at Rothamsted in May 1990. Further details and a booking form will be circulated with the next issue of the *Review*.

DR GEORGE FUSSELL

Dr George Fussell, founder member of the British Agricultural History Society, celebrated his centenary on 10 September 1989. The Executive Committee sent him the Society's best wishes and an appropriate gift to mark the occasion.