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MESSAGE FROM THE RETIRING HON. SECRETARY.

Those members who had the time (or inclination) to read my notes in the last KIWI - circulated early in October - may remember that I concluded on page 4 with a "LAST APPEAL" (i.e. for attention to the notes and the accompanying questionnaire, and for full support for our Annual General Meeting programme). In heading this, "Last Appeal", I rather overlooked the fact that I would still have one further issue for which to prepare some notes, and whenever a secretary writes notes for circulation to members there is usually some appeal necessary. I am afraid that my last was not too successful. Although I have managed to gather together sufficient lots for the auction and sheets for display from the thirty members who did respond, there are still quite a number who have not written in to say "Yea" or "Nay".

This is a last reminder regarding our Annual General Meeting, to be held at the Kingsley Hotel. W.C. 1., as usual, on the 30th November. I certainly have not had the thirty acceptances for the proposed dinner and unless, within a few days of your receiving this Bulletin, further support is forthcoming, it is more than probable that this particular event at the end of the day will have to be cancelled. If this becomes necessary those who have accepted will be notified by post two or three days before the meeting. If you have not responded, and in view of the circumstances, there is still time but please do let me know at once.

The Agenda and Programme for the meeting is set out on the following page, and brief details of the lots already received (or promised and described) are listed.

I would like to conclude on a personal note to those who will not be attending the meeting to say how pleasant it has been to have given some service to the Society and to individual members since the very early days of this Society.

I do look forward to seeing all those who have said "Yes" to our 30th November gathering, and to a lot more who have not yet replied.

(Signed) Margarete Erskine (Mrs).
Hon. Secretary.

THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN
KINGSLEY HOTEL, W.C.1. SATURDAY, 30th NOVEMBER 1957.

PROGRAMME

- 11.45 a.m. Display of N.Z. material contributed by various members, including winning entries in our 1957 competition.
- 12.00 noon Auction Lots on view (until 2.25 p.m.) Also fifteen "problem pieces" which members are invited to identify.
- 1.15 p.m. Lunch (informal in the restaurant)
- 2.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

Agenda.

1. To receive and approve Minutes of the fifth Annual General Meeting held on 24th November, 1956.
 2. To receive from the President a report on the past year.
 3. To receive the financial report from the Hon. Treasurer.
 4. To elect a President and Vice-President. (For these offices there will be a ballot and the nominee with the highest number of votes will become President and the second highest, Vice-President).
 5. To elect (a) an Hon. Secretary; (b) an Hon. Treasurer; (c) an Hon. Exchange Packet Secretary; (d) Hon. Auditor.
 6. To elect a Committee of five members.
 7. Any other business proper to an Annual General Meeting.
- 3.00 p.m. Presentation of Trophies:-
approx. The Stacey Hooker Cup to Mr. J.D. Evans (East Sheen)
 The Kiwi Shield to Mr. J.R. Hinvest (Horsham)
- 3.15 p.m. Display and Talk (probably by a group from the Australian Commonwealth Specialist Society of G.B.)
- 4.00 p.m. Tea.
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- 4.15 p.m. Auction.
- 5.15 p.m. Close of meeting.
- 6.30 p.m. Dinner (unless cancellation becomes necessary).

In writing to our Treasurer recently our Member, Mr. W.S.E. Stephen of 94, High Street, Aberlour, Banffshire, drew attention to the fact that, in conjunction with a friend of his, he has written a book on "Russian Stamps Used Abroad". From the circular enclosed it is clear that this is a comprehensive work and any of our Members who are interested should write direct to Mr. Stephen for further details.

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As a result of the Editor's notice in the last issue of the KIWI that he had Vols 2 & 3 of the New Zealand Handbook for sale, a Member who was unlucky in being too late with his bid would also like to purchase these two volumes at a reasonable price. Any offers will be gratefully received and passed on by the Editor.

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Hon. Kiwi Editor