

last April, was due to objections that came from all sides of the Catholic political spectrum. In no way was it due to a conflict between two different factions.

Ian paid tribute to the other vice-President the Baroness Masham who has taken on many of the honorific duties normally undertaken by the President. The November elections are being supervised by the Electoral Reform Society.

He ended this interview with his thoughts for the future. "I hope that by the New Year the Catholic Union will have a new Chairman, a strong committee, an office in central London, a larger membership, regular communication with our members, regular contact with members of both House of Parliament, better relations with the Catholic press in particular and the secular media in general, an up and running web site and a considerably larger annual income. The Catholic Union cannot carry on as it is and above all else it needs members and money. Change is always difficult to implement in a democratic organisation but I feel that the majority of the members are prepared for change and indeed many are keen for a host of new ideas to be implemented."

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