

He has been with us from the beginning and his enthusiasm has fired all our efforts. For approximately eight years he has been the self-starter of the Society, the central figure, the dynamo. He is remarkable for the energy that he has put into the work; remarkable too is the success which has attended his efforts equally on the business side, the scientific side, or any point that he touches.

Societies such as ours sometimes become hot-beds of intrigue and petty quarrels. The fact that we are entirely free from this sort of thing is something for which we have to thank Mr Harvey, with his great experience and splendid example.

Societies like ours often get into difficulties for other reasons. People hold on to their jobs whilst a flicker of life remains in their breasts. This is utterly wrong from the Society's point of view. One wants to secure and make available to the Society every bit of energy that is possible.

It has long been obvious to Mr Harvey's many friends and admirers that with the increasing demands of his profession and one thing and another he was taking too much out of himself, and there was a grave risk that under order of his doctors he would have to give up the Secretaryship of our Society, which would have been a bitter blow to all of us.

It was grand news, therefore, to learn in early December that there was an excellent prospect of Mr T. J. Budge becoming Assistant Secretary. We are at liberty to hope that Mr Budge will insist upon taking off Mr Harvey's shoulders a large portion of the work, particularly the routine.

I personally hope Mr Budge, moreover, will get help with the routine work so that in due course there is somebody who knows what goes on and who can help out in case of holidays, accidents and whatnot. Young people who are full of energy do not suffer from having a little bit of work to do—in fact, their experience is enhanced by taking on all jobs, even routine jobs.

The move is entirely in line with what I have been recommending for years, namely that spreading as much responsibility as we can among our Members and accordingly I congratulate Mr Budge on the appointment, and promise him (I think I take little risk in this) on behalf of the Members that they will do all they can to make his task as easy and as pleasant as possible.

Wishing the Society all success for 1954,

MARTIN COLES HARMAN.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Through the kindness of the President, Peter Davis will be publishing this summer a List of Birds of Lundy, with notes on their Status and Migrations. The approximate cost to members will be 3/6 per copy. The edition will not be a very large one, and members may therefore wish to order in advance, lest they be disappointed.