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# *The Age Of The Computer*

Those who work with computers are a race apart, according to Mr S. G. Annan, assistant secretary of Gough, Gough and Hamer, Ltd., a Christchurch company which has just installed such a machine.

Mr Annan was a member of a panel which considered "Careers in Computers."

"They are a dedicated race," Mr Annan said. "Time does not seem to matter to them. I have seen some operators spend a whole night with their machine, and up to 18 hours at one time."

Another member of the panel, Professor A. S. Carrington, said that although computers would bring about a change in the pattern of employment, there would be no saving of manpower.

Mr J. Jordan, the manager of International Computers and Tabulators Ltd., told about 60 people who had gathered to hear the discussion that the best preparation for a career in computing was a broad-gauge education.

"After such an education you can try computers, and if you don't like the career, you still have the advantage of your educational attainments to enable you to move into other fields," he said.

All members of the panel agreed that the essential qualities for a successful career in computers were flexibility of mind, and the ability to recognise personal error.

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"There is no reason why there should not be openings for women in this field, too," Mr Annan said. "In some cases they do a better job."

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