FINANCIAL STATEMENT

As many members will have been informed, the General Secretary suffered serious interference with her mail over an extended period some months ago, and she apologises for the difficulties and frustrations this has caused, which she is still trying to put right. Because of cheques which had passed their expiry date it is not yet possible to draw up a proper financial statement for the 1984/85 year, but at least at the time of this *Newsletter* going to press the Society has a credit balance of £129 - which will cover the cost if this *Newsletter*!

Subscriptions for the 1985/86 year are now due, and a Membership Renewal form is enclosed with this *Newsletter*. Following the policy announced in *Newsletter* no. 9, the *Newsletter* will be published three times a year, January, May and September, but we will continue to try to increase the paging and content of this to provide optimum value. From this point of view short contributions from members will be very welcome, and to be in time for the next *Newsletter* should be sent to the General Secretary by Monday December 9th.

LOAN SLIDE COLLECTION

Members are reminded that the Society can make available sets of slides, illustrating most aspects of Shroud studies, for anyone needing to loan these for private research, or in order to give lectures on the subject. The sets have recently been updated, and now include new full-colour detail of key areas of the Shroud, such as the chest-wound; the Shroud backlit; detail of the Shroud chest-wound area seen under X-ray; body and blood image areas as seen under the microscope; image and man-image fibrils seen under high magnification; the iconographic researches of Dr. Alan Whanger; and the "coins over the eyes" hypothesis of the late Fr. Francis Files. The sets total fifty 35 mm slides in plastic mounts, and are available at no charge by arrangement with:

> Mr. John G. Auton
> 31 Heron St.
> Rugeley Staffs WS15 2DZ,
> Tel. Rugeley 78430

The only cost to borrowers is the despatch and return postage.