

ECCLESIASTICAL LAW SOCIETY REPORT OF FIFTH AGM

28 MARCH 1992

A packed Bishop Partridge Hall was the venue for the Society's fifth AGM. The conference topic of clergy discipline had proved a popular one as was evidenced by a succession of literary types wandering in from the PEN convention also being held at Church House.

In his address the Chairman recorded the sadness of the Society at the death of Chancellor George Newsom, and announced the theme for the 1993 conference at Ripon – Law Grace and Liberty. The Treasurer presented the accounts for the year, showing a slight deficit of income over expenditure but nevertheless a healthy balance in hand enabling subscriptions to remain unchanged. This encouraging budget speech together with Chancellor Edward's masterful handling of the meeting secured the unopposed re-election of the President and the other officers of the Society – proof that limited tenure need not be a threat to job security.

The Secretary and Mr David Harte once again gained approval for constitutional amendments – this time, we hope, in a form palatable to the Charity Commissioners. The vacancies on the General Committee were filled and the co-option of Bishop Graham Leonard and a member of the parochial clergy was promised. Chancellor Goodman reported on the continued strength of the Journal, but repeated his call for letters for publication. The Chairman in his address having stressed the importance of the Society's working parties, their convenors were called upon to outline their activities.

Finally, the Chairman's tribute to Archdeacon Scott for his work in organising such a successful conference must be recorded. The Ripon conference will be his last as Executive Officer. N.J.R.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Society's membership year ended on 30th June 1992, and the General Committee has determined that the annual subscription for 1992/1993 will be £15.00. Members should now send their cheques without further reminder to the Treasurer at the address below:

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