

Secretary's Report, A.G.M. 1956

1. II Conference: Cambridge; Emma and Xts; thanks due Batista, Brittain, Grant, Street, Topsfield, Trend and Wilson - org. and hospitality; well-planned, well-floated. Thanks due all who read a paper; asked questions; or just came. *Jocs Sr. Alcoverro.*

Reports sent 102; Heads of Depts., even anti-, univ. teachers abroad, New and Old Worlds, editors of journals, members.

Committee-meeting at II Conf. raised following points - down for discussion: 1) distinguished visitors; 2) schols. in Cat. and Britain; 3) cessation of BBC's Cat. emissions; 4) aid to those seeking advice about reception, lodging etc. of young people from Peninsula wishing stay this country. Members of cttee. have been active on these matters - and I must thank them most sincerely for their ready cooperation.

2. Membership has risen; is some temporary? due to Jesus' College dinner at II Conf's being for members only. Total now stands at 50, of whom two are students, and two honorary; no matter how one looks at it the increase from 34 to 48 effective paying members is gratifying. Members really have been doing some proselytizing, but perhaps under AOB we might discuss ways of further attracting members (Dr. Batista).

3. *Finally* Members will have noticed the headed paper which the Society now boasts, the committee hopes without undue misgiving. *Details from Hon. Treas.*

4. The Premi Anglo-Catalan Society, instituted by the Society at the 98th Jocs Florals de la Llengua Catalana was won by Josep Carner Ribalta for a very fine translation of the Ballad of Reading Jail. Once again the committee would like to thank all those who contributed to this prize; = all.

5. That concludes my report. It is a measure of the vitality of the Society.

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