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To be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Victorian Bar to be held on 26th September, 1972 at 5 p.m. in the Common Room, Owen Dixon Chambers, 205 William Street, Melbourne.

THE BAR COUNCIL

Annual Election

In September 1971, the following persons were elected:

Counsel of not less than 12 years' standing.

Sir James Tait Q.C., Messrs. J. McL. Young Q.C., W. Kaye Q.C., P. Murphy Q.C., R. E. McGarvie Q.C., W. O. Harris Q.C., A. E. Woodward, O.B.E., Q.C., L. S. Lazarus, H. Storey, P. U. Rendit and D. M. Dawson.

Counsel of not less than 6 nor more than 15 years' standing.

Messrs. F. X. Costigan, F. P. Walsh, J. L. Sher and S. P. Charles.

Counsel of not more than 6 years' standing.

Messrs. P. C. Heerey and A. Chernov.

Special Elections

In 1972, the following persons were elected to fill casual vacancies caused by the resignations of the Honourable Mr. Justice Kaye and the Honourable Mr. Justice Woodward:

Mr. D. P. Whelan, Q.C.; Mr. K. H. Marks, Q.C.

Ex Officio Members

Senator The Honourable I. J. Greenwood, Q.C., M. P. (Attorney-General for the Commonwealth of Australia);
The Honourable Sir George Reid, Q.C., M.L.A. (Attorney-General for the State of Victoria).

Officers of the
Bar Council

Chairman —

September 1971 — March 1972

Mr. W. Kaye Q.C.

March 1972 — September 1972

Mr. W. O. Harris Q.C.

Vice-Chairman —

September 1971 — March 1972

Mr. W. O. Harris Q.C.

March 1972 — September 1972

Mr. R. E. McGarvie Q.C.

Honorary Treasurer

Sir James Tait Q.C.

Assistant to the Honorary Treasurer

Mr. F. P. Walsh

Honorary Secretary

Mr. P. C. Heerey

Assistant Honorary Secretary

Mr. A. Chernov

Registrar

Mr. D. E. Edwards

Administrative
Officer

Miss D. M. Brennan

STANDING COMMITTEES

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

<u>Ethics</u>	Messrs. Young Q.C. (Chairman), McGarvie Q.C., Harris Q.C., Dawson, Walsh and Sher; later Mr. Whelan Q.C.
<u>Law Reform</u>	Messrs. McGarvie Q.C. (Chairman), Woodward Q.C., L. S. Lazarus, Costigan and Chernov; later Mr. Storey Q.C. (Chairman).
<u>Lectures</u>	Messrs. Storey Q.C. (Chairman), Costigan, Charles and Heerey.
<u>Library</u>	Messrs. Griffith Q.C. (Chairman), Tadgell, Ormiston, Black, T. H. Smith, Hall, J. V. Kaufman, Ahearne, D. M. Byrne, Hansen, Brear and Sundberg.
<u>Librarian</u>	Mr. Griffith Q.C.
<u>Overdue Fees</u>	Messrs. Woodward Q.C. (Chairman), Storey Q.C., Costigan, Walsh and Charles; later Mr. Storey Q.C. (Chairman).
<u>Bar Clerking Committee</u>	Messrs. Jenkinson Q.C. (Chairman), Fullagar Q.C., L. S. Lazarus, Costigan and Walsh.
<u>Social & Common Room</u>	Messrs. Rendit (Chairman), Tolhurst, Walsh, Charles, D. J. Ross and Harper.
<u>Accommodation</u>	Sir James Tait Q.C. (Chairman), Messrs. Stabey Q.C., D. R. Meagher, R. K. Davis and O'Keefe.
<u>Wine Cupboard Committee</u>	Messrs. Tolhurst, Dawson, O'Sullivan and Crossley.

SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE PRACTICE COMMITTEE

<u>Matrimonial Causes:</u>	Messrs. Asche, McDonald, Emery and Miss Kingston.
<u>Juries:</u>	Messrs. Laurie Q.C., Beach Q.C., Francis Q.C., Ball and Frederico.
<u>Crime:</u>	Messrs. J. M. Lazarus, Hampel, G. Byrne, Kelly and J. H. Phillips; later Mr. Mullaly.
<u>Causes:</u>	Messrs. Stabey Q.C., Brusey Q.C., Spence, Lyons and Forsyth.
<u>Liquor Control:</u>	Messrs. Campton, K. Coleman, O'Callaghan and Bourke.
<u>Workers' Compensation:</u>	Messrs. Hill, Rendit, Ellis, Magennis and Vincent; later Mr. Bingeman.
<u>County Court</u>	Messrs. Winneke, Fagan, Dove, Porter and Shatin.
<u>Magistrates' Courts:</u>	Messrs. Stanley, Gillies, Streader, Duggan, Morrow and Keon-Cohen.
<u>Industrial Law:</u>	Messrs. Keely Q.C., Northrop Q.C., K. D. Marks, Maddern and Ryan.
<u>Town Planning and Local Government:</u>	Messrs. Gifford Q.C., Gobbo Q.C., Buckner, Porter and Rowlands; later Mr. Neesham.
<u>Floor Committees:</u>	<u>Co-ordinator of Floor Committees:</u> Mr. L. S. Lazarus.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

A number of Committees for particular purposes were appointed, including the following:

The 1958 Rules
relating to
Broadcasting and
Lectures

Messrs. Harris Q.C., Walsh and Charles.

Bar Rules Relating
to Discipline

Messrs. Young Q.C., Woodward Q.C. and L. S. Lazarus.

Structure of
Bar Council

Messrs. Young Q.C. (Chairman), Connor Q.C., Marks Q.C., Hedigan, Black, Ormiston, Winneke, D. Graham, Shore, Gurvich and Walls.

Bar Clerking
Committee

Messrs. Jenkinson Q.C. (Chairman), Fullagar Q.C., L. S. Lazarus, Costigan and Walsh.

Supreme
Court Fees

Messrs. Fullagar Q.C., L. S. Lazarus, Rendit and Sher.

Organization &
Structure of Bar

Messrs. Aickin Q.C., Storey Q.C., Pannam and Keon-Cohen.

Public Relations

Messrs. Beach Q.C., Brusey Q.C., Rendit, Hedigan and Buchanan.

Incorporation
of Counsel

Messrs. Young Q.C., Webb Q.C., Tadgell and Dr. Spry.

Prisoners' Legal
Rights Committee

Messrs. Whelan Q.C., Mullaly, Bourke, Hampel, Gurvich and O'Keeffe; J. M. Lazarus (later resigned).

APPOINTMENTS

The following representative appointments of Council members and other members of the Bar were also made:

Board of
Examiners

Messrs. Young Q.C., Jenkinson Q.C. and Rendit; later Mr. Frederico.

Chief Justice's
Rules Committee

Mr. Murphy Q.C.

Chief Justice's
Law Reform
Committee

Messrs. McGarvie Q.C., Storey and Costigan; later Mr. Woodward Q.C. and then Mr. L. S. Lazarus.

Chief Justice's
Supreme Court
Library Committee

Messrs. Griffith Q.C., Rendit and D. Graham.

Standing Committee
with Law Institute
of Victoria

Messrs. Kaye Q.C. and Harris Q.C. and later Mr. McGarvie Q.C.

Joint Consultative
Committee with Law
Institute of Victoria
and Australian
Medical Association

Messrs. Kaye Q.C. and Harris Q.C. and later Mr. McGarvie Q.C.

Australian Bar Association

Messrs. Kaye Q.C. and Harris Q.C. and later Mr. McGarvie Q.C.

Law Council of Australia Executive

Mr. Kaye Q.C. and later Mr. Harris Q.C.

Council of Legal Education

Messrs. McGarvie Q.C., Woodward Q.C. and Goldberg (later alternate to Mr. McGarvie Q.C.) and later Dawson Q.C.

Continuing Legal Education Foundation

Messrs. Ogden Q.C. (now His Honour Judge Ogden), Woodward Q.C. and later Mr. Lloyd Q.C.

Council of Law Reporting

Sir James Tait Q.C. and Mr. Bradshaw.

Directors of Barristers' Chambers Ltd.

Sir James Tait Q.C., Messrs. Kaye Q.C., Harris Q.C., Connor Q.C., Stabey Q.C. and Batt and later Messrs. McGarvie Q.C. and Webb Q.C.

Barristers Superannuation Fund Trustees

Messrs. Kaye Q.C. (Chairman), Sir James Tait Q.C., Messrs. Griffith Q.C. and Dawson, and later Mr. Harris Q.C. (Chairman). Honorary Secretary — Mr. Jordan.

Legal Aid Committee

Messrs. Brooking Q.C., Keely Q.C., Murdoch and Berkeley and later Messrs. Beach Q.C., King Q.C. and Furness.

Appeal Costs Board

Mr. L. S. Lazarus.

Faculty of Law Melbourne University

Mr. Woodward Q.C. and later Mr. Spence.

Bar Council Nominees

Messrs. Ogden Q.C. and McGarvie Q.C. and later Messrs. Dawson Q.C. and Merralls.

Faculty of Law Monash University

Mr. Dawson Q.C.

Standing Committee Workers' Compensation Board

Messrs. Connor Q.C., Hill and Rendit and later Messrs. Keely Q.C. and Magennis.

Superannuation Fund for Supreme Court Librarian

Mr. Hogg Q.C.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

The following gentlemen are Honorary Life Members of the Victorian Bar:

Sir Eugene Gorman, K.B.E., M.C., Q.C.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Menzies, K.T., C.H., Q.C.

Sir James Tait, Q.C.

Mr. Louis Voumard, Q.C.

MEETINGS

Council Meetings

During the period from 1st September 1971 to 31st August 1972 the Council met on 32 occasions.

FINANCE

Under Rule 39, the Council fixed the following annual subscriptions for members of the Bar for the period 1st September 1971 to 31st August 1972:

Queen's Counsel	\$100.00
Over 10 years' standing	\$60.00
Over 3 but under 10 years	\$40.00
Over 1 but under 3 years	\$20.00
Under 1 year	\$10.00
Interstate Queen's Counsel	\$20.00
Interstate Juniors	\$14.00
Attorney-General & Solicitor-General	\$20.00
Crown Prosecutors & Parliamentary Counsel	\$20.00
Non-Practising List	\$20.00

The Honorary Treasurer's Report and Annual Financial Statements will be Presented to the Annual General Meeting. The statements, subject to audit, are printed as an annexure to this Report.

PERSONALIA

Deaths

His Honour Judge Gunson, on 11th September 1971; Sir Kenneth Bailey, C.B.E., Q.C., on 3rd May 1972; Mr. L. Revelman Q.C., on 10th May 1972; Mrs. G. O. Reid, on 14th June 1972; and the Rt. Honourable Sir Owen Dixon, O.M., G.C.M.G., on 7th July 1972.

Appointments

In December 1971, the Honourable Mr. Justice Nimmo, C.B.E., a judge of the Commonwealth Industrial Court, was appointed Chief Justice of Fiji.

In March 1972, the Honourable Mr. Justice Stephen, a judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria, was appointed a justice of the High Court of Australia; Mr. W. Kaye Q.C. was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria; Mr. X. Connor Q.C. was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory; and Mr. G. M. Byrne, a prosecutor for the Queen, was appointed a judge of the County Court.

In May 1972, Mr. A. E. Woodward, O.B.E., Q.C. was appointed a judge of the Commonwealth Industrial Court; Mr. H. G. Ogden Q.C. was appointed a judge of the County Court; and Mr. J. T. Ludeke, Q.C., of Sydney, was appointed a Deputy President of the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission.

In July 1972, Mr. T. A. Neesham was appointed a prosecutor for the Queen.

In August 1972, Mr. N. S. Stabey, Q.C. was appointed a judge of the County Court.

Honours

New Year's Honour's List:

Sir John Angus Nimmo, C.B.E. — Knight Bachelor; The Right Honourable B. M. Snedden, Q.C., M.P. — Privy Councillor.

April 1972:

Sir Ninian Martin Stephen — Knight of the British Empire.

Queen's Birthday Honours' List:

The Honourable Sir George Oswald Reid, Q.C., M.L.A. — Knight Bachelor; His Honour Judge Dethridge — Companion of St. Michael & St. George.

Queen's Counsel (1971)

Mr. N. M. O'Bryan, the Hon. H. Storey, M.L.C., Messrs. J. A. Gobbo, R. H. Searby, D. M. Dawson and N. R. McPhee.

Welcomes

During 1972, the Bar assembled to welcome the Honourable Mr. Justice Stephen to the High Court of Australia, the Honourable Mr. Justice Kaye to the Supreme Court of Victoria, the Honourable Mr. Justice Connor to the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, the Honourable Mr. Justice Woodward, O.B.E., to the Commonwealth Industrial Court and their Honours Judge Byrne, Judge Ogden and Judge Stabey to the County Court. On each occasion the Chairman made an address of welcome on behalf of the Bar.

In July 1972, the Chairman and members of the Bar attended a Tribute held in the High Court to the late the Right Honourable Sir Owen Dixon, O.M., G.C.M.G.

ROLL OF COUNSEL

Between 2nd September 1971 and 31st August 1972 the following 52 persons signed the Roll of Counsel:

Messrs. C. K. Comans (A.C.T.), D. C. Munro, B. J. Moore, R. H. Miller, B. W. Macaulay, Mrs. J. L. M. Lewis, Miss K. P. Hurst, Messrs. G. H. Golvan, G. R. Flatman, J. H. Barnett, R. A. Capes, M. B. Phipps, I. A. Miller, P. F. O'Dwyer, P. A. Carter, Miss M. Rosenbaum, Mr. R. K. Kent, Miss M. Baczynski, Messrs. I. C. Robertson, D. J. Bell, S. Stribling, Dr. E. G. Coppel, C.M.G., Q.C., Messrs. B. R. McTaggart, A. Shwartz, W. J. Martin, Mrs. B. M. Hooper, Messrs. T. F. Danos, R. N. Foley, P. B. Murdoch, D. A. Perkins, P. H. Clarke, S. S. G. Pinzone, C. R. Briglia, K. J. Oderberg, P. R. Graham (N.S.W.), J. P. Constable, W. a'Beckett, C. Darvall (N.S.W.), R. P. Meagher (N.S.W.), T. O'L. Reynolds (N.S.W.), P. J. Kenny Q.C. (N.S.W.), J. Stuart-Stevenson, Miss A. Riordan, Messrs. D. M. O'Callaghan, R. H. Grace (N.S.W.), P. W. You (N.S.W.), P. H. N. Opas Q.C., N. G. Ross, D. P. D. Grace, P. J. Cahill, J. M. Toal and M. J. Croyle.

Messrs. D. I. Findlay, H. B. Connell and J. R. Guy.

Transfers to
Non-Practising
ListNames removed at
request of Counsel

Messrs. P. A. Twigg, T. N. M. Buesst, F. G. Davey, M. Fagenblat, Mrs. J. Rosanove Q.C., Messrs. C. A. Coppel, E. S. J. Miller Q.C., A. Gillespie-Jones and P. Wing.

The Roll

As at 1st September:

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>		
Judges' List	72	77	+	5
Practising List	453	486	+	33
Non-Practising List	44	40	-	4
Total	569	603	+	34

Counsel in active practice keeping chambers in Victoria (but not including Crown Prosecutors): 396

GENERAL

A number of important issues have arisen in 1971-1972.

1. The first relates to counsel's fees, which had fallen far below reasonable levels. After much careful investigation by subcommittees in 1971, substantial increases have been achieved. In the County Court and Magistrates' Courts, the scales have been substantially increased. In the Supreme Court, the Council took the step of recommending standard minimum fees in a number of fields. Fees on Public Solicitor's and Prosecution briefs have been increased after negotiation.
2. The clerking situation reached the stage where 4 of the clerks each had between 90 and 100 men on their lists by the beginning of 1972. Clerks A, B, C and D agreed not to take further men and Clerk E (who had only 14 on his list) agreed to take any others. The Council adopted in principle far-reaching recommendations about additional clerks and the future of the present clerks. The clerks have appointed two counsel to represent them in discussions with the Bar Council and a committee of the Bar Council is now engaged in discussions with these counsel. The Bar Council's policy is that there should be no involuntary transfers of counsel. The problem is not readily soluble but the atmosphere in which discussions are proceeding is a hopeful one.

3. "No fault" liability is an important question today. A very energetic subcommittee led by Marks Q.C., which worked in conjunction with a committee of the Law Institute of Victoria, produced a valuable study on this subject and this was published through the aid of the Victoria Law Foundation. After representations had been made by the Bar and the Institute, the Government set up a committee to report to it on a feasible scheme, to operate alongside the fault system. This committee is currently deliberating.

4. The treatment of prisoners, especially at Pentridge Gaol, has aroused considerable public interest in 1972. Before the Board of Enquiry (constituted by Jenkinson Q.C.) had been set up, the Bar Council took the step of setting up a subcommittee under Whelan Q.C. to investigate and make recommendations to the Bar Council upon certain aspects of prisoners' legal rights. These comprised the circumstances under which bail was granted, prisoners were remanded in custody for sentence, the visiting justice heard charges and complaints at Pentridge, appeals could be instituted from penalties imposed by the visiting justice and the methods and procedures adopted by the Parole Board and the facilities provided for interviews between prisoners and their legal advisers. This subcommittee is still proceeding.

On the 31st May 1972, a General Meeting of the Bar was held, at which a resolution was passed requesting the Government to widen the terms of the then recently announced public enquiry into conditions at Pentridge. The Government refused this request.

5. Further editions of the "Newsletter" were published in May and September 1972 under the editorship of McGarvie Q.C. and Heerey. It is intended to continue this method of keeping members of the Bar informed on current matters.

Finally, it must be mentioned that the year 1971-1972 has seen the continuation of co-operation between the Bar Council and the Law Institute of Victoria. Discussions on matters of mutual professional interest have been frequent and fruitful. There is good reason to believe that the future will see an ever increasing tendency for both bodies to consult before either takes any step which may affect the other.

FUNCTIONS

Opening of the Legal Year

On the 1st February 1972, to mark the opening of the Legal Year religious services were held in St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the East Melbourne Synagogue. At St. Paul's Cathedral, the lessons were read by Messrs. B. L. Murray Q.C. (Solicitor-General) and J. Cain (Vice-President of the Law Institute of Victoria). The Reverend J. Ithel Jones, M.A., D.D. of the Collins Street Baptist Church delivered the sermon.

At St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Red Mass was celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop of Melbourne, the Most Reverend J. R. Knox, D.D., J.C.D. The Occasional sermon was preached by the Reverend Father A. C. McDonald S.D.B. At the East Melbourne Synagogue the service was conducted by members of the profession in conjunction with the Reverend E. Kowadlo. The sermon was delivered by Rabbi M. Honig, B.A., M. Phil.

Bar Dinner

The Bar Dinner was held on Saturday the 13th May 1972 in the Common Room, Owen Dixon Chambers. The guests of honour were the Honourable Sir Ninian Stephen, K.B.E., the Honourable Mr. Justice Kaye, the Honourable Mr. Justice Connor, the Honourable Mr. Justice Woodward, O.B.E., His Honour Judge Wright, His Honour Judge Byrne, His Honour Judge Ogden and Dr. I. F. C. Spry.

Common Room

On the 20th December 1971, the Bar Christmas Cocktail party was held and enjoyed by the many attending.

From time to time the Chairman and members of the Bar entertained at late afternoon gatherings, the Chief Justice and Justices of the High Court, the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court, Federal Judges, Judges of the County Court, Parliamentarians, Vice-Chancellors of the Universities, Mr. Henry Litton Q.C. of Hong Kong, the President of the Law Council of Australia, the President, Chairman and members of the Council of the Law Institute of Victoria and members of kindred Associations.

On the 11th February 1972, the Council entertained at dinner the Presidents of the Country Law Associations as well as the President, Chairman and officers of the Law Institute.

The Cup Eve dining-in night was held on the 1st November 1971 and the Mid-Year dining-in night was held on the 30th June 1972 when once again a Bar Revue produced by David Ross was performed and provided sparkling entertainment for the occasion.

On the 17th March 1972, following the appointment of the Hon. Mr. Justice Stephen to the High Court, the Hon. Mr. Justice Kaye to the Supreme Court of Victoria, and the Hon. Mr. Justice Connor to the Supreme Court of The Australian Capital Territory, the Council, in accordance with the usual practice, gave a dinner to these judges, all of whom had served on the Council, and to their wives.

On the 26th May 1972, the Council also gave a dinner to the Hon. Mr. Justice Woodward and Mrs. Woodward on the occasion of his appointment to the Commonwealth Industrial Court.

The Council wishes to record its appreciation of the part played by Mr. & Mrs. Unger in making the various functions in the Common Room a success.

The Chairman attended the Annual Dinners of the Law Institute of Victoria the Annual Conventions of the country law associations and the Annual Dinners of other professional bodies.

On the 1st June 1972, the Chairman attended a reception at Government House in Honour of the Queen's Birthday.

On 2nd June 1972, members of the Bar attended the Queen's Birthday Levee at Parliament House.

The Chairman attended a State Reception given in honour of Sir Edmund Herring K.C.M.G., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., E.D., and when the announcement of his retirement from the office of Lieutenant Governor was made. Sir Edmund had held this office for 27 years.

The annual Cricket Match between the Bar and Solicitors was played on the 20th December 1971, at The Albert Ground. The solicitors again won and so retained the Sir Henry Winneke Cup. On the same day the annual Tennis Match was held between The Bar and Solicitors and which resulted in a narrow and exciting win to the Bar. This was the first time the Bar had won the O'Driscoll Cup since His Honour Judge O'Driscoll presented the Cup for competition in 1967. Mr. Brian Thomson Q.C., organised the tennis match and Mr. Barry Dove the cricket match.

On the 10th December 1971, the Bench and Bar played a golf match against State Parliamentarians at the Victoria Golf Club. This enjoyable match ended in a draw.

On the 28th January 1972, the annual Golf Match between the Bar and Solicitors was played at the Metropolitan Golf Club. This match was won by the Solicitors, and so the Sir Edmund Herring Shield passed from the Bar into the hands of the Law Institute. The match was followed by a pleasant and enjoyable dinner in the Club House.

On the 30th June 1972, the annual Golf Match between the Bench and Bar and the Combined Services resulted in a draw for the Bruche Cup and a win for the Combined Services for the Macfarlane Cup. This meant that the Combined Services retained both Cups. Once more the Council is indebted to Mr. J. H. Nankivell who organised these golf matches on behalf of the Bench and Bar.

ETHICS

During the course of the year the Ethics Committee gave advice and guidance to a large number of Counsel. It also investigated certain complaints against Counsel. In a majority of cases the committee was able to dispose of the matter itself, but in certain cases it was necessary to refer the matter to the Council.

During the course of the year the Bar Council adopted new rules relating to broadcasting, lectures and addresses subject however to the adoption of new Disciplinary Rules. The New Disciplinary Rules have not yet been finally approved by the Bar Council, and when they are so approved it will be necessary to submit them to the Bar for adoption as an alteration of Counsel Rules. Accordingly the new rules relating to broadcasting, lectures and addresses have not yet come into operation and are published here for information only:

Other Functions

Sporting Functions

(a) Broadcasting

- (i) This paragraph applies, where the context so admits, to both radio and television broadcasting.
- (ii) A barrister may broadcast either anonymously or under his own name, and without the consent of the Bar Council, on any topic. He may, if he deems it necessary, disclose that he is a barrister. Only exceptionally should he find it necessary to reveal that he is a Practising member of the Bar.
- (iii) Whenever a barrister is requested to broadcast on any matter directly touching the organization or administration of the Bar, he should consult with the members of the Bar Council before taking part in the broadcast.
- (iv) A barrister may not appear in court robes, save only where he is a non-practising barrister and is a professional actor and does not disclose that he is a barrister.
- (v) A barrister may not broadcast concerning:
 - (A) any matter in which he has been engaged as counsel unless he can do so without disclosing information imparted to him in confidence and still confidential and without giving publicity either to his own appearance in the matter or to the part which he played in it.
 - (B) his practice at the Bar.

(b) Lectures and Addresses

- (i) A barrister may give lectures or addresses on legal or non-legal subjects and may, if he deems it necessary, disclose that he is a barrister.
- (ii) It is a matter of the barrister's discretion to accept or decline a particular invitation but he may not give any lecture or address concerning:
 - (A) any matters in which he has been engaged as counsel unless he can do so without disclosing information imparted to him in confidence and still confidential and without giving publicity either to his own appearance in the matter or to the part which he played in it.
 - (B) his practice at the Bar.

(c) General

- (i) A barrister who proposes to broadcast, lecture or address as provided for by these rules shall, before making such broadcast or giving such lecture or address give to the Secretary of the Council such details of the broadcast, lecture or address as the Council may from time to time require provided that if it is not practicable to give such details beforehand, the barrister shall give the details to the Secretary as soon as possible after the broadcast, lecture or address.
- (ii) If the Council is of the opinion that a member's participation or repeated or continuous participation in broadcasting, lecturing or giving addresses constitutes advertising or touting or involves a departure from the aforesaid statement of principles the Council may, after calling upon the member concerned to show cause and after hearing him in relation thereto, direct that such member shall not broadcast or deliver any lecture or make any address on any subject or matter (legal or non legal) for such period as the Council thinks fit without the permission of the Bar Council which shall have absolute discretion to withhold such permission or to grant it with or without such conditions as it thinks fit. The Bar Council may rescind or vary any such direction upon such terms (if any) as it thinks fit.
- (iii) Nothing in these rules shall authorise a member of the Bar to:
 - (A) take part in any mock or moot Court except such as may be conducted in a University or other Law School.
 - (B) appear robed in any film broadcast or stage performance or act the part of Counsel therein.

Until new Disciplinary Rules are adopted, it remains necessary for members of the Bar to obtain permission to give lectures and addresses as before.

As foreshadowed in the Annual Report for 1970-1971 the lectures delivered by the Chairman of the Ethics Committee in August 1971 were published in pamphlet form during the year under the title "Conduct and Etiquette at the Victorian Bar" and were distributed to all members of the Bar. However, the publication of these lectures did not replace the two lectures normally delivered by the Chairman of the Ethics Committee to those who signed the Roll since the lectures given in the previous year.

As appears elsewhere in this Report the two lectures on ethics were the first of a long series of lectures instituted by the Council during the year.

Retainer of Counsel. During the year the Ethics Committee recommended that the Bar Council should adopt the following rulings in lieu of its ruling of 6th June 1902:

"Where a brief is offered or delivered to any counsel and he finds that another counsel has previously been instructed or has otherwise become entitled to be briefed and has not been briefed, he should as a matter of courtesy inform the other counsel that he has received a brief and should where practicable ascertain from the solicitor offering or delivering such brief whether there is any sufficient explanation why a brief has not been delivered to such other counsel, and unless a satisfactory explanation is given should refuse or return the brief. Counsel is not however obliged to tell such other counsel the explanation given."

The Council adopted the ruling.

General Retainers. The Ethics Committee advised counsel that in its view a general retainer delivered to a junior continues to operate until it expires or is forfeited, notwithstanding that the junior is appointed silk. It was also the committee's view that where counsel holds a general retainer from both sides in pending litigation he is precluded from acting for either party in a dispute between them.

Interviewing witnesses. There is generally speaking no objection so far as counsel is concerned to speaking to a witness whether a witness of fact or an expert witness proposed to be called by an opposing party in litigation and it is not necessary to seek the permission of opposing counsel before doing so or even to notify him of an intention to do so.

LAW REFORM

Introduction

Members of the Bar are in an exceptional position to contribute to the process of law reform. In the course of their practices they become aware of areas of the law where reform might be desirable, and their training and experience equips them well to devise possible solutions.

The Law Reform Committee this year has set out to utilise these qualities of members of the Bar. It has encouraged counsel to suggest to it possible areas of enquiry, and it has adopted the practice of referring matters to sub-committees of members of the Bar not on the Law Reform Committee. The matters referred have arisen from reference to the Committee by the Bar Council, from suggestions from members of the Bar and from suggestions from members of the Committee.

At the moment there are nearly forty members of the Bar on sub-committees considering the following matters:

- Time and Jurisdiction
- Unincorporated Associations
- Childrens Court Bill
- Commencing Dates of Acts and Rules
- Hague Convention on Service Abroad
- Rights of Illegitimate Children
- Privilege re Communications to Magistrates Courts Clerks
- Notification of Crown Appeals

During the year the Bar Council considered a number of items of law reform. They were:

<u>Personal Injuries Cases</u>	During the year the Council was invited by the Chief Secretary to comment upon the Arnold Report. This was a Report of a committee appointed by the Government to consider delays in the settlement of Third Party insurance claims. The Council forwarded a report of one of its committee's to the Chief Secretary. This Report made various criticisms of the Arnold Report and referred to earlier reports of the Council to the Attorney-General containing recommendations on aspects of this subject.
<u>Justices Act Rules</u>	The Council submitted a report to the Secretary of the Department of Law on proposed amendments to the Justices Act Rules.
<u>Crimes (Sentences) Bill</u>	At the request of the Statute Law Revision Committee the Council forwarded to that Committee a report on this Bill and sought permission for a member of the Bar to attend the Committee to elaborate on the contents of the report.
<u>Parliamentary Privilege</u>	The Council supported certain recommendations contained in the Report of the New South Wales Bar Association on Parliamentary Privileges. These recommendations called for the passing of a Statute declaring the powers, privileges and immunities of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and committees thereof.
<u>Town and Country Planning Act</u>	The Council submitted a report to the Minister of Local Government suggesting an amendment to overcome technical procedural defects in the appeal provisions of the Act.
<u>No Fault Liability</u>	The Council accepted as a matter of principle the implementation of a limited "no-fault" system to operate alongside the present tort system, and joined the Law Institute of Victoria in urging the Government to set up a consultative Committee to investigate the establishment of such a system. This was done and the Government did set up such a committee which included amongst its members a representative of the Bar. Copies of the report on this matter were printed and given wide distribution.
<u>Lands Tribunal Bill</u>	The Council adopted the views contained in a memorandum proposed by a member of the Bar on this Bill, and requested such member to appear and give evidence on the Bill before the Statute Law Revision Committee.
<u>Section 463 Crimes Act 1958</u>	The Council adopted in principle a report of one of its committees in relation to a proposed amendment to this section, and appointed representatives of the Bar to give evidence on the matter to the Statute Law Revision Committee.
<u>Designs Law Review Committee</u>	The Council advised the Secretary of this Committee that it desired to make an oral submission in relation to the terms of reference of the Committee, and appointed a sub-committee of members of the Bar to deal with the matter.
<u>Supreme Court (Civil Appeals) Bill</u>	The Council recommended certain alterations to this Bill.
<u>County Court (Jurisdiction) Bill</u>	The Council recommended certain alterations to this Bill.
<u>Conditions in Pentridge Gaol</u>	The Council established a committee to investigate and make recommendations upon a number of designated aspects of prisoners' legal rights.

Road Safety

The Council appointed a committee to consider the question of road safety.

Senate Standing

The Council considered that it was inappropriate to make any submission to this Committee on behalf of the Bar as such.

Committee onFinance andGovernment OperationsPleadings in County

The Council referred this question to its County Court sub-committee for consideration.

Court CivilProceedingsCounty Court-Record
of Civil Proceedings

The Council made representation to the Attorney-General referring to previous correspondence in relation to this matter and requesting him to review the topic. Subsequently the Attorney-General replied stating that it was envisaged funds would be made available by the forthcoming State Budget to enable the installation of equipment that would provide for a running transcript in one court and the recording of evidence in the other five courts, transcripts being provided later. A further matter raised by a member of Counsel as to the present practice in relation to the recording of evidence in the County Court was referred to the Joint Standing Committee (with the Law Institute) on County Court Practice and Procedure.

Presentation ofWinding upPetitions

The Council referred to the Company sub-committee a memorandum from the Law Council of Australia concerning notification by the Prothonotary to the Registrar of Companies of presentation of a winding up petition.

Listing ofCriminal Cases

The report of the Crime sub-committee on this matter was referred to the Joint Standing Committee (with the Law Institute) on County Court Practice and Procedure with a request that the Committee consult with the Chairman of the Crime sub-committee.

Senate Committee
on Divorce

The Council appointed a committee to investigate the Bar's views on desirable changes in the divorce law, with a view to making a submission to the Senate Committee.

Repatriation
Committee

The Council agreed to co-operate with the Law Institute of Victoria in the preparation and presentation of submissions to the enquiry into the repatriation system, and appointed a representative for that purpose.

Private Street
Construction

The Council referred comments raised by a member of Counsel on this matter to the Bar's Town Planning and Local Government Committee.

Tasmanian
Breathalyser
Committee

The Council received a letter from the Secretary of the Legislative Council (Tasmania) Select Committee on the Tasmanian Breathalyser Legislation inviting members of the Bar to give evidence before the Committee. The Council decided that a notice about this matter should be placed on the Bar notice boards.

Matrimonial
Causes Act and Rules

The Council forwarded a report dealing with the form of the Notice of Petition to the Law Council of Australia.

COLLECTION OF OVERDUE FEES

During the year the Committee once again implemented the Scheme for the collection of overdue fees owing to Counsel of less than seven years' standing.

As on previous occasions, it was found that the implementation of the Scheme involved a substantial and lengthy administrative process which took in excess of six months. This lapse of time was occasioned by the necessity to consult each of the clerks at each stage of the process, and to deal with the enquiries and explanations contained in correspondence with solicitors in the middle stages of the process.

After a preliminary review of amounts outstanding for more than six months in respect of all counsel of less than seven years' standing, it was found necessary to write to only thirty-seven firms of solicitors. The majority of these firms thereupon either paid all fees owing to such counsel, or provided reasonable explanations for their failure to pay. In the end it was necessary to place only six names on the list circulated to members of the Bar of solicitors from whom briefs were not to be accepted.

The names of five of those firms were removed from the list within two days of its circulation.

The Committee considers that a more expeditious procedure should be devised for the future implementation of the Scheme.

Once again much of the burden of the implementation of the Scheme fell upon the Registrar, and appreciation is expressed to him for the work done by him.

LECTURE PROGRAMME

Towards the end of 1971 the Bar Council arranged a further lecture in the series of occasional lectures which had been presented over the preceding two or three years. The lecture was given by Mr. A. Asche and dealt with:

"Enforcement of orders by arrest and other means."

The large number who attended were well rewarded by the quality of the material presented.

In the early 1972 the Bar Council resolved to arrange a series of lectures designed primarily to provide guidance for readers. The Bar Council believed that such a series of lectures would add to the training counsel received during their reading period, and would also provide a form of continuing education for all members of the Bar who wished to take advantage of it.

To give effect to these views the Bar Council resolved to make it a requirement of admission to the Victorian Bar that the applicant undertook to attend such a course of lectures.

The lectures arranged for this year were:

Ethics (2 lectures)	Mr. J. McL. Young Q.C.
Relations between Barristers and Solicitors	Mr. P. Murphy Q.C.
Procedure — Practical Aspects of Originating and other Process	Mr. J. M. Batt
Procedure — Pleadings	Mr. D. Dawson Q.C.
Procedure — Practical Aspects of Interrogatories, Answers to Interrogatories and Advice on Evidence	Mr. J. A. Gobbo Q.C.
Trial — Opening, Final Address, Making a Submission	Mr. E. D. Lloyd Q.C.
Trial — Examination and Cross-Examination	Mr. N. R. McPhee Q.C.
Criminal Trials	Mr. J. M. Lazarus

Most of these lectures have already been given. They have been well attended and each of the lecturers has provided excellent material for those attending. The lecturers have made available notes of their lectures, and consideration is being given to the publication of this material.

It is proposed that the series will be repeated annually with such variations as experience shows is desirable.

The Bar Council expresses its appreciation to all the lecturers for the time and effort given by them during the year.

ACCOMMODATION

The position as to present and future accommodation for practising barristers was stated at length in last year's Annual Report, and was brought up to May 1972 in that month's issue of the Bar News (at p. 9 under Barristers' Chambers Ltd.), and what was there stated remains substantially the position today.

One change is that conversion of the First Floor to barristers' chambers has been delayed and our Architects now say it will not be completed until the end, or towards the end, of this year. This annoying delay has caused confusion and some hardship among the many who are now awaiting rooms, but every endeavour is being made to expedite matters, and certain sharing of rooms has been allowed in the meantime.

The actual number of barrister tenants of Barristers' Chambers Ltd. is at present 315, of whom 265 are in Owen Dixon Chambers and 35 in Tait Chambers. There are 17 licensees sharing rooms at the rear of the ground floor of Owen Dixon Chambers; another 14 in Hooker Building and 4 in the Barristers' Chambers Ltd.'s room in Equity Chambers. Thus, there are 350 tenants or licensees of Barristers' Chambers Ltd. (when we moved into Owen Dixon Chambers in 1961 we had 171 barrister tenants). There are now (approx.) 15 sharing rooms with tenants and 21 who have finished reading and are awaiting rooms of their own and another 19 who will be in the same position between now and February 1973 — a total of 55.

The rooms which will be available for these 55 men are 40 on the First Floor by the end of this year, and approximately 25 on the 12th Floor which should be ready by March or April next year. As against this, it is expected that between now and that date there will be some few present tenancies vacated. The anticipated position for the immediate future is therefore that by early next year we should be able to meet the demand for rooms, provided the licensing area on the ground floor is not required for Clerks.

In the meantime, and until the First and 12th Floors are ready for occupation it is intended to ask further tenants in Owen Dixon and Tait Chambers voluntarily to accept temporary sharing of their rooms to accommodate men who have no other prospects.

The long-term picture is not so clear and is more difficult. It is always a guess what the net increase at the Bar will be in any year. In 1970-71 it was about a net 30, and it could be about the same this year to 1st September. But these figures are approximate only and remain to be worked out more exactly. A great deal of work has been done and data collected as to future availability of suitable space, and this indicates that in 1973, possibly late in 1973, there will be considerable space for leasing in this neighbourhood at a price. Until we know more precisely when there will be say at least 25 to 30 men (i.e. a complete floor) wanting rooms who are able and willing to pay up to more than half as much again as for our most expensive rooms, it is difficult to enter into any commitments. It is suggested that a vigorous sub-committee of younger men might be appointed to report on what should be done.

LEGAL AID

The following are extracts from the Report of the Legal Aid Committee for the year ended 30th June 1972:

Meetings

The Committee met on 50 occasions during the year. In addition a number of meetings of sub-committees formed for particular purposes were held.

Applications

The volume of business has continued to grow. A total of 13,016 applications were dealt with, compared with 9,798 in the immediately preceding year and 5,490 in the year before that. Of the 13,016 applications for assistance, 7,086 were granted. Divorce, maintenance, custody and affiliation accounted for more than half of the applications for assistance received. Further information concerning applications dealt with is set out in the First Schedule to this report. Had it not been for the shortage of funds referred to below, the growth in the volume of business would have been even greater.

Financial

Funds received from costs recouped and contributions by assisted persons, payments from the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund and the Treasury covered administration expenses, disbursements incurred in assisted cases and payment to the profession of eighty per centum of costs certified. A statement of revenue and expenditure will be found in the Second Schedule to this report. During the year the books and accounts of the Committee for the period from the 1st July 1969 to the 30th June 1971 were audited by the Auditor General.

For the greater part of the year the Committee has been pre-occupied with financial problems resulting from rising costs and the continued growth of the Legal Aid Scheme. Towards the end of the calendar year 1971 it became apparent that, in the absence of a substantial contribution from the Government of Victoria, the Legal Aid Fund would not be adequate to enable the continuation of assistance on the scale then obtaining and that in the absence of such a contribution aid would have to be drastically curtailed. A drastic cutting back of legal aid in all spheres was narrowly averted by the appropriation by the Treasury, early in the new year, of the sum of \$75,000 for payment to the Legal Aid Fund. The financial position continued to occasion the Committee concern, and as the financial year drew to a close, and estimates of revenue and expenditure for the coming year were received and considered by the Committee, it became apparent that it was no longer possible to defer the curtailment of assistance. The original estimates disclosed that a continuation of assistance at the then prevalent rate would have resulted in an extremely large deficit. In the result by early June 1972 the Committee found it necessary to resolve that applications for aid to petition for divorce should not be granted except on

condition that a lump sum payment of at least \$100 was made in addition to any other requirement; in cases of hardship or urgency this requirement of the payment of \$100 may be waived, but shortage of funds does not itself constitute hardship. At the same time, the Committee resolved that solicitors should until the 1st October, 1972 withhold action on current divorce assignments unless a date had already been fixed for the hearing or there was some urgency; in cases of urgency no action was to be taken without the consent of the Committee. The Committee has taken further steps with a view to increasing revenue and reducing expenditure. In addition to imposing the particular restrictions already mentioned, the Committee found it necessary in the latter part of the financial year to be somewhat less liberal in the granting of assistance, both in relation to the decision to grant or withhold assistance, and in relation to the terms on which assistance should be granted.

On the 9th May, 1972, following a recommendation made by the Council of the Law Institute of Victoria to the Attorney-General, the Legal Profession Practice (Amendment) Act 1972 was passed.

The amendments, so far as material, were two in number. In the first place, it was provided that the amount to be deposited by a solicitor with the Law Institute should be not less than 40% of the lowest balance in his Trust Account during the prescribed period instead of one third as formerly. In the second place, the percentage of the surplus of the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund to be paid into the Legal Aid Fund was increased from 30% to 50%. The result is that the surplus of the Solicitors' Guarantee Fund is now to be divided equally between the Law Foundation and the Legal Aid Fund. It will be some time before the benefit of these amendments is fully felt.

Costs and
Counsel's Fees.

Recent increases in solicitor's costs and counsel's fees are a factor which has contributed to the financial problems of the past year.

In dealing with bills of costs the Committee has relied heavily upon its costs consultant, Mr. John Ahern. Shortly after the close of the financial year the Committee, acting on the recommendation of its costs sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mr. A. Norster, laid down certain general directions with regard to costs and settled a revised schedule of counsel's fees. There is now in course of preparation a lengthy circular for distribution among members of the profession setting forth and explaining the decisions taken by the Committee in relation to costs and the schedule of counsel's fees.

**FIRST SCHEDULE
LEGAL AID COMMITTEE
STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED 30/6/72**

<u>1970/71</u>		<u>1971/72</u>
9798	Total applications	13016
3864	Dealt with by Secretary without completion of application form	4642
5934	Referred to Committee	8374
374	Applications not dealt with or deferred as at 30th June 1971, but subsequently dealt with by the Committee	333
<u>6308</u>		<u>8707</u>
5142	Assistance approved	7086
833	Rejected or withdrawn	1258
333	Not dealt with or deferred as at 30th June, 1972	363
<u>6308</u>		<u>8707</u>

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF STATISTICS

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>DEALT WITH BY THE SECRETARY</u>	<u>REFERRED TO COMMITTEE</u>	<u>APPROVED</u>
DIVORCE	3053 (2228)	682 (565)	2371 (1663)	2191 (1594)
MAINTENANCE	3201 (2313)	658 (502)	2543 (1811)	2035 (1407)
CUSTODY AND AFFILIATION	652 (468)	155 (121)	497 (347)	443 (322)
MOTOR ACCIDENT	768 (599)	241 (196)	527 (403)	431 (391)
CRIMINAL	1134 (638)	264 (137)	870 (501)	737 (474)
CIVIL CAUSE	2132 (1398)	1193 (687)	939 (711)	821 (620)
WORKER'S COMPENSATION	270 (189)	66 (50)	204 (139)	174 (120)
PROBATE AND T.F.M.	178 (137)	99 (77)	79 (60)	67 (59)
OTHER	1628 (1828)	1284 (1529)	344 (299)	187 (155)
	<u>13016 (9798)</u>	<u>4642 (3864)</u>	<u>8374 (5934)</u>	<u>7086 (5142)</u>

NOTE: Figures for period 1/7/70 to 30/6/71 are shown in parenthesis.

SECOND SCHEDULE
LEGAL AID COMMITTEE
LEGAL AID FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/6/72

	<u>1970/71</u>	<u>1971/72</u>
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Balance brought forward at 1st July	\$104,651	\$ 50,075
Costs recouped and contributions by assisted persons	196,395	303,474
Payments from Solicitors Guarantee Fund	180,000	285,000
Payments from Appeal Costs Fund	31,646	—
Bank Interest	668	18
Treasury Contribution		75,000
	<u>\$513,360</u>	<u>\$713,567</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Administration Costs	\$ 91,057	\$115,148
Disbursements	46,138	101,634
Refunds to Assisted Persons	10,232	26,924
Payments to Legal Profession (see below)	315,858	468,368*
Balance carried forward at 30th June	50,075	1,493
	<u>\$513,360</u>	<u>\$713,567</u>

*Unpaid accounts from the Legal Profession for services rendered by 30/6/72 are in excess of \$100,000.

The contributions made by several members of the Bar who have served as members of this Committee are appreciated by the Council

BAR LIBRARY

Since the last Annual Report, the Bar Library has acquired sets of the Tasmanian Law Reports and the Federal Law Reports through Barristers Chambers Limited. It has also received gifts of books from the Hon. Mr. Justice Anderson, Messrs. T. A. Neesham, C. W. G. Wheeler and D. Graham and a number of unbound Dominion Law Reports from the Supreme Court Library. These kindly gestures are gratefully acknowledged.

The library now includes most necessary reports required for day to day reference and the Library Committee's attention is being directed to the acquisition of Reports of Patent Cases, Lloyds List Reports, and Law Times Reports, which involve questions both of finance and availability.

The library is obviously used by many counsel and, since expense and space are now critical influences on the range of private libraries, its role is becoming of increasing importance to the Bar as a whole rather than only to younger members who have not yet acquired their own libraries.

As previously, the running of the library has been dependent not only on the members of the Library Committee but also upon Miss Lee Scott Carmody, who attends to the placing of current parts. The Library also benefits from the co-operation and advice of Mr. G. Alcon, the Librarian of the Supreme Court of Victoria, and from the promptness and skill of Mr. E. Voigt, who repairs and binds volumes so that they are absent from the shelves no longer than necessary.

Naturally the co-operation of users of the library in replacing volumes is still most important; and, unfortunately, sometimes books are left out on the tables notwithstanding the display of notices requiring the replacement of books after they have been used.

THE VICTORIAN BAR
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 1972

	\$	\$	\$
BALANCE in the General Fund 31/8/71			420.36
RECEIPTS			
Annual subscriptions	16,994.00		
Arrears	<u>1,067.00</u>	18,061.00	
Arrears from past functions		261.78	
Dividend on Shares		1,035.60	
Interest from Commonwealth Bonds		90.00	
Sales — "A Multitude of Counsellors"		42.30	
Barristers' Benevolent Fund			
Balance 1/9/71	95.00		
Contributions	<u>2,029.00</u>		
	2,124.00		
<u>Less paid to Trustees</u>	<u>2,124.00</u>		<u>19,490.68</u>
			19,911.04
Less Capital Expenditure:			
Purchase of 500 Ordinary Shares of \$2 each in Barristers' Chambers Limited		1,000.00	
Purchase from publishers of 50 copies of "A Multitude of Counsellors" at \$1 each		50.00	
Purchase of wine stocks for maturing — final payment		<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>2,150.00</u>
			17,761.04
EXPENDITURE			
(a) Administration Expenses:			
Auditors' remuneration	90.00		
Bank Charges	51.25		
Floral tributes	41.60		
Insurance	49.57		
Maintenance & Repairs	32.60		
Postages and Petty Expenses	190.84		
Printing and Stationery	3,795.62		
Salaries	<u>6,873.50</u>	11,124.98	
(b) Affiliation Fees:			
Australian Bar Association	834.00		
Law Council of Australia	1,042.50	1,876.50	
(c) Fares for representative at LCA interstate Executive Meeting		59.80	
(d) Functions and Entertainment (against which \$63.55 is owing) For Catering and Hiring etc. To Chairman's Fund	5,199.86		
	<u>1,950.00</u>		
	7,149.86		
<u>Less Members' payments</u>	<u>5,801.30</u>	1,348.56	
(e) Income Tax		<u>73.83</u>	<u>14,483.67</u>
BALANCE IN HAND AT 31st AUGUST 1972			<u><u>\$ 3,277.37</u></u>

NOTES

Revenue receipts exceeded revenue expenditure
by \$5,007.01 of which Capital Expenditure
absorbed \$2,150

Assets

1.	Amount owed by members is:			
(a)	for subscriptions:			
(i)	Prior to 31/8/71	119.00		
(ii)	For past year	<u>2,246.00</u>	2,365.00	
(b)	for functions:			
(i)	Prior to 31/8/71	33.03		
(ii)	For past year	<u>63.55</u>	<u>96.58</u>	2,461.58
2.	Investments at cost:			
(a)	7150 Ordinary Shares of \$2 each in Barristers' Chambers Limited		14,300.00	
(b)	Commonwealth Bonds		<u>2,000.00</u>	16,300.00
3.	Copies of "A Multitude of Counsellors" at cost			1,219.60
4.	Wine Stocks at cost			2,978.00
5.	Portraits at cost			3,495.00
6.	Gifts received — Candelabra etc. insured for			1,275.00
				<u>\$27,729.18</u>

(J. B. TAIT)
Honorary Treasurer