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SURVEY OF ENGLISH USAGE

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I GENERAL

By operating with careful economy on the basis of hourly-paid assistants, we have continued to manage financially this year on the balance of the British Academy grant. At the same time, efforts have been made to build up the

The Department of English has been fortunate in appointing Ms Queenie Jeffrey as Executive Officer (in place of Ms R. Bell), and she has energetically added to her departmental duties the general administrative management of the

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II THE YEAR'S WORK

A major building operation in the Department during the three months from June seriously affected progress, and indeed necessitated for a short period the entire close-down of the Survey. Nonetheless, it has been a productive year with Andrew Morris supervising and co-ordinating the work of first

The continued collaboration between London and Lund bore splendid fruit in the 900-page volume making available Survey conversation data, reproduced in the Lund modification of the Survey's prosodic transcription. A Lund Studies in English brochure giving details of this book and the independently available computer tape is circulated as an enclosure with

publication of The State of the Language returned at the University of the present Report,

Santiago de Compostela, organised (in collaboration with Wolf-Dietrich Bald) the language section at the IAUPE conference held in Aberdeen. He was an invited speaker in the Writers' Conference at the Edinburgh Festival, and

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