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## SURVEY OF ENGLISH USAGE

## Annual Report 1964-5

## I FINANCE

Our sources of annual income remain unchanged:

DSIR (now transferred to OSTI) £2000
Department of Education and Science £2000
(not claimed in toto)
Longmans Green (fifth instalment) £2000
Cambridge University Press (fourth instalment) 250

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than would appear at first sight, and this has been made possible by University College having assumed responsibility for Mr Davy's salary. This will not remain wholl the case in future since, as Assistant Director, Mr Davy will receive an honorarium from Survey funds.

The work of the Survey continued to benefit indirect from the last remaining year of the Ford grant. Researc studentships were paid to Mr N. Fairclough and Mr S. Greenbaum; it was possible for us to invite Professor W.



regret his departure. he leaves with our best wishes for

bendefit through continued contact with kim. Mr Derek Dahas been appointed to succeed him as Assistant Director, and he assumes these duties in addition to his own specia area of research within the Survey as well as his teachin commitments in the Department.

Miss Godfrey and Mr Carvell have our warmest congratlations on their marriage, and we are glad that for the present at least both are continuing as Research Assistan is steadily aggravated. With our two rooms in daily occupation from 9.30 to 5.30 by eight people, cramped conditions and noise from typewriters and recorders make work something of a strain. When one considers that visitors frequently add to the pressure and that classes of students regularly do so, it will be seen that the position is acute. The purchase of the Flexowriter presented a severe problem until the Librarian kindly offered to house it in return for its part-time use for Library purnoses.

## III THE YEAR'S WORK

given to the categories and proportional selection of

Much thought (particularly by Miss Mulholland) has been

of the limitations imposed by the Flexowriter keyboard.

Mr Davy has also established valuable contact with the

Sound Archives department of the BBC with a view to

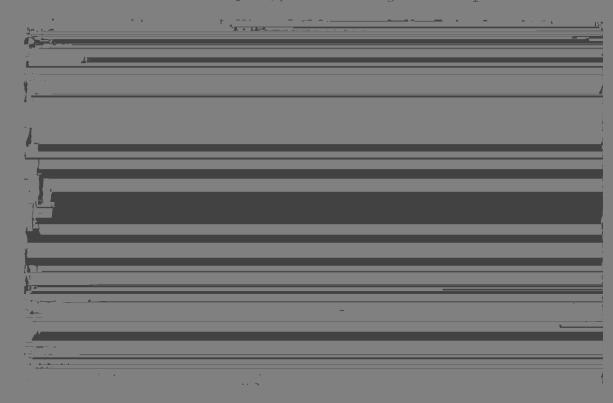
securing samples of those spoken styles which are difficul

to obtain by ordinary means. Detailed work on prosodic

aspects of the sermon has been begun by an M.A. student,

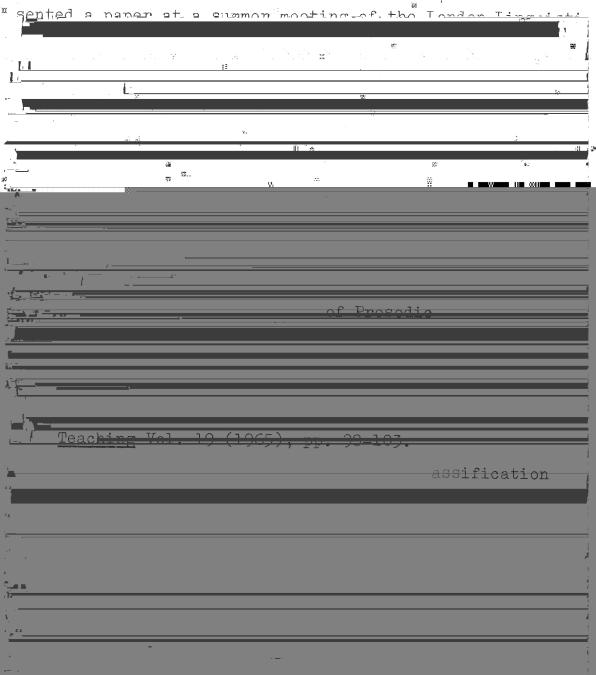
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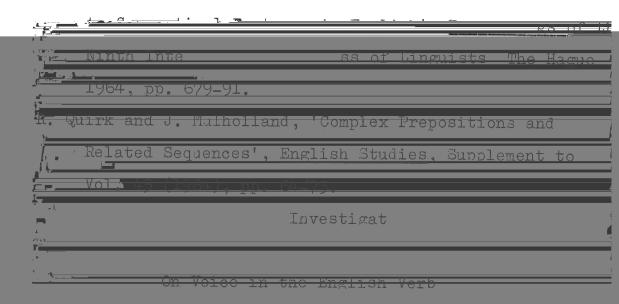
Miss Godfrey, along with Miss Mulholland and Miss Evetts, has made similarly good progress with the first-stage filing of texts and has given a good deal of thought to the adaption of the filing (structure-labelling) system to storage on magnetic tape. It is now considered practicable, retaining a basic slip-file of over 100,000 words for manual trial analyses, to use magnetic tape as the



Work which was in effect second-stage analysis of verb-particle sequences was completed as a successful M.A. thesis by Mr Fairclough, and Mr Greenbaum has been carrying out second-stage work on verbless clauses. The most detailed piece of analysis so far carried out in the Survey Mr Svartvik'a study of the neggive was fortunately nom pleted before its author left at the end of July; this work benefited greatly from the help of Mr Carvell on

meeting of the Linguistics Association, and in addition to giving a public lecture at University College and seminar papers in the French and Psychology departments, he lecture in Bergen, Leeds, Oxford and Bangor. Mr. Svartvik pre-





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