

Annual Report
OF THE
AMERICAN HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION



FOR THE YEAR

1955

+

VOLUME 1

+

Proceedings

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Washington, D. C.

Letter of Submittal

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
Washington D. C., June 15, 1956.

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the act of incorporation of the American Historical Association, approved January 4, 1889, I have the honor of submitting to Congress the Annual Report of the Association for the year 1955.

Respectfully,

LEONARD CARMICHAEL, Secretary.

Letter of Transmittal

THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION,
Washington, D. C. June 15, 1956.

SIR: As provided by law, I submit herewith the Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the year 1955. This consists of two volumes.

Volume I contains the proceedings of the Association for 1955, and the report of the secretary-treasurer for the Pacific Coast Branch for 1955.

Volume II will contain the Writings on American History for 1953.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Editor.
TO THE SECRETARY OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
Washington, D. C.

CONTENTS

	Page
Organization and activities of the American Historical Association	ix
Act of incorporation.....	xiii
Constitution.....	xv
Officers and members of the Council for 1956.....	xix
Committees and delegates for 1956	xxi
Ad interim appointments.....	xxiii
Pacific Coast Branch officers for 1956.....	xxv
Proceedings of the American Historical Association for 1955:	
Minutes of the meeting of the Council, December 27, 1955.	3
Minutes of the business meeting, December 29, 1955....	7
Report of the Executive Secretary and Managing Editor	
for the year 1955	8
Report of the Treasurer for the fiscal year 1954-55	13
Report of the auditors	18
Report of the Board of Trustees	19
Draft budgets, 1955-56, 1956-57, unrestricted funds .	23
Statistics of membership	24
Committee reports for 1955.....	26
Other reports	41
Report of the Pacific Coast Branch	47

ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES

THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

THE ASSOCIATION

The American Historical Association, incorporated by Act of Congress in 1889, is defined by its charter to be: A body corporate and politic . . . for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical manuscripts, and for kindred purposes in the interests of American history and of history in America.

It is a society not only for scholars, though it has for the last half century included in its membership the outstanding historical scholars in America, not only for educators, though it has included the great American teachers of history, but also for every man and woman who is interested in the study of history in America. Its most generous benefactors have been nonprofessionals who love history for its own sake and who wish to spread that love of history to a wider and wider circle.

LEADERSHIP

Among those who have labored as members and later served it also as President, the American Historical Association can list such distinguished names as George Bancroft, Justin Winsor, Henry Adams, James Ford Rhodes, Alfred Thayer Mahan, Henry C. Lea, John Bach McMaster, Frederick Jackson Turner, Theodore Roosevelt, Edward Channing, Woodrow Wilson, J. Franklin Jameson, Charles M. Andrews, James H. Breasted, James Harvey Robinson, Michael Rostovtzeff, Carl L. Becker, and Charles A. Beard.

ANNUAL MEETING

It meets in the Christmas week at a different place each year to accommodate in turn members living in different parts of the country. The attendance at these meetings has been increasing steadily. At the 1954 meeting the registration totaled 1985. The formal programs of these meetings include important contributions to every field of historical scholarship, many of which are subsequently printed.

PUBLICATIONS

The publications of the Association are many and their scope is wide.

The Annual Report, usually in two or more volumes, is printed for the Association by the United States Government. It contains the Proceedings of the Association, as well as bibliographies and guides to materials. The American Historical Review, published quarterly and distributed free to all members of the Association, is the recognized organ of the historical profession

in America. It prints authoritative articles and critical reviews of new books in all fields of history. The Association also cooperates with the National Council for the Social Studies in the publication of Social Education, one of the most important journals in America dealing with the problems of history teaching in the schools.

Besides these periodical publications, the Association controls a revolving fund donated by the Carnegie Corporation out of which it publishes from time to time historical monographs selected from the whole field of history. It has as well three separate endowment funds, the income from which is devoted to the publication of historical studies. The Albert J. Beveridge Fund of \$100,000 was established as a memorial to the late Senator Beveridge by his wife, Catherine Beveridge, and a large group of his friends in Indiana. The income from this fund is applied to the publication of historical monographs. The Littleton-Griswold Fund was established by Alice Griswold in memory of her father, William E. Littleton, and of her husband, Frank T. Griswold. The income from this fund, the principal of which amounts to \$32,000, is applied to the publication of material relative to the legal history of the United States in the colonial period. The Matteson Fund amounts to approximately \$92,000, willed to the Association by the late David M. Matteson. The income from this fund may be used for bibliographical purposes.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Association from time to time, through special committees, interests itself actively in promoting the sound teaching of history in the schools. It has done much and is doing more to collect and preserve historical manuscripts in public and private repositories.

The Association maintains close relations with state and local historical societies and with the federal government. It has also organized a Pacific Coast Branch for members living in the Far West.

SOURCES OF SUPPORT

The American Historical Association is in a position to do significant and useful work, not only in the advancement of learning but also in the dissemination of knowledge. It commands the resources of the learned historians, but it also recognizes the necessity of bringing the fruits of learning to the average American. It needs to be supported. Its capital funds, amounting to about \$650,000, are carefully managed by a Board of Trustees composed of men prominent in the world of finance. But much of the income is earmarked for special publications. For its broader educational purposes it has to depend chiefly upon its membership dues. It has over 6,300 members.

MEMBERSHIP

The American Historical Association welcomes to its membership anyone who subscribes to its purposes. There is no initiation fee. The annual membership, including subscription to the American Historical Review, is \$7.50, and student membership is \$4.00.

The life membership is \$150. Inquiries about any phase of its activities may be addressed to the Executive Secretary of the Association, Study Room 274, Library of Congress Annex, Washington 25, D. C.

PRIZES

The Association offers the following prizes:

The Herbert Baxter Adams Prize of \$200 is awarded biennially in the even-numbered years for a monograph, in manuscript or in print, in the field of European history.

The George Louis Beer Prize of about \$200 (being the annual income from an endowment of \$6,000) is awarded annually for the best work on any phase of European international history since 1895. Competition is limited to citizens of the United States and to works in the English language. A work may be submitted either in manuscript or in print.

The John H. Dunning Prize of about \$140 is awarded biennially in the even-numbered years for a monograph, either in print or in manuscript, on any subject relating to American history. Eligibility of printed works submitted in competition for this prize shall be limited to books printed within 2 years and 5 months prior to June 1 of the year in which the award is made. Entries are restricted to "first books" or unpublished manuscripts and preference given to those of younger scholars.

The Watumull Prize of \$500 is awarded biennially (next award 1956) for the best book originally published in the United States on any phase of the history of India.

The Robert Livingston Schuyler Prize of \$100 is awarded every 5 years, beginning with 1951, to the author of the best work of scholarship published during the preceding 5-year period in the field of modern British and British Imperial and Commonwealth history since the beginning of the reign of Elizabeth exclusive of American colonial history before 1783. Textbooks and elementary narratives are not eligible. The author must be an American citizen, and the books must have been originally published in the United States. The prize is made possible by the Taraknath Das Foundation.

All works submitted in competition for the above prizes must be in the hands of the proper committee by June 1 of the year in which the award is made. The date of publication of printed monographs submitted in competition must fall within a period of 2-1/2 years prior to June 1 of the year in which the prize is awarded.

The Albert J. Beveridge Award, established at the annual meeting in 1945, is awarded annually, beginning in 1946, for the best complete original manuscript on American history. By American history is meant the history of the United States, Latin America, and Canada. The fellowship has a cash value of \$1,000, plus a royalty of 5 percent after cost of publication has been met. The winning manuscript in each annual competition is published without cost to the author in the series of Beveridge Fund publications; other manuscripts also may be so published at the discretion of the committee on the Albert J. Beveridge Award, which is charged with the administration of the fellowship. The deadline for the submission of applications and manuscripts is May 1.

ACT OF INCORPORATION

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Andrew D. White, of Ithaca, in the State of New York; George Bancroft, of Washington, in the District of Columbia; Justin Winsor, of Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts; William F. Poole, of Chicago, in the State of Illinois; Herbert B. Adams of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland; Clarence W. Bowen, of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, their associates and successors, are hereby created, in the District of Columbia, a body corporate and politic by the name of the American Historical Association, for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical manuscripts, and for kindred purposes in the interest of American history, and of history in America. Said Association is authorized to hold real and personal estate in the District of Columbia so far as may be necessary to its lawful ends to an amount not exceeding \$500,000, to adopt a constitution, and make bylaws not inconsistent with law. Said Association shall have its principal office at Washington, in the District of Columbia, and may hold its annual meetings in such places as the said incorporators shall determine. Said Association shall report annually to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, concerning its proceedings and the condition of historical study in America. Said Secretary shall communicate to Congress the whole of such report, or such portions thereof as he shall see fit. The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution are authorized to permit said Association to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other material for history in the Smithsonian Institution or in the National Museum, at their discretion, upon such conditions and under such rules as they shall prescribe.

[Approved, January 4, 1889]

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. The name of this society shall be the American Historical Association.

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. Its object shall be the promotion of historical studies.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1. Any person approved by the Council may become an active member of the Association. Active membership shall date from the receipt by the Treasurer of the first payment of dues, which shall be \$7.50 a year or a single payment of \$150 for life. Life membership is given members who have belonged to the Association for fifty years. Any graduate or undergraduate student registered in a college or university may become a junior member of the Association upon payment of \$4 and after the first year may continue as such, as long as he is registered as a student, by paying the annual dues of \$4. Annual dues shall be payable at the beginning of the year to which they apply and any member whose dues are in arrears for 1 year may, 1 month after the mailing of a notice of such delinquency to his last known address, be dropped from the rolls by vote of the Council or the Executive Committee. Members who have been so dropped may be reinstated at any time by the payment of 1 year's dues in advance. Only active members shall have the right to vote or to hold office in the Association. Persons not resident in the United States may be elected by the Council as honorary or corresponding members, and such members shall be exempt from payment of dues.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 1. The officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, an Executive Secretary, a Managing Editor of The American Historical Review, and, at the discretion of the Council, an Editor and an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary, under the direction of the Council, to promote historical scholarship in America through the agencies of the Association. He shall exercise general oversight over the affairs of the Association, supervise the work of its committees, formulate policies for presentation to the Council, execute its policies and perform such other duties as the Council may from time to time direct.

SEC. 3. The other officers of the Association shall have such duties and perform such functions as are customarily attached to their respective offices or as may from time to time be prescribed by the Council.

SEC. 4. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer shall be elected in the following manner. The Nominating Committee at such convenient time prior to the 1st of September as it may determine shall invite each member of the Association to indicate his or her nominee for each of these offices. With these suggestions in mind, it shall draw up a ballot of nominations which it shall mail to each member of the Association on or before the 1st of December, and which it shall distribute as the official ballot at the Annual Business Meeting. It shall present to this meeting orally any other nominations for these offices petitioned for to the Chairman of the Committee at least one day before the Business Meeting and supported by the names of 20 voting members of the Association. The election shall be made from these nominations at the Business Meeting.

SEC. 5. The Executive Secretary, the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, the Managing Editor of The American Historical Review, and the Editor shall be appointed by the Council for specified terms of office not to exceed 3 years, and shall be eligible for reappointment. They shall receive such compensation as the Council may determine.

SEC. 6. If the office of President shall, through any cause, become vacant, the Vice President shall thereupon become President.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 1. There shall be a Council, constituted as follows:

(a) The President, the Vice President, the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Managing Editor of The American Historical Review.

(b) Elected members, eight in number, chosen by ballot in the manner provided in Article VI, Section 2. These members shall be elected for a term of 4 years; two to be elected each year, except in the case of elections to complete unexpired terms.

(c) The former Presidents, but a former President shall be entitled to vote for the 3 years succeeding the expiration of his term as President, and no longer.

SEC. 2. The Council shall conduct the business, manage the property, and care for the general interests of the Association. In the exercise of its proper functions, the Council may appoint such committees, commissions, and boards as it may deem necessary. The Council shall make a full report of its activities to the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Association may by vote at any Annual Meeting instruct the Council to discontinue or enter upon any activity, and may take such other action directing the affairs of the Association as it may deem necessary and proper.

SEC. 3. For the transaction of necessary business when the Council is not in session, the Council shall elect annually from its membership an Executive Committee of not more than six members which shall include the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer. Subject always to the general direction of the Council, the Executive Committee shall be responsible for the management of Association interests and the carrying out of Association policies.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. There shall be a Nominating Committee to consist of five members, each of whom shall serve a term of 2 years. In the odd-numbered years, two new members shall be elected; in the even-numbered years, three; this alternation shall continue except in the case of elections to complete unexpired terms. If vacancies on the Nominating Committee occur between the time of the Annual Elections, the Nominating Committee shall fill them by direct ad interim appointments.

SEC. 2. Elective members of the Council and members of the Nominating Committee shall be chosen as follows: The Nominating Committee shall present for each vacant membership on the Council and on the Nominating Committee 2 or more names, including the names of any person who may be nominated by a petition carrying the signatures of 20 or more voting members of the Association. Nominations by petition must be in the hands of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee by November 1st. The Nominating Committee shall present these nominations to the members of the Association in the ballot distributed by mail as described above. The members of the Association shall take their choice from among these nominations and return their ballots for counting not later than the 20th of December at 6 p. m. No vote received after that time shall be valid. The votes shall be counted and checked in such manner as the Nominating Committee shall prescribe and shall then be sealed in a box and deposited in the Washington office of the Association where they shall be kept for at least a year. The results of the election shall be announced at the Annual Business Meeting. In case of a tie, choice shall be made at the Annual Business Meeting from among the candidates receiving the highest equal vote.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees, five in number, consisting of a chairman and four other members, nominated by the Council and elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association. Election shall be for a term of 5 years except in the case of an election to complete an unexpired term. The Board of Trustees, acting by a majority thereof, shall have the power to invest and reinvest the permanent funds of the Association with authority to employ such agents, investment counsel, and banks or trust companies as it may deem wise in carrying out its duties, and with further authority to delegate and transfer to any bank or trust company all its power to invest or reinvest; neither the Board of Trustees nor any bank or trust company to whom it may so transfer its power shall be controlled in its discretion by any statute or other law applicable to fiduciaries and the liability of the individual members of the board and of any such bank or trust company shall be limited to good faith and lack of actual fraud or willful misconduct in the discharge of the duties resting upon them.

ARTICLE VIII

SECTION 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of any regular business session of the Association

or by a majority vote of the Council and may be adopted by a majority vote of the next regular business session, provided always that the proposed amendment and an explanation thereof shall have been circulated to the membership of the Association not less than 20 days preceding the date of the business session at which the final vote is to be taken. It shall be the duty of the Executive Secretary to arrange for the distribution of all such proposed amendments among the members of the Association.

Officers and Members of the Council

FOR 1956

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

DEXTER PERKINS
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

VICE PRESIDENT

WILLIAM L. LANGER
Cambridge, Mass.

TREASURER

SOLON J. BUCK
Library of Congress, Washington 25, D. C.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND MANAGING EDITOR

BOYD C. SHAFER
Study Room 274, Library of Congress Annex, Washington 25, D. C.

COUNCIL

EX OFFICIO

THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, AND
MANAGING EDITOR

FORMER PRESIDENTS

CHARLES H. McILWAIN
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

GUY STANTON FORD
3133 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington 8, D. C.

ARTHUR M. SCHLESINGER
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

CARLTON J. H. HAYES
Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

SIDNEY B. FAY
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

THOMAS J. WERTENBAKER
Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

KENNETH S. LATOURETTE
Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

CONYERS READ
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

SAMUEL E. MORISON
Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

ROBERT L. SCHUYLER
Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

LOUIS R. GOTTSCHALK
University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

MERLE CURTI
University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

LYNN THORNDIKE
Columbia University, New York, N. Y.

ELECTED MEMBERS

CARL BRIDENBAUGH
University of California, Berkeley, California (term expires 1958)

WALTER DORN
Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (term expires 1958)

HERBERT HEATON
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn. (term expires 1956)

HELEN TAFT MANNING
Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa. (term expires 1957)

ROBERT R. PALMER
Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. (term expires 1959)

RICHARD H. SHRYOCK
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. (term expires 1956)

WALTER P. WEBB
University of Texas, Austin, Texas (term expires 1959)

C. VANN WOODWARD
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. (term expires 1957)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

RICHARD H. SHRYOCK
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

HELEN TAFT MANNING
Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pa.

ROBERT R. PALMER
Princeton University, Princeton, N. J.

C. VANN WOODWARD
Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

OLON J. BUCK
Study Room 127, Library of Congress Annex, Washington 25, D. C.

BOYD C. SHAFER
Study Room 274, Library of Congress Annex, Washington 25, D. C.

Committees and Delegates

FOR 1956

Board of Trustees.--Arthur W. Page, 46 Cedar Street, Rm. 1010, New York 5, N.Y. Chairman--term expires 1959; Stanton Griffis, Hemphill, Noyes & Co., 15 Broad Street, New York City--term expires 1960; Shepard Morgan, Norfolk, Conn.--term expires 1958; Thomas I. Parkinson, 393 Seventh Avenue, New York City--term expires 1957; Percy Ebbot, Chase National Bank, Pine and Nassau Streets, New York City--term expires 1956.

Board of Editors of the American Historical Review.--Boyd C. Shafer, Library of Congress Annex, Managing Editor; Samuel Flagg Bemis,* Yale University--term expires December 1960; T. Robert S. Broughton, Bryn Mawr College--term expires December 1957; Louis R. Gottschalk, University of Chicago--term expires December 1958; John D. Hicks, University of California, Berkeley--term expires December 1959; Loren C. MacKinney, University of North Carolina--term expires December 1957; David E. Owen, Harvard University--term expires December 1956.

Committee on Committees.--Boyd C. Shafer, Library of Congress Annex (ex officio); Chester V. Easum, cultural attaché to Germany--term expires December 1956; Edward C. Kirkland, Thetford Center, Vermont--term expires December 1956; Fletcher M. Green, University of North Carolina--term expires December 1957; Earl S. Pomeroy,* University of Oregon--term expires December 1958.

Committee on Honorary Members.--Felix Gilbert, Bryn Mawr College, Chairman; Hugh Borton, Columbia University; Sidney N. Fisher,* Ohio State University; Charles E. Odegaard, University of Michigan; Boyd C. Shafer, Library of Congress Annex (ex officio); Ralph E. Turner, Yale University; Arthur P. Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania.

Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government.--Edward Younger,* University of Virginia, Chairman; Thomas A. Bailey,* Stanford University; Samuel F. Bemis,* Yale University; Wood Gray, George Washington University; Constance McL. Green, Washington, D.C.; Kent R. Greenfield, Washington, D.C.; Richard W. Leopold,* Northwestern University; Jeannette P. Nichols, University of Pennsylvania; Dexter Perkins, University of Rochester; Boyd C. Shafer, Library of Congress Annex (ex officio).

Committee on International Historical Activities.--Waldo G. Leland, Washington, D.C., Chairman; Garrett Mattingly,* Columbia University; Martin R. P. McGuire, Catholic University; Donald C. McKay, Amherst College; Mrs. Dorothy M. Quynn, Frederick, Md.; Caroline Robbins,* Bryn Mawr College; Bernadotte E. Schmitt, Alexandria, Va.; Boyd C. Shafer, Library of Congress Annex (ex officio); Arthur P. Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania.

Committee on Documentary Reproduction.--Robert B. Eckles, Purdue University, Chairman; William R. Braisted, University of Texas; Edgar L. Erickson, University of Illinois; Austin P. Evans,

* New member this year

Columbia University; Richard W. Hale, Wellesley College; Hilmar C. Krueger, University of Cincinnati; Loren C. MacKinney, University of North Carolina; Easton Rothwell, Stanford University; Clifford K. Shipton,* Worcester, Mass.

Committee on the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize.--Francis Bowman, University of Southern California, Chairman; Henry Hill, University of Wisconsin; Henry R. Winkler, Rutgers University.

Committee on the George Louis Beer Prize.--Charles F. Mullett, University of Missouri, Chairman; Stuart Hughes,* Stanford University; Joseph J. Mathews, Emory University.

Committee on the Albert J. Beveridge Award.--Ralph W. Hidy, New York University, Chairman; John Hope Franklin,* Howard University; Arthur Link, Northwestern University; Walter V. Scholes,* University of Missouri; Frederick B. Tolles,* Swarthmore College.

Committee on the Carnegie Revolving Fund for Publications.--Raymond P. Stearns, University of Illinois, Chairman; Lynn M. Case, University of Pennsylvania; Richard N. Current,* Woman's College, University of North Carolina; Richard P. McCormick,* Rutgers University; R. J. Rath,* University of Texas.

Committee on the John H. Dunning Prize.--Francis B. Simkins, Longwood College, Chairman; Earl S. Pomeroy, University of Oregon; Charles G. Sellers, Jr., Princeton University.

Committee on the Littleton-Griswold Fund.--Edward Dumbauld, Uniontown, Pa., Chairman; Zechariah Chaffee, Harvard University; William B. Hamilton, Duke University; George L. Haskins, University of Pennsylvania; Mark DeWolfe Howe, Harvard University; Leonard W. Labaree, Yale University; Richard L. Morton, College of William and Mary; Arthur T. Vanderbilt, Newark, N.J.; Julius Goebel, Columbia University; David J. Mays, Richmond, Va.

Committee on the Robert Livingston Schuyler Prize.--John B. Brebner, Columbia University, Chairman; George W. Brown, University of Toronto; Helen Taft Manning, Bryn Mawr College; Charles Mowat, University of Chicago.

Committee on the Watumull Prize.--Taraknath Das, Columbia University, Chairman; Robert I. Crane, University of Chicago; Holden Furber,* University of Pennsylvania.

Committee on the Job Register.--John B. Brebner,* Columbia University; Roderic H. Davison,* George Washington University; Charles G. Sellers, Jr.,* Princeton University; Boyd C. Shafer, Library of Congress Annex (ex officio).

American Committee for the Study of War Documents.--Reginald H. Phelps,* Harvard University, Chairman; James P. Baxter III,* Williams College; E. Malcolm Carroll,* Duke University; Lynn Case,* University of Pennsylvania; Walter L. Dorn,* Ohio State University; Guy Stanton Ford,* Washington, D.C.; Oron J. Hale,* University of Virginia; George W. F. Hallgarten,* Washington, D.C.; Hans Kohn,* City College of New York; Harold D. Lasswell,* Yale University; Koppel Pinson,* Queens College; Boyd C. Shafer,* Library of Congress Annex (ex officio); William O. Shanahan,* Notre Dame University; Raymond J. Sontag,* University of California; Sidney Wallach,* New York, N. Y.

* New member this year

Delegates of the American Historical Association--American Council of Learned Societies: Joseph R. Strayer, Princeton University--term expires December 1956. International Committee of Historical Sciences: Donald C. McKay, Amherst College--term expires 1961. Boyd C. Shafer, term expires 1960. National Historical Publications Commission: Julian P. Boyd, Princeton University--term expires December 1956; Guy Stanton Ford, Washington, D. C.--term expires December 1957. Social Education: Boyd C. Shafer, Library of Congress Annex--term expires December 1956; Herman Ausubel,* Columbia University--term expires December 1958. Social Science Research Council: C. Vann Woodward,* Johns Hopkins University--term expires December 1958; Roy F. Nichols, University of Pennsylvania--term expires December 1956; Louis Gottschalk, University of Chicago--term expires December 1957.

The following ad interim appointments were made in 1955: Dean Julian Park of the University of Buffalo was representative at the inauguration of Clifford Cook Furnas as chancellor of the University of Buffalo on January 6 and 7. Professor Merle Curti of the University of Wisconsin was representative at the inauguration of Leland Henry Carlson as president of Rockford College on February 27. Dr. Ernst Albert Wolfram was representative at the inauguration of Clarence Orville Strohl as president of Southwestern College on March 15. Professor Wilbur R. Jacobs of the University of California was representative at the inauguration of Clark George Kuebler as provost of the University of California on March 28. Professor and Mrs. Roy F. Nichols of the University of Pennsylvania were representatives at the Fifty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science on April 1 and 2. Dr. Herbert Gambrell was representative at the inauguration of Willis McDonald Tate as president of Southern Methodist University on May 5. Mr. Claude U. Stone was representative at the inauguration of Harold Potter Rodes as president of Bradley University on May 6. Professor Joel R. Ricks of Utah State Agricultural College was representative at the inauguration of Daryl Chase as president of Utah State Agricultural College on June 3 and 4. Dr. Herbert S. Schell of the University of South Dakota was representative at the inauguration of Adrian Rondileau as president of Yankton College on June 5. Dr. William L. Sachse of the University of Wisconsin was representative at the Rededication Ceremonies of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin on October 7 and 8. Mr. William R. Bishop was representative at the Centennial Homecoming Convocation of Albright College on October 22. Dean William E. Smith of Miami University was representative at the inauguration of Walter C. Langsam as president of the University of Cincinnati on October 29. Professor Arthur J. Marder of the University of Hawaii was representative at the inauguration of Paul S. Bachman as president of the University of Hawaii on November 9. Professor Robert H. Norton of Grinnell College was representative at the inauguration of Howard Rothmann Bowen as president of Teachers College, Columbia University on November 22. Dr. Albert H. Imlah of Tufts University was representative at the First Academic Convocation of Tufts University on December 8.

* New member this year

PACIFIC COAST BRANCH OFFICERS FOR 1956

PRESIDENT

PETER M. DUNNE, S.J.
University of San Francisco, Calif.

VICE PRESIDENT

MAX SAVELLE
University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

SECRETARY -TREASURER

JOHN A. SCHUTZ
Whittier College, Whittier, Calif.

COUNCIL

The above officers and--

JOHN H. GLEASON
Pomona College, Claremont, Calif. (term expires 1956)

F. L. NUSSBAUM
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo. (term expires 1956)

F. H. SOWARD
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. (term expires 1956)

LELAND CREER
University of Utah (term expires 1957)

DONALD W. ROWLAND
University of Southern California (term expires 1957)

HERBERT J. WOOD
State College of Washington (term expires 1957)

THEODORE TREUTLEIN
State College of San Francisco (term expires 1957)

FRANCIS H. HERRICK
Mills College, Oakland, Calif. (term expires 1958)

BENJAMIN SACKS
University of New Mexico (term expires 1958)

WENDELL H. STEPHENSON
University of Oregon, Eugene, Oreg. (term expires 1958)

PROCEEDINGS
of the
AMERICAN HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION
for
1955

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF
THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
MAYFLOWER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C.,**

DECEMBER 27, 1955, 10 A.M.

Present: Lynn Thorndike, President; Dexter Perkins, Vice-President; Solon J. Buck, Treasurer; Boyd C. Shafer, Executive Secretary; Carl Bridenbaugh, Walter L. Dorn, Herbert Heaton, Edward C. Kirkland, Mrs. Helen Taft Manning, Sidney Painter, Richard H. Shryock, C. Vann Woodward, Councilors; Guy Stanton Ford, Louis Gottschalk, Carlton J. H. Hayes, Samuel Eliot Morison, former Presidents.

President Thorndike called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the 1954 Council meeting were approved as published in the April, 1955, issue of the Review (pp. 759-64).

The Executive Secretary's report, having been sent to members of the Council, was not read. The Executive Secretary commented upon it briefly and pointed out that the membership of the Association had increased to 6,310, a total which included about 600 student members.

The Treasurer, Dr. Buck, summarized his financial report for the fiscal-year 1954-55. He pointed particularly to the fact that the Association's assets had risen to about \$700,000 and that the Association had again been able to invest \$10,000 during the current fiscal year. The report of the Treasurer was approved.

Since the present term of the Executive Secretary and Editor expires in September, 1956, the Council re-elected Dr. Boyd C. Shafer for the constitutional term of three years. The Council, by motion, expressed its appreciation of the vigor and competence with which he had discharged his offices.

Dr. Buck moved that those expenditures for the last fiscal year which exceeded the budget allocation for 1954-55 (office expenses, social security payments, and delegates to the International Congress of Historical Sciences), and the report of the Finance Committee, be approved by the Council. The motion was carried. The Council then approved the revised budget for 1955-56 presented by the Treasurer. The budget for 1956-57 was approved in principle, subject to change. For 1955-56 and 1956-57 the approved budgets indicated increases for office and other expenses, salary adjustments for the Executive Secretary, for the assistant editor, for the clerk stenographer, and the clerical assistant, and provided for investments (subject to withdrawal at the will of the Council) in each of the two fiscal years.

Professor Sidney Painter described the activities of the Committee on Teaching and its efforts to obtain a director for the Service Center for Teachers of History. The Council authorized the Executive Committee of the Council to approve the choice of the Committee on Teaching for the directorship of the Service Center.

The Executive Secretary presented the recommendations of the Committee on International Historical Activities. The Council approved a motion that the Association pay the transportation expenses (within the budget limitations) of one delegate to the Madrid meeting of the Bureau of the International Congress of Historical Sciences in 1956. The Council re-elected Professor Donald McKay as one of its two delegates to the International Congress.

The Executive Secretary reported that the Carnegie Revolving Fund, now almost exhausted, will not afford further publication after a subsidy recommended by the committee has been given for a book to be published in 1956, and that the Carnegie Corporation had not been willing to make a further grant at this time. The Council approved, on motion, the continuation of the Committee on the Carnegie Revolving

Fund and asked it to investigate problems involved in obtaining additional funds and to consider various types of publication. It requested also that the Executive Secretary be added to and meet with this committee for the discussion of these questions.

The Council approved the recommendation of the Committee on Honorary Members that Federico Chabod, professor of modern history at the University of Rome, director of the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Storici at Naples, and president of the International Congress of Historical Sciences, be elected an honorary member.

The work of the Harmsworth Committee was discussed. No further action was thought necessary at this time.

Mr. John Caughey read the report of the Pacific Coast Branch of the Association. The Council had already approved an increase in the contribution of the Association to its Pacific Coast Branch from \$200 to \$300 annually.

On motion, the Council confirmed the appointment, by the Managing Editor of the Review, of Professor Samuel Flagg Bemis of Yale University to the Board of Editors.

The Council nominated Stanton Griffis for re-election to the Board of Trustees.

On a written ballot C. Vann Woodward was elected the Association's delegate to the Social Science Research Council.

The Executive Secretary reported that Charles H. Taylor, present delegate of the Association to the American Council of Learned Societies, had asked to be relieved of his duties. The Council elected Joseph R. Strayer of Princeton University to complete the unexpired term.

No action was taken on election of a delegate to the National Records Management Council because the delegates to this council have an unlimited term.

The Council moved that the Executive Secretary be authorized to cast one ballot to elect Herman Ausubel of Columbia one of the Association's two representatives on the board of Social Education. The Executive Secretary of the Association acts as the other Association representative.

The Executive Secretary reported on the arrangements for the 1956 meeting to be held at the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis. The Council approved the appointment of Charles F. Mullett of the University of Missouri as program chairman and Ralph P. Bieher of Washington University as local arrangements chairman. It was suggested that, in accordance with tradition, the chairman of the local arrangements committee be asked to include representatives of other institutions in the vicinity of St. Louis on his committee. The Council discussed the location of meetings in the future, one suggestion being that meetings of the Association be held alternately in the East and the Middle West.

As directed by the Council in 1954, the Executive Secretary reported on groups meeting jointly with the Association, and their place on the program. The Executive Secretary presented tables and statistics which revealed considerable increases in the number of such groups and increasing pressures on the program chairman. He also pointed out that by tradition the chairman has full responsibility for the program but that the number of meeting rooms is limited, that the program must be planned for the entire Association, and that more groups than can be scheduled have been requesting sessions. The Council unanimously ruled that (1) no group not hitherto on the program shall have a joint session without the approval of the Council; (2) the President shall appoint a committee of five, which shall include the chairman of the Program Committee for the coming year and the Executive Secretary, to draw up and determine the list of associations and groups to be invited to participate in joint sessions in 1956, this committee, with the newly selected program chairman included, to continue each year as an ad hoc committee; and (3) the chairman of the 1956 Program Committee be requested to omit the names of officers of the groups holding joint sessions but include an index of speakers.

The Treasurer and the Executive Secretary discussed the problem of space for the offices of the Association. Dr. Buck stated that the present quarters were inadequate for the present work of the headquarters and the various committees and he believed that the Association was on the verge of significant expansion. He suggested various

possibilities for meeting the problem. Several members of the Council spoke of the many restrictions on the activities of the Association arising out of space limitations. The Council approved a motion for the establishment of a committee of three, with the Executive Secretary as chairman and the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Finance Committee as members, to look into and to solve these problems and indicated its desires in the matter of funds which might be expended.

After discussion about needs in the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer's work the Executive Secretary was directed to make arrangements necessary to ensure that the work is expeditiously done and the Executive Committee was authorized to approve these arrangements by mail vote.

Because of the increase in value of the Association's assets, the Executive Secretary suggested that the provision in the charter which authorizes "real and personal estate . . . not exceeding \$500,000" should be amended to read "not exceeding \$2,000,000." The Council authorized the Executive Secretary to obtain legal advice and act in accordance with this advice.

The Executive Secretary outlined in some detail several issues brought to the attention of the Association concerning historical publications of the State Department. The Council affirmed that, in accordance with its traditional policies, the Association must stay clear of politics and personalities. The Executive Secretary read two previous Association resolutions, those of 1951 and 1952, concerning governmental publications in the field of history. The Council unanimously recommended that the following resolution be put before the Business Meeting:

WHEREAS, the Association has in 1951 and 1952 passed resolutions concerning the historical publications of the United States government, in particular the historical publications of the State Department, and

WHEREAS, a controversy has recently arisen concerning these publications, and

WHEREAS, the questions arising can only be approached with careful consideration, therefore be it

Resolved, that the President of the Association authorize the Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government, enlarged by competent students of American foreign policy, to study the problem and to report back to the Council and to the Business Meeting of the Association.

Further discussion revealed that it was the Council's view that three historians of American diplomacy should be added to the committee and that these should be appointed by President Thorndike.

The Executive Secretary read a statement on the American Committee on War Documents, including a formal request from the committee's chairman, Dean Reginald Phelps, that it become a committee of the Association. After considerable discussion it was moved that the Council accept the Executive Committee of this group as a committee of the Association, subject to all the customary Association rules. The motion carried.

On a request that associate memberships be established for wives (or husbands) of active members no action was taken.

The Executive Secretary reported on the following topics on most of which no further action was necessary: (1) the Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise, for the Board of which the Association presented a panel of names; (2) the work which Professor Ralph Shaw is doing to fill the gap between the Evans-Roorbach bibliographies in American history--the Council appointed Professor Fulmer Mood of Texas to act as the Association's adviser on this project; (3) the agreement between the Royal Historical Association, the British Academy, the Mediaeval Academy of America, and the American Historical Association for revised editions and new volumes of British bibliographies; (4) the completion of a bronze plaque of J. Franklin Jameson, to be unveiled at the National Archives on December 28, for which over \$750 was raised through voluntary contributions on the part of members of the Association; (5) the new List of Doctoral Dissertations in History, which has been printed in an edition of 500 and will sell at \$1.50, less than the cost of production; (6) the Index to the Writings on American History,

1901-1941, which is in press. Five hundred copies will be printed to be sold to members of the Association at about \$4.00 and to others at a higher price; (7) the provision of Association's mailing list to the publisher of American Men of Science, for use in compiling Volume III, The Social Sciences, of this publication. Members of the Association to be included will be sent questionnaires by the publisher; (8) the Repertorium der diplomatischen Vertreter aller Länder, the United States section of which has been completed by Carl Lokke of the National Archives. This list of diplomats, 1763-1815, is now in Vienna, and will be included in Volume III; (9) the recent legislation to establish presidential libraries under the National Archives. The Executive Secretary is on the Board of the Truman Library.

The Executive Secretary was authorized to raise the initial registration fee for the Job Register to \$3.00 if and when this increase is needed and with the understanding that the income from fees does not exceed expenditures for the register. The Council agreed that the proposed critical history of the Association down to 1928 or 1934 should be encouraged and that the Executive Secretary should encourage the writing of this history by the historian who has evinced interest. The Council felt that the writer should have complete freedom and that the Association should not directly subsidize the work.

The Executive Secretary brought to the Council's attention the proposal of Taraknath Das for a new historical prize in the name of Tyler Dennett. The Council authorized the Executive Secretary to explore this project with Mr. Das with the hope that certain changes in his proposal could be effected.

A proposal to approach life members for additional funds was tabled.

Professor Perkins suggested that the American Historical Association may wish to give publicity to the George Macaulay Trevelyan Lectureship at Cambridge and the editor of the *Review* agreed to do so.

The Executive Secretary described a proposal of Ernst Posner for a "Manual for Users of Archives." The Council believed that there is need for such a manual and that it would be useful and desirable.

The Executive Secretary spoke of a talk he had had with the head of the Austrian State Archives about the restoration of the state archives of Austria and of the desire of members of the Association to help in this worthy task. A resolution by several American scholars on the subject was deemed desirable but could not be formally adopted until the Executive Secretary had further talks with the Department of State.

Resolutions from the Committee on Historians and the Federal Government concerning public access to government records and contributions of private papers to public repositories received considerable attention. Dr. Buck moved that the resolutions be referred back to the Committee on Historians and the Federal Government with the suggestion that they be given further consideration and that this action be announced at the business meeting. The motion was passed.

A Committee on Resolutions, consisting of Professors Carl Bridenbaugh, Walter L. Dorn, and Richard H. Shryock, was elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

At a later short meeting on December 30 the Council elected Richard H. Shryock (chairman), Helen Taft Manning, Robert R. Palmer, and C. Vann Woodward to serve on its Executive Committee along with the Treasurer and Executive Secretary. Dr. Shryock, as chairman of the Executive Committee, will also serve on the Finance Committee with the Treasurer and Executive Secretary.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

MAYFLOWER HOTEL, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
DECEMBER 29, 1955, 4:15 P.M.

President Lynn Thorndike called the meeting to order with about 150 members present. The minutes of the last meeting (AHR, April, 1955, pp. 764-66) were approved.

Dr. Boyd C. Shafer, the Executive Secretary of the Association and Managing Editor of the Review, gave his annual report. The Treasurer, Dr. Solon J. Buck, summarized his report which had been distributed in mimeographed form to those attending the meeting. He pointed particularly to errors appearing in the 1954 processed form of his report but which had been corrected in the printed form published in the 1954 Annual Report of the Association; to the assets of the Association, which, largely as a result of increases in stock-market values, now amount to about \$700,000; and to the fact that the Association was able to invest \$10,000 during the past fiscal year. His report, which was accepted and placed on file, will be printed in the Annual Report for 1955.

The Council nomination of Stanton Griffis of New York for re-election to the Board of Trustees was placed before the meeting and he was unanimously re-elected.

The chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1955, W. F. Craven of Princeton University, presented the following nominations for 1956: for President, Professor Dexter Perkins of Cornell University; for Vice-President, Professor William L. Langer of Harvard University; for Treasurer, Dr. Solon J. Buck of Washington, D. C. On motion, the Executive Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for these nominees and they were declared elected. Professor Craven announced that as a result of the mail ballot Walter P. Webb and Robert R. Palmer were elected to the Council of the Association, and Ray A. Billington and Garrett Mattingly to the Nominating Committee for 1956. He stated that Professor William C. Binkley of Tulane University will serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1956. His report was accepted.

In order that the members of the Association might be fully informed of the Council's decisions, the Executive Secretary reported on the following actions taken at the Council meeting on December 27 (for fuller descriptions see Council minutes above): The selection of members of the committees for 1956, recommended by the Committee on Committees and approved by the Council; the appointment of Samuel Flagg Bemis of Yale as a member of the Board of Editors to replace James B. Hedges, whose term expires; the re-election of Donald C. McKay of Harvard University as one of the two Association delegates to the International Congress of Historical Sciences; the election of the following delegates of the Association--C. Vann Woodward of the Johns Hopkins University to the Social Science Research Council (replacing Gordon Craig of Princeton University) as one of the three Association delegates, Herman Ausubel of Columbia to the Board of Social Education (replacing Fred H. Harrington of the University of Wisconsin), and Joseph R. Strayer of Princeton University to the American Council of Learned Societies (replacing Charles H. Taylor of Harvard University); the election of Professor Federico Chabod of Naples, Italy, to honorary membership in the Association; the selection of the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, and the Hotel Statler in New York City for the 1956 and 1957 meetings; the appointment as program chairman for 1956 of Professor Charles F. Mullett of Missouri and of Professor Ralph P. Bieber of Washington University as local arrangements chairman; the motions (reported above, p. 4) regarding groups and societies meeting jointly with the Association; the decision to look into the matter of space for the Association's headquarters; the authorization to the Committee on Teaching to proceed with the selection of a director for the Service Center for Teachers; the acceptance of the Committee on War Documents as a committee of the Association subject to the customary rules governing committees; the encouragement of a "Manual for Users of Archives" proposed by Dean Ernst Posner, president of the Society of American Archivists; the authorization to look

into the charter limitations on the amount of property the Association may have; the authorization to increase the Job Register fees to \$3.00 if costs necessitate; the encouragement of a "History of the Association."

For the Pacific Coast Branch of the Association, Professor John Caughey of the University of California at Los Angeles presented the report, which discussed the annual meeting of the branch and the state of the branch's finances. He indicated that the branch now has about 700 members and that its members were well pleased that the Executive Secretary had visited the coast during the spring of 1955.

The Executive Secretary reported at length upon the Council's discussions concerning the historical publications of the State Department. He then presented the Council's resolution on these publications (see p. 5 above). On motion, the Association adopted the resolution.

Professor Carl Bridenbaugh for the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following resolution:

Resolved: That the thanks of the Association be tendered to Professor Orin Hale and his fellow members of the Program Committee for the high quality and variety of the sessions they provided for this meeting; and that the thanks of the membership also be tendered to Dean Elmer Kayser and his associates on the Committee on Local Arrangements and to all others who participated in the successful planning and carrying out of this 70th annual meeting of the American Historical Association.

Following a tradition of more than thirty years, adjournment was moved by Professor Frank Maloy Anderson.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Executive Secretary

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND MANAGING EDITOR FOR 1955

By charter, constitution, and tradition our purpose is "the promotion of historical studies . . . in the interest of American history, and of history in America." Concretely this has meant and means that we exist to assist individual historians and groups of historians in research, writing, and teaching. It is our obligation, our desire, our function to make available sources of all kinds in all fields of history for research, to afford opportunities for publication of articles and books, to provide material and counsel for the teaching of history in the schools and universities. It means, in addition, that we represent the profession in its relations with the public, with government officials, and in historical and public meetings at home and abroad. In the degree that we act and act successfully and wisely, in these ways we achieve our purpose.

How have we done? How are we faring? The answer for the past seventy years is, I think, "Well indeed." Let this report indicate the projects recently completed and the directions we are going. Some things are only pencil sketches in the Secretary's and Editor's notebook. Some are in the blueprint stage. Some are ready to go, with the contract let, the trees down, and the headaches beginning. A few are recently completed and the scholars are moving into the structures.

Essential to the historian are bibliographies, guides, and indexes. These are tedious, if not dreary, to compile. They are indispensable, the *sine qua non* of thorough scholarship. Here some progress is visible. The Index to the Writings on American History, begun over twenty years ago, is in press. Through the Matteson Fund, the Committee on Historians and the Federal Government and the Executive Secretary have made all the necessary arrangements to publish by photoduplication a volume of about 1,000 pages. We have been fortunate to obtain the services of Professor William C. Davis of George Washington University in the final preparation of the typescript for photography. The volume, now finally compiled, should appear in 1956. For many years we have been hoping for a revision of some standard British bibliographies and for the

preparation of new ones for historical periods not yet covered. I am happy to report that, owing in no little part to the initiative of our representative, Stanley Pargellis, the Royal Historical Society, the British Academy, the Mediaeval Academy of America, and the American Historical Association are now in full agreement upon needs and next steps. Professor H. Hale Bellot and your Executive Secretary met in London in September to discuss an appeal for foundation aid. This appeal has just been sent to a foundation. It asks assistance for a new edition of Gross, for revisions of the Read and Davies volumes, for two new bibliographies to cover the years 1789 to 1900, and for the preparation of Writings on British History for the years 1901 to 1933.

Our own Writings on American History for 1950 appeared this year, the volume for 1951 is in press, and the volume for 1952 is in preparation. We owe much to the National Historical Publications Commission and to the editor of the Writings volumes, Mr. James Masterson. We have also been engaged in work upon a new edition of the Guide to Historical Literature, published twenty-four years ago under the editorship of a distinguished group, Professors Dutcher, Shipman, Fay, Shearer, and Allison. This volume, which the American Library Association has called a major bibliographical aid and which all of us have used and valued, is now out of date. The new committee, headed by Dr. George Howe, has worked out plans, has approached a foundation, and is now negotiating with a publisher. The new volume will take cognizance not only of works published since 1931 but will also give increased coverage to areas of the world, such as the Far East, which are of increasing importance. The Association has likewise stimulated a bibliographical work to cover the gap of twenty years between Evans, American Bibliography, and Roorbach, Bibliotheca Americana, for books published in the United States at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Our representative, Professor Fulmer Mood, reports that Professor Ralph R. Shaw of Rutgers University is compiling a new list for the years 1799-1820 and that he is progressing. We are ready to assist him in any way we can. It is my good fortune to report that the lists of diplomatic representatives to and from the United States, 1763-1815, begun twenty years ago, is completed and has been sent to the European editor of the Repertorium der diplomatischen Vertreter aller Länder for inclusion in Volume III of that too-little-known series. Dr. Carl Lokke of the National Archives performed this valuable service for us. I can also announce the publication this month of the triennial list of doctoral dissertations, a service which, through indication of the areas in which doctoral candidates are working, prevents much wasted effort in needless duplication.

Bibliographies, of course, are guides to materials. The source materials are the real stuff of historical research, the visible evidence without which history cannot be written. For the provision of these, many agencies in which the Association has had a long-time interest, such as the National Historical Publications Commission, now exist. The Association continues its interest and its own activities. The Littleton-Griswold Committee in 1954 published Volume VII of the "American Legal Records" series, the Virginia volume edited by Dr. Susie Ames. It will soon have ready for the press a volume of Maryland legal records, which will also be of interest not only to legal but to social historians. In the newer form of microduplication Chairman Edgar Erickson of our Committee on Documentary Reproduction recounts a long list of accomplishments in reproduction of documentary materials of Italy, the United Kingdom, France, Russia, and the United States. It is of interest that in our own country Dr. Clifford K. Shipton of the American Antiquarian Society is microprinting, with the co-operation of our committee, every known book, pamphlet, and broadside printed in the United States from 1639 to 1800 and listed in the Evans bibliography, as this has been corrected by Dr. Shipton (see AHR, April, 1955, p. 768). In another field of history, the Association has sponsored a meeting of American historians of Germany to consider access to and photoduplication of the German war documents now in the United States.

We are, then, helping to provide tools and materials for research. In addition we like to stimulate and reward it. Last year at the annual meeting it was my pleasant duty to announce that the Association was providing for the publication of four books by our Beveridge Award and Carnegie Revolving Fund Committees. Of these, one, The

Beginnings of Unitarianism in America by C. Conrad Wright, has been published and the other three are in press. Both these committees have had to do an extraordinary amount of reading. They have done it without any payment except that arising from justifiable pride in professional service. This year the Beveridge Committee plowed through fifteen manuscripts, the Carnegie Committee, six. Members of these committees not only read and judge the manuscripts, they provide invaluable service in editing them for the Cornell University Press, which now publishes them. At our annual Association dinner this evening the Beveridge Committee will report its decision to publish two additional volumes, and the Carnegie Committee, whose funds are nearing exhaustion, a subsidy to enable publication of another.

In the even years the Association awards several cash prizes. Last year at the annual dinner the Executive Secretary, in addition to the publication of the four volumes mentioned above, awarded prizes amounting to more than \$2,000. This year, an odd year, we will award only the Beveridge Prize of \$1,000 (plus publication) and the George Louis Beer Prize of \$200. Professor Sinclair Armstrong of the Beer Committee writes that the committee considered eleven books in European international history, a sizable number.

After they have had opportunities for research, historians want to publish their results. They want to publish because, being teachers, they feel an obligation to share their findings with their fellow scholars and with the public. Since scholars began to write, publication has brought distinction. It still makes a mark, if it does not always have a market. Publication is, customarily, almost the sole avenue to promotions and salary increases in a poorly paid profession. Regrettably, the costs of publication have doubled and tripled during the last twenty years and the great foundations which assist in research do not wish to, or will not, subsidize publication. Our Carnegie Revolving Fund is about exhausted, and we have not been able to replenish the fund, which has had the remarkable record of publishing thirty-five books in twenty-seven years. We must, then, seek new ways and means. We should examine more closely the problems involved in winning a wider audience--more buyers of our books--and we should continue to explore how we can publish less expensively. This examination will almost certainly lead us to improve our style of writing, to write more books which will be read. It will also almost certainly lead us to publish some of our works in the various forms of photoduplication, near print, and microreproduction. Whatever is done, communication of the lonely researches of the individual scholar with his colleagues must go on, else scholarship perishes as its springs of knowledge dry.

Our Association headquarters is consulted upon many historical matters. It has become through the years a kind of "service station" for historians in America. A child writes in to ask for books and pictures on George Washington, an elderly man in Texas wants information concerning one of his ancestors, a governmental agency may wish information on some past governmental action. In order to answer questions from members or other interested people, many hours of our staff's time are spent in disjointed and sporadic research in our own records to determine what the profession did or wished done in the past on many an issue which has faced historians. When the documents fail in quests such as these last, we turn to Miss Patty Washington, our assistant treasurer, who has been with us since 1908 and possesses a tenacious memory. On most inquiries we cannot do more than direct the inquirers to a source of information. We are not ourselves a research agency. We can and do help in many other kinds of historical work.

We have this year decided to establish a Service Center for Teachers of History. A strong Committee on Teaching, headed by Professor Sidney Painter, has evolved a plan, and the Ford Foundation has given a grant of \$148,000 for a three-year experiment. When the Service Center is established in 1956, it will endeavor to help teachers of history in the schools in many ways. Among them will be publication of inexpensive pamphlets summarizing late research, of annotated bibliographies, of outlines of good courses of history now being given. Among them will be an offer of assistance by professional historians in various parts of the country. If the experiment is successful,

we may make a noteworthy contribution to American education. Our Job Register is another way we endeavor to help American education, this time largely on the college level. This register has grown. In the first year and a half of its existence, over four hundred historians, seeking positions or desiring a change of position, have enrolled, and we have been notified of over ninety openings. Our hope is to supplement the customary and well-established ways institutions seek teachers. We are moving in the direction of perfecting our techniques. This year at its annual meeting the Association is registering applicants and assisting in arranging interviews, when these are possible, with representatives of inquiring institutions.

While it performs its traditional functions the Association, it is obvious, is assuming new ones. The Job Register is one instance. We have much to do and much to be done. As we accomplish our objectives and enlarge our program we will, of course, need more willing staff members of the kind we have, more time, and more space.

Our most significant single activity is very likely the publication of the American Historical Review. In the Review this year we published twelve articles and six "Notes and Suggestions." We received 147 (144 last year) and accepted 18. We received about 1,100 volumes and we published 223 long reviews (219 last year) and 310 short (254 last year). Is this a good record? I do not know. I do know that the Review publishes more reviews than any other journal and that it is the most comprehensive, perhaps the most catholic, in the world. A good many suggestions come to us; in fact we solicit them. Two of these are that our reviews should be more critical and analytical in the best sense of these words, and that we might have a better coverage of books in certain fields. We are working toward these ends. Our reviewers now receive a list of suggestions from the Board of Editors which outlines "do's and don't's" in reviewing. And this editor is constantly seeking to establish channels with foreign publishers so that they will send us their books to consider for review. The Review will in January publish one new type of "Note." It will be a survey of the profession in 1952 by J. F. Wellmeyer, Jr., of the American Council of Learned Societies, a survey which we recommended in our report of last year. One rumor, that the Review has a great backlog of articles and that publication takes two or three years after acceptance, needs to be corrected. For the last three years the Review has never accepted more articles than it can publish in the next three or four issues. At this time we would particularly like to see more articles in certain fields such as early modern history and Hispanic American history.

I have not yet mentioned what to the Executive Secretary was possibly the most important historical event of the year, the Tenth International Congress of Historical Sciences in September in Rome. Our senior delegate, Professor Donald McKay, performed extraordinary services to American historians as he, with the advice of the International Historical Activities Committee and Waldo Leland, carried the brunt of the American preparations. Professor McKay's account of the meeting will appear in the Review (January, 1956, pp. 504-11). Over one hundred Americans, your Executive Secretary among them, were in Rome. Twenty-three Americans appeared on the program, a remarkable representation, considering the distance to Rome, of American historical scholarship. It is the considered opinion of the Executive Secretary that we should take increasing part in international conferences concerning history. We have something to learn and something to teach and in the interchange of ideas we will enrich historical thinking everywhere.

One of the duties of the Executive Secretary is to report upon the "condition of historical study in America." The work of the Association offers partial evidence for this assessment. What historians and laymen are thinking provides additional evidence. As I have traveled about a bit in Europe and a good deal in the States, down the Pacific Coast, in the Middle West, in the South, and in the East, I have listened to many historians and others talking about the conditions, prospects, and nature of our discipline. On the whole I can report that historical study continues to thrive. I have heard many different opinions, of course. I do not know that there is a consensus. Some of us may be a little on the defensive, think that the study of history does not receive as

much attention (compared to other disciplines) as it deserves, that historians do not receive as much monetary assistance for research and publication as they should have, that the quality of historical work is not as high as it once was, and that students are not "taking" history as much as they once did. From people outside the profession, I sometimes hear the familiar old arguments, that historical study is not scientific, that history teaching is uninspired, that history is taught only as names and dates, and that students are uninterested. How true or false these opinions are there is no way of knowing. In some of them there could be a modicum of truth; some of them reveal weaknesses to be remedied; others reveal prejudice based on misinformation. I do know that historians are underpaid, as they long have been and as are most academic people, most humanists. On the other hand such quantitative measures as we have reveal widespread interest in history--the number of students enrolling in history courses in the schools, colleges and universities, the number of Ph.D. degrees granted in history, the many historical journals published, the growth of historical societies, the increasingly numerous organizations and meetings of historians, and the vigor and variety of their discussions. It may be noted, too, that historians reveal deep and intense interest in improving their scholarship and their methods of research, in enriching their knowledge by study of related subjects, in acquiring sources for their research, and in improving their teaching.

What has most impressed your Secretary and Editor is the belief of historians that they have a unique and vast subject of worth to men everywhere. What this, on reflection, means to me can be expressed quickly.

The study of history has its own meanings, methods, its own worth to man. It is the only discipline which studies the individual action, event, and idea as an individual happening and at the same time looks steadily at the sequence of happenings. This does not mean that in the study of history scholars cannot objectively view men, ideas, events and in this study use scientific methods to discover what happened and how it happened. It is a platitude that they should and must. This does not mean that in the study of history scholars and students cannot find meaning and enjoyment, even values. They can and should. This does not mean that historians cannot learn from other disciplines both as to methods and content. They can, do, and will increasingly.

History is history, the study of history is unique, of value in itself. History alone seeks to recover past experience, this recovery has value for the understanding of the present. We have our own methods of finding and interpreting man's experiences and of writing our studies. These are somewhat different from those of other disciplines, provide a unique way of acquiring knowledge and insight. We have, because of the nature of our subject and our study, a peculiar obligation to help our fellows understand and see the possibilities of thought in action and action in thought as the past has revealed them. We cannot tell men how to act or think. We can inform them how other men in the past have thought and acted. Thus we can free them from some illusions and at the same time open their minds to consideration of the many possible courses for human endeavor and enjoyment.

For me, this kind of thinking leads to one further conclusion. Our special province, the past, the whole field of history is large enough for many varieties of historians with many different specialties and abilities. There is no one limited chronological period which is history. There is no one way to study and write history. There is no one key to history. We therefore need specialists and generalists, political, economic, social, and intellectual historians. There is room for those who wish to evolve world views, room for those who want to digest the record and present it wie es eigentlich gewesen, and room for those who simply want to dig up, order, and preserve the sources. The values and ways of history, since history is of man, are as universal as the past. History exists; It includes all that men have done. Our job is to see that our fellow men are aware of this experience. The variety of ways in which we now accomplish this constitutes history in America.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Executive Secretary

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1954-55

The financial assets of the American Historical Association on August 31, 1955, amounted to \$699,671.75 (\$600,205.64 last year). Of that sum, \$651,834.00 (\$532,708.00 last year) constitute the capital funds of the Association, which are in the custody of the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York and are managed by it under the direction of the Board of Trustees. Of that amount \$253,369.00 (\$224,613.00 last year) are credited to various special funds, leaving \$398,465.00 (\$308,095.00 last year) the income from which is unrestricted. The cash on hand in checking and savings accounts amounts to \$47,837.75 (\$67,497.64 last year) of which sum \$25,804.54 (\$47,952.97 last year) is restricted, leaving \$22,033.21 (\$19,544.67 last year) available for general purposes. The total of unrestricted funds, including both capital and expendable sums, amounted to \$420,498.21 (\$327,639.67 last year); and that of restricted funds amounted to \$279,173.54 (\$272,565.97 last year). Securities in the special Matteson Fund portfolio amount to \$92,249.00 instead of \$78,493.00 as of a year ago. The increases in invested funds have resulted in part from exchanges of securities and changes in the market value of investments and in part from new investments. The treasurer regrets that some of the above figures were incorrectly given in the processed version of his report distributed last year. They have been corrected in the printed Annual Report for 1954.

The expendable funds of the Association are administered through a general account and four special accounts. The general account includes, however, a number of special funds and grants, which are segregated from the unrestricted funds only by bookkeeping. The balances in this account are kept partly in a savings account and partly in a checking account, and transfers are made from one to the other as occasion arises. The balances in the special accounts are separately deposited in savings accounts.

The following tables present a condensed exhibit of the financial transactions of the Association during the year. The statement for the general fund is broken down into unrestricted funds and the various special funds and grants, and for the unrestricted funds the items for 1953/54 are included for purposes of comparison. Statements for the special accounts follow, and there are a number of summaries. The receipts of unrestricted funds exceeded disbursements by \$2,488.54. It should be noted, however, that the disbursements included an investment of \$10,000.00; it would appear, therefore, that the receipts of unrestricted funds exceeded the expenditures from such funds for operations by \$12,488.54 (\$11,999.52 last year).

The Treasurer's accounts have been audited by F. W. Lafrentz & Co., certified public accountants, and their report is on file in the Washington office of the Association, where it may be examined by any interested member. Both the operating and the special accounts of Social Education are being discontinued and funds remaining in the special account were transferred during the year to the general account of the Association, where they appear in this report as "Royalties" in the receipts of unrestricted funds. See p. 14 below.

The reports of the Fiduciary Trust Company and of the Board of Trustees, which latter was submitted by A. W. Page, chairman of the Board, are now on file and available for inspection in the Washington office.

SOLON J. BUCK, Treasurer

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Comparative statement for 1953-1954 and 1954-1955 of receipts
and disbursements of unrestricted funds

	1953-54	1954-55
Receipts:		
Cash on hand.....	\$17,545.15	\$19,544.67
Annual dues.....	41,079.34	39,957.20
Registration fees.....	1,959.00	2,485.80
Interest.....	12,204.14	13,774.83
American Historical Review.....	10,296.87	10,396.01
Royalties (including \$907.79 transferred from special account for Social Education).....	62.26	923.19
Advertising.....	2,985.51	3,953.38
Placement Service.....	242.00	425.00
Miscellaneous.....	159.25	19.65
	<u>\$86,533.52</u>	<u>\$91,479.73</u>
Disbursements:		
General administration.....	\$34,792.43	\$33,788.35
Council and committees.....	1,498.57	1,870.39
Special Fund for Committees of the Association.....	454.23	
Annual meetings.....	297.44	1,843.41
Review--copies for members.....	18,676.00	19,326.40
A.C.L.S.--dues.....	100.00	200.00
Pacific Coast Branch.....	200.00	200.00
International Com. of Hist. Sciences.....	675.00	1,771.74
National Trust for Historic Preservation.....	100.00	100.00
Payment toward Adams prize of 1954.....		147.47
Placement Service.....	195.18	198.76
Investments.....	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total.....	<u>\$66,988.85</u>	<u>\$69,446.52</u>
Balance.....	19,544.67	22,033.21
	<u>\$86,533.52</u>	<u>\$91,479.73</u>

Statement of receipts and disbursements for 1954-55 of
special funds and grants included in the general account

	Receipts	Disbursements
Endowment Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$95.25	
Contributions.....	267.00	
Life membership dues.....	1,050.00	
Investments.....		\$1,300.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		112.25
	<u>\$1,412.25</u>	<u>\$1,412.25</u>
Andrew D. White Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$78.34	
Interest.....	42.00	
Balance, Sept. 1, 1955.....		\$120.34
	<u>\$120.34</u>	<u>\$120.34</u>
George Louis Beer Prize Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$2,350.25	
Interest.....	224.00	
Prize of 1954.....		\$200.00
Investments.....		2,000.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		374.25
	<u>\$2,574.25</u>	<u>\$2,574.25</u>
John H. Dunning Prize Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$345.79	
Interest.....	73.50	
Prize of 1954.....		\$140.00
Committee expenses.....		13.50
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		265.79
	<u>\$419.29</u>	<u>\$419.29</u>
Herbert Baxter Adams Prize Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$52.53	
Payment toward 1954 prize.....		\$52.53
	<u>\$52.53</u>	<u>\$52.53</u>
Watumull Prize Fund:		
From Watumull Foundation.....	\$500.00	
Prize of 1954.....		\$500.00
	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

Statement of receipts and disbursements for 1954-55 of
special funds and grants included in the general account--Continued

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Robert L. Schuyler Prize Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$500.00	
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		\$500.00
	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
J. Franklin Jameson Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$766.18	
Interest.....	154.70	
From sales of "List of Doctoral Dissertations".....	75.00	
Expense on account of "List of Doc. Dissertations".....		\$30.80
Preparation of list of AHA members.....		62.50
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		902.58
	<u>\$995.88</u>	<u>\$995.88</u>
David M. Matteson Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$6,168.00	
Interest.....	3,785.72	
Preparation of indexes and bibliographical lists.....		\$1,918.18
Investments.....		3,000.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		5,035.54
	<u>\$9,953.72</u>	<u>\$9,953.72</u>
Special Accounts:		
Interest.....	\$4,620.00	
Transfers.....		\$4,620.00
	<u>\$4,620.00</u>	<u>\$4,620.00</u>

Summary statement for 1954-55 of receipts and disbursements
of funds in the general account

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954:		
Unrestricted funds.....	\$19,544.67	
Special funds and grants.....	10,356.34	
	\$29,901.01	
Income:		
Unrestricted funds.....	\$71,935.06	
Special funds and grants.....	6,171.92	
	78,106.98	
Expenditures and transfers:		
Unrestricted funds.....		\$69,446.52
Special funds and grants.....		9,217.51
Balances, Aug. 31, 1955:		
Unrestricted funds.....		22,033.21
Special funds and grants.....		7,310.75
Interest received and transferred to special accounts.....	4,620.00	4,620.00
Grand totals, general account.....	<u>\$112,627.99</u>	<u>\$112,627.99</u>

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Statement for 1954-55 of receipts and disbursements

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Carnegie Revolving Fund for Publications:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$6,400.57	
Interest.....	93.73	
Royalties.....	1,617.12	
Publication expenses.....		\$4,368.75
Committee expenses.....		41.04
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		3,701.63
	<u>\$8,111.42</u>	<u>\$8,111.42</u>
Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$21,447.01	
Interest.....	3,879.87	
Royalties.....	3,016.94	
Editorial and publication expenses.....		\$6,865.72
Committee expenses.....		743.55
Membership dues for contributors.....		382.50
Albert J. Beveridge award.....		1,524.70
Investments.....		10,000.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		8,827.35
	<u>\$28,343.82</u>	<u>\$28,343.82</u>

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS--Continued

Statement for 1954-55 of receipts and disbursements--Continued

	Receipts	Disbursements
Littleton-Griswold Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$6,889.44	
Interest.....	1,250.44	
Sales of publications.....	861.00	
Editorial and publication expenses.....		\$27.57
Committee expenses.....		1.00
Membership dues of contributor.....		7.50
Investments.....		3,000.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		5,964.81
	<u>\$9,000.88</u>	<u>\$9,000.88</u>
Social Education:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$1,612.06	
Interest.....	29.53	
Royalties.....	72.48	
Transferred to <u>Social Education</u>		\$806.03
Transferred to general account of the AHA.....		\$907.79
Fee on bank check.....		.25
	<u>\$1,714.07</u>	<u>\$1,714.07</u>
Summary of Special Accounts:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$36,349.08	
Income including transfers.....	10,821.11	
Expenditures and transfers.....		\$28,676.40
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		18,493.79
	<u>\$47,170.19</u>	<u>\$47,170.19</u>

GENERAL SUMMARY

Summary statement for 1954-55 of funds in the general account
and the special accounts

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954:		
General Account.....	\$29,901.01	
Special Accounts.....	36,349.08	
	<u>\$66,250.09</u>	
Income:		
General Account.....	\$78,106.98	
Special Accounts.....	10,821.11	
	<u>\$88,928.09</u>	
Less duplication.....	1,297.59	87,630.50
	<u>\$87,630.50</u>	
Expenditures and transfers:		
General Account.....	\$78,664.03	
Special Accounts.....	28,676.40	
	<u>\$107,340.43</u>	
Less duplication.....	1,297.59	\$106,042.84
	<u>\$106,042.84</u>	
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955:		
General Account.....	\$29,343.96	
Special Accounts.....	18,493.79	
	<u>\$47,837.75</u>	
Totals.....	<u>\$153,880.59</u>	<u>\$153,880.59</u>

FINANCIAL ASSETS

Securities as appraised Aug. 31, 1955.....		\$651,834.00
Credited to--		
Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund.....	\$110,000.00	
Littleton-Griswold Fund.....	35,000.00	
Andrew D. White Fund.....	1,200.00	
George Louis Beer Fund.....	8,400.00	
John H. Dunning Fund.....	2,100.00	
J. Franklin Jameson Fund.....	4,420.00	161,120.00
David M. Matteson Fund (special portfolio).....		92,249.00
Unrestricted.....		<u>\$398,465.00</u>
Cash in checking and savings accounts.....		
Credited to--		
Special accounts.....	\$18,493.79	
Special funds.....	7,310.75	
Unrestricted.....		<u>\$25,804.54</u>
		<u>\$22,033.21</u>

SUMMARY

Unrestricted funds:		
Securities.....	\$398,465.00	
Cash in custody of the Treasurer.....	<u>22,033.21</u>	\$420,498.21
Restricted funds:		
Securities.....	\$253,369.00	
Cash in custody of the Treasurer.....	<u>25,804.54</u>	279,173.54
Total.....		<u>\$699,671.75</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Washington, D. C.

We have examined the recorded cash receipts and disbursements of the general and special accounts of the American Historical Association for the period from September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we consider necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the recorded cash transactions of the American Historical Association for the year ended August 31, 1955, and have been prepared on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The financial statements, as listed in the accompanying index, are presented herewith.

We also submit the following comments, giving additional information as to the scope of our examination and the accounts presented.

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

A combined summary of cash receipts and disbursements of the general account, general account--special funds and grants, and special accounts, as detailed on Exhibits A, B, and C, is shown below:

	Combined	Exhibit A General Account	Exhibit B Special Funds and Grants	Exhibit C Special Accounts
Cash balance, August 31, 1954.....	\$66,250.09	\$19,544.67	\$10,356.34	\$36,349.08
Receipts.....	93,548.09	71,935.06	10,791.92	10,821.11
	159,798.18	91,479.73	21,148.26	47,170.19
Disbursements.....	111,960.43	69,446.52	13,837.51	28,676.40
Cash Balance, August 31, 1955.....	47,837.75	22,033.21	7,310.75	18,493.79

Recorded cash receipts were traced to bank deposits, and cash disbursements shown by the records were supported by cancelled checks and properly approved vouchers.

The cash on deposit with the Union Trust Company to the credit of the accounts and funds listed below, amounting to \$47,837.75, at August 31, 1955, was reconciled with amounts reported directly to us by the bank.

A summary of the various cash accounts follows:

General Account and Special Funds and Grants:

Checking account--general	\$ 28,256.05	
Savings account--general	1,087.91	\$ 29,343.96

Special Accounts:

Savings account #5,	\$ 8,827.35	
Savings account #6,	5,964.81	
Savings account #8,	3,701.63	18,493.79

Total		<u>\$ 47,837.75</u>
-------------	--	---------------------

INVESTMENTS

Statements of cash and investment transactions by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York for your account from September 1, 1954 to August 31, 1955, are shown on Schedules 1 and 2.

Securities held by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York as of August 31, 1955, are shown in accordance with their report which was mailed directly to us. These securities are detailed on Schedules 3 and 4.

The market value of the securities, as of August 31, 1955, in the regular account was \$556,129.01, and in the Matteson Fund, \$88,985.88.

The accompanying exhibits and schedules relative to the investments held by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York as of August 31, 1955, and to the cash and investment transactions for the year then ended, have been prepared in accordance with the records of the Association, and are supported by statements from the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York.

INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS

Income earned on investments during the period under review was traced to the records of the Association and accounted for. Amortization of bonds owned by the Association as of August 31, 1955, was provided in accordance with the amounts determined by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York.

Payments to the Association by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York amounted to \$22,652.88, as shown on Schedule 1.¹

GENERAL

Dues received during the year are shown in accordance with the cash records, and verification by us was limited to a test check of names on the members mailing list to the dues book. A summary of the dues received indicates that such dues are applicable to the following years:

<u>Dues Year Ending</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1957.	\$ 58.26
1956.	26,426.31
1955.	13,343.96
Prior Years	128.67
Total.	<u>\$ 39,957.20</u>

During the year under review the Association received dues in the amount of \$39,957.20, as compared to \$41,079.34 in the preceding year, a decrease of \$1,122.14. From the above schedule it may be seen that this decrease is reflected entirely in the current 1955 dues year.

F. W. LAFRENTZ & CO.
Certified Public Accountants

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 1, 1955

TO THE TREASURER OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION:

Sir: I submit herewith a report of the Board of Trustees of the American Historical Association for the financial year ended August 31, 1955.

The securities held in trust for the Association on that date were as follows:

¹ The exhibits and complete schedules are on file in the office of the Executive Secretary and may be examined by any qualified and interested person.

REGULAR SECTION

	Approximate		Estimated annual income	
	Price	Value	Rate	Amount
Bonds:				
\$20,000. U.S.A. Treasury Notes C-1957 2½ 8/15/57.....	\$100	\$20,000	.....	\$400
\$20,000. Canadian Pacific Ry. Cv. Coll. Tr. 3 1/2% 10/1/66....	109	21,800	.....	700
\$10,000. Virginian Ry. 1st. lien & Ref. B 3½ 5/1/95.....	94	9,400	.....	300
\$20,000. Aluminum Co. of America Deb. 3 1/8% 2/1/64.....	101	20,200	.....	625
\$10,000. Dow Chemical Cv. Deb. 3½ 7/1/82.....	121	12,100	.....	300
\$16,000. Standard Oil of Indiana Cv. Dev. 3 1/8% 10/1/82.....	115	18,400	.....	500
\$10,000. Commercial Credit Notes 3 1/4% 6/15/61.....	99	9,900	.....	325
\$25,000. General Motors Acceptance Deb. 4½ 7/1/58.....	102	25,500	.....	1,000
Total bonds.....		137,300	.....	4,150
Preferred stocks:				
100 shares Cons Edison of New York \$5 Pfd. no par.....	111	11,100	\$5.00	500
100 shares American Cyanamid 3 3/4% Cv. Pfd. C \$100 par.....	120	12,000	3.75	375
100 shares E. I. Du Pont De Nemours \$4.50 Pfd. no par.....	118	11,800	4.50	450
70 shares U. S. Rubber 8½ N-CM 1st Pfd. \$100 par.....	164	11,480	8.00	560
100 shares U. S. Steel 7½ Pfd. \$100 par.....	158	15,800	7.00	700
200 shares Marine Midland 4½ Cv. Pfd. \$50 par.....	57	11,400	2.00	400
Total preferred stocks.....		73,580	.....	2,985
Common stocks:				
100 shares Insurance Co. of North America \$5 par.....	112	11,200	2.50	250
519 shares Cincinnati Gas & Electric \$8.50 par.....	28	14,532	1.20	623
480 shares Cleveland Electric Illuminating \$15 par.....	38	18,240	1.60	768
300 shares Middle South Utilities \$10 par.....	34	10,200	1.50	450
200 shares Texas Utilities no par.....	75	15,000	2.32	464
280 shares El Paso Natural Gas \$3 par.....	46	12,880	2.00	560
200 shares Northern Natural Gas \$10 par.....	44	8,800	2.00	400
400 shares Oklahoma Natural Gas \$7.50 par.....	23	9,200	1.20	480
400 shares United Gas \$10 par.....	32	12,800	1.50	600
211 shares Eastman Kodak \$10 par.....	80	16,880	2.20	464
300 shares American Can \$12.50 par.....	41	12,300	1.55	465
50 shares J. C. Penney no par.....	96	4,800	3.50	175
200 shares E. I. Du Pont De Nemours \$5 par.....	228	45,600	6.50	1,300
300 shares Hooker Electrochemical \$5 par.....	41	12,300	1.00	300
200 shares Union Carbide & Carbon no par.....	106	21,200	3.00	600
200 shares Continental Oil \$5 par.....	87	17,400	2.80	560
200 shares Standard Oil of New Jersey \$15 par.....	135	27,000	5.00	1,000
600 shares General Electric \$5 par.....	53	31,800	1.60	960
250 shares Westinghouse Electric \$12.50 par.....	67	16,750	2.50	625
180 shares Ingersoll Rand no par.....	55	9,900	2.50	450
100 shares Kennecott Copper no par.....	126	12,600	6.00	600
100 shares Phelps Dodge \$12.50 par.....	62	6,200	3.00	300
Total common stocks.....		347,582	.....	12,394
Securities value.....		558,462	.....	.....
Principal cash.....		1,123	.....	.....
Total account.....		559,585	.....	.....
Estimated annual income.....			.....	19,529

Statement of transactions during the period from September 1, 1954 through August 31, 1955

REGULAR SECTION

Date		Price	Principal
	PURCHASES		
Feb. 17, 1955.....	\$20,000. U. S. A. Treasury Notes, C-1957, 2½ due 8/15/57.....	100 2/32 Net	\$20,012.50
Feb. 14, 1955.....	\$6,000. Canadian Pacific Rwy. Co. Conv. Coll. Tr. 3 1/2% due 10/1/66.....	106 1/8 Net	6,367.50

REGULAR SECTION

Date		Price	Principal
Feb. 14, 1955.....	\$10,000. Commercial Credit Co. notes 3 1/4% due 6/15/61.....	102 Net	\$10,200.00
Feb. 14, 1955.....	\$5,000. Aluminum Co. of America Deb. 3 1/8% due 2/1/64.....	101 7/8	5,106.25
Aug. 30, 1955.....	300 shs. Hooker Electrochemical Co.....	41 1/4	12,481.89
Aug. 30, 1955.....	100 shs. Marine Midland Corp. 4% Conv. Pfd.....	56 1/2	5,690.65
Aug. 31, 1955.....	100 shs. Marine Midland Corp. 4% Conv. Pfd.....	56 1/2	5,690.65
	Total Purchases.....		\$65,549.44
	SALES		
Oct. 1, 1954.....	300 Rts. Middle South Utilities, Inc., Void 10/8/54.....	6/32	\$53.14
Dec. 7, 1954.....	100/1000 El Paso Natural Gas Co., Scrip, Void Shr. 12/1/60.....	36 5/8 Net	3.66
Dec. 8, 1954.....	280 Rts. El Paso Natural Gas Co., Void 12/17/54.....	.14 Net	38.54
Feb. 14, 1955.....	40 Shs. American Can Co.....	40 3/4	1,608.76
Feb. 14, 1955.....	300 Shs. American Can Co.....	41	12,178.97
Feb. 14, 1955.....	31 Shs. Eastman Kodak Co.....	69 1/8	2,117.64
Feb. 14, 1955.....	100 Shs. Inland Steel Co.....	73 1/2	7,297.50
Feb. 14, 1955.....	30 Shs. Insurance Co. of North America.....	105 3/4	3,158.83
Feb. 14, 1955.....	50 Shs. Insurance Co. of North America.....	106	5,227.71
Feb. 14, 1955.....	200 Shs. Phelps Dodge Co.....	54 7/8	10,884.30
Apr. 6, 1955.....	55/100 Eastman Kodak Co., Scrip, Void Sh. 5/2/55.....		32.82
	Total Sales.....		\$42,607.87
	SECURITIES DISTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED		
Dec. 14, 1954.....	120 Shs. (Additional) Ingersoll Rand Co., Common, No Par To Effect A 3-For-1 Split On 60 Shs., Common, No Par, To Holders Of Record 12/3/54.		
Mar. 23, 1955.....	11 55/100 Eastman Kodak Co., Common, \$10. Par Representing A 5% Stock Dividend on Shs. 200 Shs., Common, \$10. Par. To Holders of Record 2/7/55.		
May 31, 1955.....	480 Shs. Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., Common, \$15. Par, Received For 240 Shs., Common, No Par, To Effect A 2-For-1 Split, To Holders of Record 5/20/55.		
	RIGHTS RECEIVED		
Sept. 27, 1954.....	300 Rts. Middle South Utilities, Inc., Rights to Subscribe For 20 Shs., Common, @ \$28. Per Share. Void 10/8/54.		
Dec. 6, 1954.....	280 Rts. El Paso Natural Gas Co., Rights to Subscribe For 13 7/100 Shs., New \$4.40 Conv. 2nd PFD., Series 1954. @ \$100. Per Share. Void 12/17/54.		
	SECURITIES RECEIVED BY EXCHANGE		
Dec. 1, 1954.....	280 100/1000 Shs. El Paso Natural Gas Co., Common, Received in Exchange For 100 Shs. \$4.40 Conv. 2nd PFD., Series 1952.		

MATTESON FUND

VALUE OF ORIGINAL AND PRESENT HOLDINGS

Original Value.....	\$73,501.00
Present Value.....	92,249.00
Estimated Annual Income.....	3,657.00
Return On Current Market Value.....	4.0%
Return On Original Value.....	5.0%
Bond Premiums Are Amortized	

MATTESON FUND

	Approximate		Estimated annual income	
	Price	Value	Rate	Amount
Bonds:				
\$6,000. USA Treasury Notes C-1957 2% due 8/15/57.....	\$100	\$6,000	.....	\$120
5,000. Union Pacific RR deb. 2 7/8% due 2/1/76.....	96	4,800	.....	144
5,000. Standard Oil N J deb. 2 3/4% due 7/15/74.....	97	4,850	.....	138
Total bonds.....		15,650	.....	402
Common Stocks:				
240 shares American Telephone & Telegraph \$100 par, price reflects rights to be recd.....	183	43,920	\$9.00	2,160
90 shares J C Penney no par.....	96	8,640	3.50	315
106 shares Standard Oil of New Jersey \$15 par.....	135	14,310	5.00	530
100 shares Westinghouse Electric \$12.50 par.....	67	6,700	2.50	250
Total common stocks.....		73,570	.....	3,255
Securities value.....		89,220	.....	.....
Principal cash.....		3,029	.....	.....
Total account.....		92,249	.....	.....
Estimated annual income.....			.....	3,657

Statement of transactions during the period from September 1, 1954 through August 31, 1955

MATTESON FUND

Date		Price	Principal
PURCHASES			
Feb. 17, 1955..	\$6,000. USA Treasury Notes, C-1957, 2% due 8/15/57.....	100 2/32 net	\$6,003.75
Feb. 14, 1955..	2,000. Standard Oil Co. of NJ deb 2 3/4% due 7/15/74....	98 1/8	1,972.50
Feb. 14, 1955..	3,000. Union Pacific RR deb. 2 7/8% due 2/1/76.....	98	2,952.00
	Total purchases.....		10,928.25
SALES			
Feb. 14, 1955..	60 shares Kennecott Copper Corp.....	111 1/8	6,621.69
Feb. 14, 1955..	100 shares New Jersey Zinc Co.....	46 5/8	4,630.74
	Total sales.....		11,252.43
RIGHTS TO BE RECEIVED			
	240 RTS. American Telephone & Telegraph Co., rights to subscribe for \$3,000. New conv. deb. 3 7/8% due 10/13/67 @\$100. To holders of record 8/25/55. Void 10/13/55.		

The holdings of the American Historical Association as of August 31, 1955, compare with its holdings of August 31, 1954, as follows:

REGULAR SECTION	Value of principal	Income	MATTESON FUND	Value of principal	Income
Aug. 31, 1954.....	\$454,215.00	\$18,006	Aug. 31, 1954.....	\$78,493.00	\$3,753
Aug. 31, 1955.....	559,585.00	19,529	Aug. 31, 1955.....	92,249.00	3,657

As will be noted from the foregoing figures, the market value of the securities held in the Regular Section for the Association increased from a total of \$454,215 on August 31, 1954 to \$559,585 on August 31, 1955, an increase of about 23 percent. This increase reflects conditions general in the securities markets for the respective dates. The income basis, figured as of the same two dates, increased from \$18,006 to \$19,529, an increase of about 8.4 percent. During the year, changes in securities for the Matteson Fund increased that fund from \$78,493 to \$92,249. The income was \$3,657 as against \$3,753 of a year ago.

In accord with accepted principles, the Trustees have given instructions to the Fiduciary Trust Co. to set aside out of each year's income such an amount as is applicable for that year toward the amortization of the premiums on bonds purchased above the redemption price. The charge upon income on this account for the fiscal year was \$77.10 for the Regular Section and \$8.03 for the Matteson Fund.

During the year the Trustees received from the Association for investment \$26,300 for the Regular Section, and \$3,000 for the Matteson Fund.

Charges made by the Fiduciary Trust Co. for the management of securities amounted during the fiscal year to \$2,202 for the Regular Section and \$380 for the Matteson Fund. The brokerage charges on purchases and sales amounted to \$327.12 for the Regular Section and \$87.83 for the Matteson Fund. The Board of Trustees incurred no other expenses.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
ARTHUR W. PAGE, Chairman

DRAFT BUDGETS, 1955-56, 1956-57

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Submitted to the Finance Committee and the Council, December, 1955

	Actual Income and expenditure 1954/55	Original Budget 1955/56	Proposed Revised Budget 1955/56	Proposed Tentative Budget 1956/57
RECEIPTS				
Annual dues.....	\$39,957.20	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Registration fees.....	2,485.80	2,000	2,000	2,000
Interest.....	13,774.83	12,000	13,500	13,500
Royalties.....	923.19	25	50	50
<u>American Historical Review:</u>				
Macmillan, editorial expense.....	2,400.00	2,400	2,400	2,400
Share of receipts.....	7,996.01	7,000	7,500	7,500
Advertising and exhibit space (annual meeting)...	3,953.38	3,000	3,300	3,300
Placement service.....	425.00	300	500	500
Publications and miscellaneous.....	19.65	100	25	25
	\$71,935.06	\$66,825	\$69,275	\$69,275
DISBURSEMENTS				
<u>General Administration:</u>				
Salary, Exec. Secy. & Editor.....	\$12,000.00	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$15,000
Salary, Asst. Secy.-Treas.....	4,500.00	4,500	4,500	4,500
Salary, Assistant Editor.....	5,166.68	5,250	5,500	5,750
Salary, Clerk-Stenographer.....	3,056.67	3,300	3,550	3,600
Salary, Clerical Assistant.....	3,095.84	3,000	3,100	3,250
Royalties to authors of vols. in Rept. of Comm. on the Soc. Studies.....	32.93	.....	25	25
Bonding Asst. Secy.-Treas.....	25.00	25	25	25
Auditing.....	250.00	250	250	250
Travel.....	404.63	500	500	750
Office expenses (including stationery, sup- plies, printing, equipment, postage, tele- phone and telegraph).....	2,857.14	2,700	3,000	3,000
Notes contributed to the <u>Review</u>	679.00	850	850	800
To placement service.....	198.76	300	500	500
Annuity for Executive Secretary.....	558.00	600	516	666
Social Security for office staff.....	322.70	294	378	378
Contingent and miscellaneous.....	839.76	800	1,000	1,000
	\$33,987.11	\$34,369	\$35,694	\$39,494
Payments to the Macmillan Company for copies of the <u>Review</u> supplied to members of the Associa- tion.....	\$19,326.40	\$19,500	\$19,500	\$19,500
<u>Historical Activities:</u>				
Pacific Coast Branch.....	\$200.00	\$200	\$200	\$300
Council and Committees.....	1,870.39	3,250	3,250	3,250
<u>Annual Meetings:</u>				
Program (printing and mailing).....	1,623.07	1,625	1,625	1,700
<u>Program committees:</u>				
1954.....	50.00	.....	.....	.....
1955.....	45.90	50	50	.....
1956.....	.....	75	75	50
1957.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Local arrangements committees.....	.....	200	200	200
Nominating ballot (printing).....	124.44	125	125	125
Dues in ACLS.....	200.00	200	200	200
Internat. Com. of Hist. Sciences (Membership, Bibliography, & expenses of delegates to International Congress).....	1,771.74	1,975	850	850
National Trust for Historic Preservation.....	100.00	100	100	100
Herbert Baxter Adams prize.....	147.47	.....	.....	200
	\$6,133.01	\$7,800	\$6,675	\$7,050
Investments, unrestricted funds.....	\$10,000.00	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<u>Summary of Disbursements:</u>				
General Administration.....	\$33,987.11	\$34,369	\$35,694	\$39,494
Macmillan Company for copies of <u>Review</u> to members.....	19,326.40	19,500	19,500	19,500
Historical Activities.....	6,133.01	7,800	6,675	7,050
Investments.....	10,000.00	10,000	10,000	10,000
	\$69,446.52	\$71,669	\$71,869	\$76,044

DRAFT BUDGETS, 1955-56, 1956-57--Continued

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance Sheet, 1955-1957, estimated and computed

Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1955 (actual)	\$22,033.21
Receipts, 1955/56 (estimated)	<u>69,275.00</u>
Total available, 1955/56 (computed)	91,308.21
Expenditures, 1955/56 (estimated)	<u>71,869.00</u>
Balance, Sept. 1, 1956 (computed)	19,439.21
Receipts, 1956/57 (estimated)	<u>69,275.00</u>
Total available, 1956/57 (computed)	88,714.21
Expenditures, 1956/57 (estimated)	<u>76,044.00</u>
Balance, Sept. 1, 1957 (computed)	\$12,670.21

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

DECEMBER 15, 1955

I-GENERAL

Total Membership			
Individuals:			
Honorary	14		
Life	396*		
Annual	5,401		
Institutions	<u>499</u>	6,310	
Total paid membership, including life members		5,391	
Delinquent		919	
Loss:			
Deaths: Life	12		
Annual	<u>30</u>	42	
Resignations		89	
Dropped		<u>370</u>	501
Gain:			
Life	3		
Annual	<u>602</u>	605	
Former members re-entered		<u>71</u>	676
Net gain		175	
Membership December 15, 1954			6,135
New members and renewals		676	
Losses		<u>501</u>	
Net gain			<u>175</u>
			<u>6,310</u>

*During the year 12 life members have been lost; 5 life members have been added, and of these 3 are new and 2 are annual members who have taken out life memberships.

II-BY REGIONS

New England: Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.	733
North Atlantic: N.Y., N.J., Pa., Del., Md., D.C.	2,153
South Atlantic: Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla.	499
North Central: Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis.	1,122
South Central: Ala., Miss., Tenn., Ky., W. Va.	220
West Central: Minn., Iowa, Mo., Ark., La., N. Dak., S. Dak., Nebr., Kans., Okla., Tex.	649
Pacific Coast Branch: Mont., Wyo., Colo., N. Mex., Idaho, Utah, Nev., Ariz., Wash., Oreg., Calif., Hawaii, Western Canada.	731
Territories and Dependencies: Puerto Rico, Alaska, Canal Zone, Virgin Islands	15
Other Countries	<u>188</u>
Total Membership	6,310

III-BY STATES

	Total member- ship	New members and re- newals		Total member- ship	New members and re- newals
Alabama.....	46	10	New Jersey.....	202	28
Alaska.....	3	1	New Mexico.....	23	.....
Arizona.....	17	1	New York.....	1,028	124
Arkansas.....	17	3	North Carolina.....	114	8
California.....	471	54	North Dakota.....	15	1
Canal Zone.....	1	.....	Ohio.....	260	20
Colorado.....	45	7	Oklahoma.....	44	3
Connecticut.....	173	16	Oregon.....	48	13
Delaware.....	21	.....	Pennsylvania.....	397	40
Dist. of Columbia.....	273	28	Puerto Rico.....	10	1
Florida.....	57	6	Rhode Island.....	38	3
Georgia.....	64	9	South Carolina.....	41	1
Hawaii.....	11	.....	South Dakota.....	14	2
Idaho.....	11	2	Tennessee.....	67	3
Illinois.....	350	26	Texas.....	134	12
Indiana.....	171	16	Utah.....	11	.....
Iowa.....	84	3	Vermont.....	28	4
Kansas.....	66	5	Virgin Islands.....	1	.....
Kentucky.....	55	6	Virginia.....	223	28
Louisiana.....	42	5	Washington.....	72	13
Maine.....	31	1	West Virginia.....	28	1
Maryland.....	232	32	Wisconsin.....	120	8
Massachusetts.....	430	49	Wyoming.....	6	1
Michigan.....	221	22	Canada.....	60	8
Minnesota.....	112	14	Cuba.....	2	.....
Mississippi.....	24	2	Philippines.....	2	.....
Missouri.....	89	10	Latin America.....	9	2
Montana.....	12	.....	Foreign.....	115	17
Nebraska.....	32	4			
Nevada.....	4	.....		
New Hampshire.....	33	3		*6,310	676

*This includes the 676 new members and renewals.

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE DECEMBER 15, 1954

Life Members:

Date of Death

Jesse C. Adkins, Washington, D. C.	March 29, 1955
George A. Ball, Muncie, Indiana.....	Oct. 22, 1955
Chauncey Samuel Boucher, Tucson, Arizona	August, 1955
Louise Fargo Brown, Norfolk, Virginia (Formerly of Vassar College)	May 1, 1955
F. A. Countway, Cambridge, Mass.	Sept. 19, 1955
Shirley Farr, Brandon, Vermont	Aug. 24, 1955
Rev. M. L. Haines, Indianapolis, Indiana.....	Dec. 23, 1941
Samuel H. Kress, New York, N. Y.	Sept. 22, 1955
Laurence Bradford Packard, Amherst, Mass.....	Jan. 14, 1955
William Spence Robertson, Urbana, Illinois.....	Oct. 24, 1955
Hutton Webster, Palo Alto, Calif.	May 20, 1955
Charles Wm. Colby, McGill University	Dec. 10, 1955

Annual Members

Bruce Macmillan Bigelow, Providence, R. I.	Dec. 27, 1954
W. E. B. DuBois, New York, N. Y.	-
Whitney R. Cross, Morgantown, West Va.	1955
Bernard De Voto, Cambridge, Mass.	Nov. 13, 1955
Maj. Charles Winslow Elliott, San Diego, Calif.	Oct. 10, 1955
Russell J. Ferguson, Pittsburgh, Pa.	1955
Rev. William J. Gauche, Cincinnati, Ohio.....	Dec. 12, 1954
Evan Haynes, Calistoga, Calif.	1955
Herbert Anthony Kellar, Madison, Wis.	Oct. 8, 1955
George V. Lantzeff, Berkeley, Calif.	1955
Ethel F. McLean, Red Bank, New Jersey	Aug. 19, 1955
Helen Pearson Margesson, Dorchester Center, Mass.....	March 3, 1955
Edgar Holmes McNeal, Columbus, Ohio.....	March 13, 1955

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE DECEMBER 15, 1954--Continued

<u>Annual Members</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Boris Mirkine-Guetzevitch, New York, N. Y.	1955
William Francis Morrish, Orinda, Calif.	May, 1955
James Duncan Phillips, Topsfield, Mass.	Oct. 19, 1954
Granville T. Prior, Charleston, S. C.	June 23, 1955
Corliss Fitz Randolph, Maplewood, New Jersey	November, 1954
Katherine Reinhard, La Salle, Illinois	Nov. 21, 1954
Carl Coke Rister, Lubbock, Texas	April 16, 1955
Wm. Leonard Schwartz, Stanford, Calif.	April 24, 1955
Charles Lawton Sherman, Amherst, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1954
Harriet Wingfield Smither, Austin, Texas	March 20, 1955
H. E. Snide, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.	June 22, 1955
H. Fred Swansen, Blair, Nebraska	Dec. 3, 1955
William Linn Westermann, New York, N. Y.	Oct. 4, 1954
Elsie H. Wilcox, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii	June 30, 1955
Elbert Vaughan Wills, Gatesville, North Carolina	Sept. 6, 1955
Mark Wischnitzer, New York, N. Y.	Oct. 16, 1955
Rufus Kay Wylls, Tempe, Arizona.....	April 16, 1955

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 1955

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits the following nominations for the officers of the American Historical Association during the ensuing year:

For President -- Dexter Perkins

For Vice-President -- William L. Langer

For Treasurer -- Solon J. Buck

Since no petitions have been presented under the applicable provisions of the constitution for the nomination of other persons, I move on behalf of the committee that the secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for this slate.

A total of 586 ballots were cast by mail for the election of members to vacancies on the Council and the Nominating Committee. The following are declared elected:

To the two vacancies on the Council -- Walter P. Webb and R. R. Palmer

To the two vacancies on the Nominating Committee -- Ray A. Billington and Garrett Mattingly.

Professor William C. Binkley will serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1956. The other continuing members are James L. Cate and Theodor E. Mommsen,

WESLEY FRANK CRAVEN, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY MEMBERS

The Committee on Honorary Members held consultations by mail and agreed, with unanimity and enthusiasm, to nominate to the vacancy in the list of fifteen honorary members caused by the death of Benedetto Croce, Professor Federico Chabod of Naples, Professor in the University of Rome, Director of the Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Storici, of Naples, and co-director of the Revista Storica Italiana. In September Professor Chabod was elected President of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, to serve until the International Historical Congress, of 1960. A statement concerning Professor Chabod's qualifications prepared by Professor Felix Gilbert, member of this committee, is submitted separately.

The committee is obliged to report that news has reached it only now that Dr. Vicente Lecuna, of Venezuela, elected an honorary member in 1947, died on February 20, 1954. The committee does not deem it expedient to attempt to make a nomination this year to fill the vacancy thus created. It recommends that such nomination be made in 1956.

In conclusion I beg to observe that having served as a member of this committee since its creation, and twice as its chairman, it seems to me time that I should be replaced and for various reasons, some of them personal, I respectfully ask to be relieved of further service on the committee. I should not conclude my service, however, without expressing my appreciation of the gracious treatment accorded to the Committee by the Executive Council and officers of the Association, and especially of the exceedingly effective cooperation furnished by present and past colleagues in the membership of the Committee.

WALDO LELAND, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTARY REPRODUCTION

The Committee has continued its long-range program (1) of acquiring in co-operation with the Library of Congress selected documentary materials in foreign archives through the medium of Fulbright research scholars, and (2) of developing and sponsoring self-liquidating projects for the republication in microprint of basic out-of-print documentary collections, books and other sources of use to scholars. The Committee is able to report substantial progress in both programs.

1. The Fulbright Foreign Documents program. In connection with this phase of its program the Committee has received timely financial assistance to the amount of \$15,000 from the Ford Foundation, to be expended at the rate of \$5,000 annually for the years 1955, 1956, and 1957. The funds will be used exclusively for the microfilming of documents selected and edited by Fulbright research scholars nominated and sponsored by the Committee and the Library of Congress for the purpose of directing the acquisition of research materials in countries to which Fulbright scholars go. But for this assistance from the Ford Foundation this program, which has been successfully in operation since 1950, would have been in danger of collapse for lack of funds to cover the costs of microfilming. The program has the support of the Conference Board of Associated Research Councils, and the Committee has reason to hope that successful work during the three-year trial period will result in continued support by the Ford Foundation. The documents acquired are deposited in the Library of Congress and are available to scholars at the Library, or, in case master-positive copies are made in addition to master-negatives, are made available to scholars through inter-library loan. For documents on which no restrictions are imposed with respect to reproduction by the holder of the original, positive microfilm duplications may be obtained by purchase through college and university libraries. A checklist of documents deposited in the Library of Congress is published annually as an appendix to the Report of the Committee in the Annual Report of the American Historical Association. Checklists have already been published in the reports for the years 1951, 1952, and 1954. The Committee and the Library of Congress are indebted to the Ford Foundation for making possible the continuation of an accessions program that brings microfilm copies of substantial quantities of priceless documents to this country at very low costs.

Plans for the joint Committee-Library of Congress Fulbright documents program for 1955 necessarily had to be made in the spring and summer of 1954. Faced with the prospect of no funds to cover the microfilming activities of research scholars, the Committee nominated only one candidate for a research scholarship for the present year 1955-56, Professor William R. Braisted, University of Texas, for Japan. Professor Braisted received a Fulbright research scholarship and has already left for Japan where he will survey and microfilm private papers of Japanese political leaders, particularly those active in the Meiji restoration of 1868.

Similarly, plans for the 1956-57 foreign documents program necessarily have had to be made during the past spring and summer of 1955. Since the announcement of the Ford Foundation grant was not received until late August, 1955, the Committee has been hard-pressed to coordinate and process Fulbright applications of scholar nominees in time to meet the Fulbright October deadlines. Notwithstanding the pressing time factor, two applications for Italy and one for the United Kingdom are being sponsored for 1956-57. (See below in subcommittee report sections.) Attention is also being paid to the contin-

uation of projects previously begun but which are still not completed. A brief report of some of the active subcommittees will better disclose the specific nature of the various Fulbright documents programs.

a. Subcommittee for Italy, Professor Loren C. MacKinney, University of North Carolina, Chairman.

(1) Professor Catherine E. Boyd, Carleton College, was in Italy from September 1954 to July 1955, where in connection with her research on feudal seignorial institutions in Veneto in the 12th and 13th centuries she surveyed the legal materials in archives and libraries in Venice, Verona, Vicenza, Padua, and the Vatican with the view to framing a program for the microfilming of selected documents. Funds were not available in time for Professor Boyd to activate this program. She did, however, complete arrangements for the microfilming of 7 volumes of author catalogues of Greek, Latin, and Italian MSS of the Marciana Library in Venice. These catalogues are of great value to scholars in Venetian, Renaissance, and Intellectual history. A checklist of the microfilms deposited by Professor Boyd in the Library of Congress will be included in the 1956 report of the Committee.

(2) Microfilming of unprinted catalogues of Italian archives and MSS collections. This is a joint program of the Committee, the Library of Congress, and a joint Committee, organized in 1954, composed of representatives of the Kristeller Program for Medieval and Renaissance Latin Translations and Commentaries, the Mediaeval Academy, the Renaissance Society of America, the Modern Language Association, and the American Philological Association, under the chairmanship of Professor B. L. Ullman. During the coming year (1955-56) Professor George Carbone, University of Mississippi, will direct Committee-sponsored microfilming of catalogues in the Milan and Turin regions. In 1956-57 the Committee hopes to continue this program through the medium of Mr. George Gross, University of North Carolina, working under the direction of Professors Ullman and MacKinney. The Committee has sponsored Mr. Gross' application for a pre-doctoral Fulbright scholarship. It is hoped that the microfilming of the MSS catalogues of Italian archives and libraries can be completed in the three-year period of the Ford Foundation grant.

(3) The Committee has also sponsored the application of Mr. Richard Face, University of Wisconsin, for 1956-57 in Italy for the continuation of the program initiated by Professor Reynolds, University of Wisconsin, and Professor Krueger, University of Cincinnati, for the microfilming of the notarial cartularies related to early Genoese trade that are in the Archivio di Stato in Genoa. If the pre-doctoral award is granted to Mr. Face, he will work under the direction of Professors Reynolds and Krueger in the execution of the project.

b. Subcommittee for the United Kingdom, Professor Robert B. Eckles, Purdue University, Chairman.

(1) The Committee has sponsored the application of Professor Eckles for a Fulbright research scholarship in the United Kingdom for 1956-57 for the purpose of surveying and microfilming selected records related to British and Scottish mercantile company activities and management techniques, particularly in the 18th and 19th centuries.

(2) The subcommittee is preparing a checklist of MSS designed to round out incomplete collections obtained through the English microcopying program sponsored by the American Council of Learned Societies during World War II. The completion of this checklist awaits the publication of a checklist of holdings resulting from the ACLS wartime program. Scholars in British history have been asked to submit want-lists of research materials that they desire the subcommittee to have micro-filmed. The above lists will serve as a basis for future microfilming programs.

c. The Subcommittee on France, Professor Richard C. Hale, Jr., Boston University, Chairman. The subcommittee was not able to get its program for 1956-57 coordinated in time to meet the Fulbright application deadlines. Attempts are being made, however, to utilize the services of scholars in France to develop the program set forth by Professor Richard C. Payne in the Committee report for 1954. This embraced the micro-filming of Délibérations du Parlement de Provence.

2. Publication of Out-of-Print Source Materials

a. British House of Commons Sessional Papers Project. The Readex Microprint Corporation, publishers, reports that the master-negative copies of the portions of the 19th and 18th century Sessional Papers which still remain to be published in the microprint edition have, for the most part, now been received from England, and that further issues of microprint may be expected in the near future. The unpublished portions at this time are scattered parts of the papers for the period 1801 to 1819, and about one-half of the 110 vols. that compose the Second Series, 1731-1800. The microprint edition of the House of Commons Journals, 1547-1900 (155 vols.) has been completely issued. The Committee wishes to acknowledge the considerable financial assistance of the Research Board, University of Illinois, in making possible the final editorial proofing of the 19th century Sessional Papers, 1801-1871.

b. Russian Sources Project, Professor F. S. Rodkey, University of Illinois, Editor. The first phase of this project deals with pre-Communist Revolution materials, a priority list of which was Appendix B of the Committee's Report for 1954. This first phase has for the most part been published and issued to subscribers. The second phase embraces the post-Communist Revolution sources. With the assistance of Russian scholars a priority list has been compiled, and awaits final checking so that an estimate of costs to libraries may be ascertained. This phase should be activated during the coming year, provided prepublication subscriptions warrant going ahead with the publication.

c. Out-of-Print Medieval Sources Project, Professor Hilmar C. Krueger, University of Cincinnati, Editor. Professor Krueger reports as follows: "It is the intention of the subcommittee to publish in microprint during the next calendar year out-of-print medieval sources. Through this project the subcommittee hopes to make these sources available to scholars at colleges whose library budgets do not permit the purchase of sets which can be bought only at exorbitant prices if they are purchasable at all. A package-deal seems most feasible for low production costs and a low purchase price. Scholars are now being canvassed to indicate the most appropriate titles for the project."

d. Early American Imprints Project, Dr. Clifford K. Shipton, Librarian, American Antiquarian Society, Editor. This project originated with the American Antiquarian Society, and it is sponsored by the Committee. It embraces the microprinting of every existent book, pamphlet, and broadside printed in the United States from 1639 to 1800, inclusive, listed in the Evans bibliography and its supplements (Charles Evans, ed., American Bibliography: A Chronological Dictionary of All Books, Pamphlets, and Periodical Publications Printed in the United States of America from the Genesis of Printing Down To and Including the Year 1800). The items in the microprint edition are being edited for title identification, author, imprint and text, and at last will bring together collectively and authoritatively the thousands of corrections in the original volumes of Evans, including the exposing of "ghost titles," or editions which really never have existed, but which arose from errors in other bibliographies or from misunderstandings of advertisements. The project extends over a period of ten years at a cost of \$750.00 a year, the total cost not to exceed \$7,500. For the first time these major sources for the study of early American history will become available at a very low cost.

Dr. Shipton reports progress as follows: "The early American Imprints project is proceeding very well. The revision of Evans is turning out to be much more profitable than we had expected. In dealing with the hundreds of ghost titles, we can usually indicate the source of the error which gave rise to them. We have more than the necessary number of subscriptions, extending from Liverpool, England on the east to Sydney, Australia on the west. The one block has been the difficulty of obtaining films of copies in other libraries; a task which requires a vast amount of correspondence. However, although the shipments of microprint cards will begin slowly, they will gather speed in six months or so."

3. Miscellaneous Activities. Your Chairman continued to serve on the Sectional Committee on Photographic Reproduction of Documents, PH 5, of the American Standards Association (New York) to formulate standards for the various forms of microrepro-

duction and in January, 1955 attended a special conference on Library Problems at the Folger Library, Washington, D. C., where with a representative group interested in library problems he considered appropriate ways in which foundation assistance could be utilized to the mutual benefit of scholars and libraries.

Since the press of other work necessitates that I give up the chairmanship of the Committee at the end of this year, I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the co-operation I have received from the Executive Secretaries, Drs. Ford and Shafer, during my tenure of office which has extended from 1942 to the present.

EDGAR L. ERICKSON, Chairman

COMMITTEE ON THE GUIDE TO HISTORICAL LITERATURE

Since the preceding report, this Committee has held one meeting and has corresponded sufficiently to arrive at a tentative program on the basis of which to seek financial assistance. We agreed that unless the book could be made available to those whom it would be designed to help at a price within their reach, it would be imprudent to undertake the labor of revision. Protracted negotiations to gain the necessary financial support have not yet been concluded, but a feasible solution of the problem of publication costs is now in sight. That arrangement will clear the way to obtain other assistance in preparing the manuscript for the printer. A fair possibility that negotiations to that end will soon be fruitful can also be reported now.

The Committee refrained from using the funds allowed by the Association to meet the costs of holding one meeting apart from that during the period of the last convention in New York. Only very recently would such a meeting have been likely to advance our work materially. We request therefore that the allowance be carried over into the coming year as an extra provision in case of need, and that two meetings be permitted.

One change in membership resulted from the resignation of Professor John W. Fairbank of Harvard University in order to undertake other tasks, and the appointment to the vacancy of Professor Earl H. Pritchard of the University of Chicago.

The Committee will continue its efforts to solve the problems of financial assistance and meanwhile to get its program for producing the revised manuscript in readiness to inaugurate at the earliest possible time.

GEORGE F. HOWE, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON THE HARMSWORTH PROFESSORSHIP

The Committee on the Harmsworth Professorship consisted of W. C. Binkley of Tulane University, Stow Persons of the University of Iowa, W. Stull Holt of the University of Washington, Henry S. Commager of Columbia University, and Carl Wittke of Western Reserve University, Chairman.

The Chairman invited nominations from the various members of the Committee and added some names himself so that the total number under consideration was 26. There was a lively exchange of opinion conducted by correspondence among the members of the Committee. Factors considered were age, fields of scholarship, availability, previous appointments in British universities, and those general qualifications of character and personality which would make a good academic ambassador abroad.

The Committee took several ballots by mail, and a tabulation was made under a rating system, based on the order of preference. The final result was a recommendation of five possible candidates.

The panel was submitted according to precedents to Oxford, and the final selection fell upon Arthur Bestor of the University of Illinois.

I see no special reason for changes in the composition of the Committee. The Committee represents a good distribution both geographically and in fields of interest.

CARL WITTKKE, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORIAN AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Since the previous annual report the Committee has held two meetings, summary minutes of which are forwarded to you.

The responsibilities of this Committee, which grew out of the consolidation of two standing and one *ad hoc* committees of the AHA in 1953, lie in two separate but not unrelated fields: governmental policy and certain Association publications.

The Committee has not had, so far this year, to defend historical and related programs in the federal government as it did in the two previous years. Instead it has been able to assist in certain positive steps leading, it is to be hoped, toward a larger and more effective role for historians in the federal service. One of the members of this Committee (although not acting primarily in that role), Dr. Greenfield, and five other senior historians in federal service on 1 July addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Philip Young, suggesting improvements in the current policies and procedures for the recruitment of historians by the government. By direction of the Committee meeting of 25 June your Chairman sent a telegram in support of this letter to Mr. Young on 4 July. It was briefly acknowledged on 15 July. On 6 September the CSC dispatched a letter to your Chairman over Mr. Young's signature in which it was stated that an announcement would be made about the middle of October of continuously open examinations for Historians, among others, of grades GS-5 and GS-7, and that during the fiscal year 1956 a scheduled examination would be held for Historians in grades GS-9 through GS-12. The letter promised to give as wide publicity as possible to this examination and to consult the using agencies of the government for suggestions and comments. Your Chairman replied on 20 September with appropriate thanks and observations upon the value that historians and historical perspective could have for the government, not only in historical programs *per se* but in general policy making.

All publications referred to below are now being processed by lithoprint rather than letterpress in the interests of economy. Results have apparently been entirely satisfactory to those who make use of them.

The typing of the David M. Matteson Index of Writings on American History is proceeding steadily under the direction of Dr. William C. Davis of George Washington University, who brings unusual professional experience in typing and photolithographing to the project. The typing is being done on an IBM machine, with print-faced type, which the American Historical Association has purchased. It should be ready for photolithographing sometime during the spring and for binding and distribution sometime during 1956. The Committee recommends that a modest charge (of perhaps \$3.00 to members and \$5.00 to non-members) be made which may contribute to a revolving fund for similar undertakings, such as those referred to in paragraphs 8 and 9, below.

The 1950 bibliographic Writings on American History, prepared by Dr. James Masterson of the National Archives, was published and distributed in the spring of 1955. The Writings for 1951, by the same compiler, is in press, and those for 1952 should go to press about June 1956.

The Proceedings for 1954, volume I of the Annual Report, is in press. That for 1953 appeared during the spring of 1955.

Writings on American History, 1941-47. Dr. Philip Hamer of the National Archives is considering a plan which it is hoped will be a practical method for compiling and publishing an unannotated list of the more significant books and articles on the history of the United States printed during these years, which constitute a gap in the volumes of Writings since 1904. Under this plan the contributing editor for the U.S. section of the AHR (your Chairman) would mark the appropriate books reviewed and periodical articles noted in the AHR, Mississippi Valley Historical Review, Journal of Southern History, and certain other periodicals. Dr. William C. Davis would arrange to have a card for each entry typed on the AHA's IBM typewriter. After having been sorted and posted on large sheets, they would be photographed (perhaps microfilmed). Dr. Hamer would arrange to send these photographs to selected state and other historical societies for suggested additions, corrections, and deletions. He would also arrange for the preparation of the index.

At its two meetings during the past year the Committee approved of the publication of a "Directory and Bibliography of Members of the American Historical Association" similar to the current directory issued by the American Political Science Association. A new edition might be brought out every five years. The basic cards might be brought up to date each year and used as a part of the AHA's placement service. It is hoped that the Matteson income can be used as a revolving fund in this undertaking. We shall, however, need to consider this undertaking in light of the proposal of the Jacques Cattell company to bring out a Who's Who in the Social Sciences (including History) as Volume III of their American Men of Science. This would leave out many of our members, including especially the younger ones, and would sell for a quite substantial price.

The Chairman on 11 April forwarded to the Executive Secretary comments on an Outline of Proposed Schedules for States of the United States for use in a revision of the Dewey Decimal System of library classification. He expressed the opinion that the proposed revisions would be of interest to geographers rather than historians. Unfortunately the Dewey and other classifications were set up at a time when history was thought of as primarily a political narrative. The result is that much of economic, social, and intellectual history of the United States is scattered through library shelves in sections of the arts, social sciences, and natural sciences. The current revision seems, after conference with the people working on it, to offer no opportunity for reversing this trend.

The semi-annual luncheons of historians of the District of Columbia and surrounding areas, held on the last Saturday of March and October at the George Washington University Student Union, have drawn about one hundred historians from government departments and universities. Some have driven from Williamsburg, Baltimore, Annapolis, and University Park, Pennsylvania to attend. Visiting historians are always welcome to a gathering that is intended to be social rather than instructive.

WOOD GRAY, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

The membership of the Committee has not changed during the year. However, when the committee was established terms of membership were set at five years, so it is probable that some form of rotation will soon be given effect. The committee has held no meeting as yet but plans to hold an important meeting during the sessions of the Association in Washington. This report is a summary and factual statement by the Chairman and has not been submitted to the other members of the committee.

International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS)

The American Historical Association is responsible for American support of the International Congress of Historical Sciences and for American participation in its work. The United States representatives, named by the American Historical Association, in the ICHS are Mr. Donald McKay, who is also a member of the Bureau of the International Committee, and Mr. Boyd C. Shafer, named by the Council on nomination by this Committee, to replace Mr. Philip Mosely who was obliged to resign, due to stress of other work. Mr. Leland is also a member of the Bureau, as an Honorary Councilor, by virtue of being a former president of the ICHS, but he is not a representative of the Association.

The ICHS and its Bureau held meetings in Rome in September. Thirty countries and six international organizations were represented, including Vatican City, admitted as a country, and the USSR, which returned to the meetings of the ICHS for the first time since the last war. The US was represented by Messrs. McKay and Shafer.

The general election of the Bureau, including the officers, held every five years at the time and place of the Congress, resulted in the election of Professor Federico Chabod of Italy as President, to succeed M. Robert Fawtier of France, who now takes

his place as an Honorary Councilor on the Bureau. There were reelected Messrs. Webster (England) and Ahnlund (Sweden) as Vice Presidents, M. Michel François (France) as Secretary General, M. Louis Junod (Switzerland) as Treasurer and Messrs. McKay (United States) and Schmid (Austria) as assessor members of the Bureau, and as new assessor members of the Bureau, there were elected Madame Pankratava (USSR) and Messrs. Ritter (Germany) and Brugmans (Netherlands). The Bureau thus constituted will serve until 1960. In order to make representation in the Bureau of Latin America possible and more certain, it was agreed that an amendment to the Statutes should be duly introduced and acted upon, at later meetings, to increase the number of assessor members from five to six.

The ICHS adopted a series of regulations respecting the organization, composition and administration of the various Commissions of the Committee which will define their relation and responsibility to the parent body and the control of the latter over them.

Two publications of the ICHS were presented: the 21st volume of the International Bibliography of Historical Sciences, for the year 1952, and the Bibliographie des Travaux Historiques publiés dans les Volumes de Mélanges, 1880-1939. This contains more than 8000 items, but is restricted to European publications.

The International Committee of Historical Sciences voted to hold its next meeting in Moscow in 1957, while the Bureau decided to hold its next meeting in Madrid in 1956. The ICHS also voted to accept the invitation of Sweden, originally for 1955, to hold the 11th International Congress of Historical Sciences in Stockholm in 1960.

It was also voted to admit the Russian language as one of the official languages of the ICHS, the others being English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish.

Two new international organizations were admitted to the ICHS: the Union of the Institutes in Rome for Archaeology, History, and the History of Art, and the Association for Humanism and the Renaissance, thus bringing the number of such organizations represented in the ICHS to six. The other four are the International Association for Byzantine Studies, the International Commission for Slavic Studies, the International Committee of Onomastic Sciences, and the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, this last an intergovernmental organization. It is well to call attention to the importance of careful study of the qualifications of such international organizations as apply for representation in the ICHS, which was originally composed only of representatives of countries.

The ICHS has received assistance from UNESCO for the publication of the International Bibliography and for certain expenses of attending its meetings, including, this year, the Congress. The International Committee is represented in the International Council of Philosophy and the Humanistic Sciences, of UNESCO, of which Professor Charles Odegaard, a member of the American Historical Association, is Vice Chairman. This committee is gratified that the American Historical Association has been able to increase, modestly, its annual dues to the ICHS.

Tenth International Congress of Historical Sciences, Rome, 1955

The chief activity of this committee in 1955 has been to assure American representation and participation in the International Congress. Mr. McKay and Mr. Shafer bore the burden of this task and achieved a gratifying success. The Congress was attended by more than 100 persons from the United States of whom twenty-three presented reports, read papers, or presided over sessions. Four members of this committee were in attendance, Messrs. McKay, Shafer, Schmitt, and Whitaker.

A full account of the Congress, by Mr. McKay, will be printed in the January issue of the American Historical Review and may be considered as an annex to this report.

By vote of the ICHS the national commissions have been requested to prepare frank "critiques" of the Congress for consideration by the Bureau in its Madrid meeting. The preparation of the critique from the United States will be the first task of this committee in 1956 and work on it has already been begun.

Bibliography of English History

For many years the American Historical Association has cooperated with British historians in the compilation of bibliographies of the Tudor and Stuart periods of English history and in the revision of Charles Gross's Sources and Literature of English History...to...1485. This summer Mr. Shafer was able to have conferences in London with British scholars for planning further cooperation. He will report personally on these plans, for they have not been considered by this committee.

Pan American Institute of Geography and History

The Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) is an intergovernmental organization recognized as a specialized agency of the Organization of American States (OAS). Responsibility for the payment of the United States quota to the budget of the PAIGH and in general for United States participation in its activities resides in the government of the United States, especially the Department of State. Nevertheless the American Historical Association cooperates actively with the Department of State in promoting United States participation in the historical activities of the Institute.

Professor Arthur P. Whitaker, a member of this committee, is the US member of the Commission on History of the PAIGH and is a general officer, First Vice-President, of the Institute itself. He serves as chairman of a small subcommittee of this committee, composed of specialists, who constitute an advisory group on the work of the PAIGH in history.

The sixth General Assembly (quadrennial) of the PAIGH was held in Mexico City in July-August of the past summer. Important changes in the government and administration of the Institute were adopted, which are described by Professor Whitaker in his account published in the Hispanic American Historical Review.

The Commission on History, one of the major sections of the PAIGH, held a Consultation in which the United States was represented by Messrs. Whitaker, Howard F. Cline, and James B. Griffin. The Consultation (1) approved an archival program drafted by Mr. John F. Harrison of the United States National Archives; (2) considered the final stages of the project "History of the Americas," which was discussed in the annual meetings of the American Historical Association of 1952 and 1954, and which was aided by a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation (the early stand of the Commission against the writing of "official history" was reaffirmed); (3) adopted a program for bibliography of American history, prepared by Mr. Cline; (4) provided for a reassessment of the entire historical program of the Commission; (5) constituted the provisional Committee on Anthropology a permanent committee of the Commission, with Mr. Griffin as chairman; (6) agreed to amplify the service of the Revista de Historia de America as an organ of the Commission; (7) considered reports from the Committee on Folklore, the Independence Movement, and the History of Ideas; and (8) recommended to the Assembly, for consideration later, the elevation of the Commission's Committee on Archives into a Commission of the Institute.

The next Consultation of the Commission on History will be held in Cuenca, Ecuador, in 1957, and the succeeding Consultation will be held in connection with the next General Assembly of the PAIGH in La Paz, in 1959. Attention is called to the session of the annual meeting of the American Historical Association of 1954, which was devoted to a symposium on a major project of the Commission on History, the "History of the Americas," reported in the American Historical Review of April, 1955, as part of the account of the annual meeting. Such sessions are certainly an important form of cooperation within the means and interest of the American Historical Association.

Anglo-American Historical Conference

The 29th Anglo-American Historical Conference was held in London in July. This meeting is organized by the Institute of Historical Research of the University of London but has become more and more a general, though brief, British historical meeting, in

which American scholars always have a part, sometimes one of considerable prominence. A brief report on the conference of last July was printed in the American Historical Review for October, but the occasion deserves more attention on this side of the Atlantic than it has been receiving of late years, and it is the intention of this committee to make the conference better known and to encourage larger American attendance and participation. The next conference will be in London on July 12-14, 1956.

Union Academique Internationale (UAI)

This Committee has no responsibility for American membership and participation in the UAI, except as the Association is a constituent member of the American Council of Learned Societies, which has such responsibility and is interested in certain of the undertakings of the UAI, which, however, are mostly in the fields of philological and archaeological studies. Reports of the annual sessions of the UAI are distributed by the American Council of Learned Societies.

Prescott Section. Archives of the Indies

A special collection of books by United States authors on Spanish and Spanish American history, under the title Sección Prescott, is being developed in the Archives of the Indies in Seville, and it is probable that the American Historical Association will be invited to appoint a member to represent it on an advisory committee that is to be set up. This Committee will be glad to be of service in the matter of selecting a representative and of developing the collection.

Final Recommendation

The committee points out the increased importance of full American attendance in the meetings of the ICHS and its Bureau. It recommends accordingly that provision be made for the expenses of Mr. McKay in attending the meeting of the Bureau in Madrid in 1956 and of Mr. McKay and Mr. Shafer, in attending the general meeting of the ICHS in Moscow in 1957.

WALDO G. LELAND, Chairman

JOINT BRITISH-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON BRITISH HISTORY BIBLIOGRAPHY

The joint British-American Committee on British History Bibliography, consisting of Miss Helen Cam for the Royal Historical Society, Professor W. C. Lunt for the Mediaeval Academy, Professor T. F. T. Plucknett for the British Academy, and Stanley Pargellis for the American Historical Association, concluded their deliberations by mail in February 1955, and on February 23rd, dispatched their recommendations to the secretaries of the four societies involved. Each of the Councils approved the report, and authorized the Secretary of the American Historical Association, with the assistance of Mr. Miller of the Mediaeval Academy and Mr. Pargellis to approach a Foundation or Foundations in their behalf. Mr. Pargellis and Mr. Shafer, with the assistance of Professor H. Hale Bellot, are preparing a formal request for funds.

Briefly, the Committee recommended a new edition of the bibliography of Medieval British history, revisions of Conyers Read and Godfrey Davies on the Tudor and Stuart periods, respectively, two new bibliographies from 1789 to 1900, the preparing of Writings on British History from 1901 to 1933, a compilation which includes without comment all articles from all sources as well as books. No editors have been named, except Conyers Read for a revision of his volume. The total amount to be asked for is in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

It is to be hoped that this request can be laid before a Foundation within a few weeks, and that a reply can be received by January.

STANLEY PARGELLIS, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON TEACHING IN THE SCHOOLS

The Committee on Teaching consists of Arthur E. Bestor, Arthur Dondineau, Erling M. Hunt, Francis Keppel, Mrs. Eugene Meyer, Sidney Painter (Chairman), Miss Edith Starratt, Joseph R. Strayer, and Edgar B. Wesley. It thus contains four professors of history, one of whom is widely experienced in teacher training, two professors of education, a superintendent of schools, a secondary school teacher of history, and a representative of the public who has shown an active interest in education.

The Committee met on May 28 in the Board Room of the American Council of Learned Societies. Bestor, Hunt, Keppel, Painter, Miss Starratt, and Strayer were present. Professor Wesley sent a valuable memorandum.

The chief purpose of the meeting was to draw up a statement of the Committee's plans in a form suitable for presentation to foundations. A preliminary draft made by the chairman and Dr. Boyd Shafer was worked over and extensively amended. The Committee also discussed the size of the staff which would be needed to carry out the plan and the qualifications required of its members. Dr. Shafer was requested to compile a list of possible candidates for consideration by the Committee when the necessary funds had been secured. Dr. Shafer and the chairman were instructed to make formal application to one or more foundations for these funds. In order to strengthen these applications the members of the Committee agreed that each one would send copies of the statement prepared in the meeting to a number of people interested in education asking for their comments. This resulted in some extremely interesting letters which were used to support the application for funds.

A formal application for a grant of \$148,000 over a three year period was submitted to the Ford Foundation on July 8. On August 9 Dr. Shafer and the chairman had an interview with Dr. Fred Cole of the Foundation staff. On October 12 Dr. Shafer was informed that the grant had been approved.

The Committee plans to hold a meeting on November 19 to consider the appointment of an executive staff. It is hoped that when the Association meets in December the Committee can report that it is ready for actual operations.

SIDNEY PAINTER, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON THE HERBERT BAXTER ADAMS PRIZE

By its term of reference, the Committee on the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize has not been active this year.

Arrangements are made for circularizing publishing houses early in 1956. The Chairman does not at this time have any suggestions to make as to new members, but feels that his own absence from the country may call for a replacement although he will be able to work through his school and department quite easily.

FRANCIS J. BOWMAN, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON THE JOHN H. DUNNING PRIZE

No report in 1955.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE LITTLETON-GRISWOLD FUND

During the current year this committee held one meeting at Washington, D. C. on November 26, 1955.

Although no publications were issued during the year, substantial progress was made toward completion of the Prince George's County Court Book of Maryland. As editor the committee has secured the services of Mr. Joseph H. Smith, author of the well known study on appeals to the Privy Council, and Mr. Smith has substantially completed his research and it is planned to publish these records during the coming year.

Progress on other projects has been made, particularly on the records of New Jersey Quarter Sessions Courts for the Revolutionary Period, which will perhaps be the next item ready for publication after the Maryland material has been published.

Appended is a financial report showing the status of the fund.

EDWARD DUMBAULD, Chairman

LITTLETON-GRISWOLD FUND

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Sept. 1, 1954 to Aug. 31, 1955

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$6,889.44	
Interest--Investments.....	\$1,120.00	
Savings account.....	130.44	1,250.44
Proceeds of sale of Am. Legal Records:		
Vol. I, Maryland Court of Appeals, 1695-1729.....	13.50	
Vol. II, Select Cases of the Mayor's Court of New York City, 1674-1784.....	30.00	
Vol. III, Records of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Rhode Island, 1716-1752.....	30.00	
Vol. IV, Superior Court Diary of William Sammel Johnson, 1716-1752.....	22.50	
Vol. V, Burlington Court Book of West New Jersey, 1680-1709.....	21.00	
Vol. VI, Records of the Court of Chancery of South Carolina, 1671-1779.....	48.00	
Vol. VII, County Court Records of Accomack-Northampton, Virginia, 1632-1640.....	696.00	861.00
Packing and shipping charges:		
Vol. I.....	1.67	
Vol. II.....	1.33	
Vol. III.....	1.78	
Vol. IV.....	.81	
Vol. V.....	.76	
Vol. VI.....	2.29	
Vol. VII.....	18.93	\$27.57
Committee expenses.....		1.00
Membership dues of contributor.....		7.50
Investments.....		3,000.00
	9,000.88	3,036.07
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		5,964.81
	9,000.88	9,000.88

THE COMMITTEE ON THE WATUMULL PRIZE

Regarding the membership of the Committee on the Watumull Prize, I have to inform you that Professor Robert Crane cannot serve on the committee for 1956. Professor Richard L. Park of the University of California and I are available, although I should vacate the position for someone else, as I have served a good many years. The Watumull Prize will again be awarded in 1956.

TARAKNATH DAS, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE LOUIS BEER PRIZE

Continuing the practice initiated by Oron J. Hale in 1954, letters concerning the prize were sent in mid-March to thirty publishers. Eleven books were submitted for the competition and during the summer these were circulated among the members of the committee (Charles F. Mullett of Missouri, Joseph J. Mathews of Emory, and myself). Each reached and formulated his judgment independent of the others, the judgments were then exchanged and considered in correspondence. As in the two previous years but to an even greater extent, there was a remarkable agreement among the three of us. Three of the books entered were ruled ineligible under the terms of the award. Of the eight remaining, we three were unanimous from the first concerning the three best entrants. Two of us agreed initially on the order of ranking

the three top books while the third member reversed our first and second choices. He did not, however, feel strongly in the matter but agreed at once to accommodate his vote to that of the other two. Hence the committee recommends unanimously that the prize be awarded to Richard Pipes, The Formation of the Soviet Union (Harvard University Press) with honorable mention to L. L. Claude, Jr., National Minorities (Harvard University Press).

SINCLAIR W. ARMSTRONG, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON THE ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE AWARD

During the year 1955 the Committee received fifteen manuscripts. All members managed to read them during the summer, but this is becoming increasingly difficult with the committeemen scattered widely throughout the country. To consider these manuscripts, the Committee met at the Statler Hotel in New York City on November 14 and selected Ian C. C. Graham's Scottish Emigration to North America, 1707-1783, for the Beveridge Award, and Francis Wilson Smith's Moral Philosophers and Northern Society: Studies of Academic Men and Public Affairs, 1830-1860, for honorable mention.

The Committee then went into the matter of republishing Beveridge prize books that have gone out of print. It felt that a contract such as that reached with Professor Richard Hofstadter for the republication of his Social Darwinism in American Thought, with the American Historical Association sharing in the profits without making a new investment, was a very satisfactory arrangement. Since Professor Arthur Bestor had reported that his Backwoods Utopias was out of print at the University of Pennsylvania Press and that he would like to have the Committee republish this book through the Cornell University Press, or to have the copyright assigned to him, the Committee decided that, while it should not lose sight of future royalties, it ought not make conditions that would prevent the republication of his book.

Professors Stamp, Tyler, and Lanning, on account of the pressure of other duties, withdrew their names from consideration as members of the Committee for 1956.

A number of drastic regulations with respect to the competition have recently been made. Contestants must now submit a ribbon copy of their works and each manuscript must be the author's first or second book. This year the Committee took the position that manuscripts going far beyond the maximum length stipulated in its circular will be at a disadvantage in competition with books of equal merit but of the proper length.

The manuscripts chosen this year were in good condition, but it was the unanimous opinion of the Committee that each manuscript to be published should be given special criticism by a professional scholar. Accordingly, Professor Stamp agreed to read Mr. Graham's manuscript and Professor Tyler will read Mr. Smith's.

JOHN TATE LANNING, Chairman

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE AWARD

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Sept. 1, 1954 to Aug. 31, 1955

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$21,447.01	
Interest--Investments.....	\$3,500.00	
Savings Account.....	379.87	3,879.87
Royalties:		
<u>Dumond, Southern Editorials on Secession</u>		
<u>Case, French Public Opinion on the United States and Mexico</u>		
<u>Binkley, Official Correspondence of the Texas Revolution</u>	10.66	
<u>Pargellis, Military Affairs in North America</u> ...	12.81	
<u>Dumond, Letters of James Gillespie Birney, 1831-1857</u>		
<u>Kirby, George Keith</u>		
<u>Perkins, Northern Editorials on Secession</u>	5.33	
<u>Bernstein, Origins of Inter-American Interest</u> ..	36.25	
<u>Hofstadter, Social Darwinism in American Thought</u>	289.00	
<u>Easterby, South Carolina Rice Plantation</u>	14.95	
<u>Pomeroy, The Territories and the United States</u> ..	60.63	
<u>Harrington, Fighting Politician: Maj. Gen. N. P. Banks</u>	43.75	
<u>Hanke, The Spanish Struggle for Justice in the Conquest of America</u>	116.50	
<u>Bestor, Backwoods Utopia</u>	184.00	
<u>Fleming, John William Draper</u>	45.75	
<u>Motten, Mexican Silver and the Enlightenment</u> ...	31.31	
<u>McNall, An Agricultural History of the Genesee Valley</u>	30.50	
<u>Hyman, Era of the Oath</u>	157.00	
<u>Van Deusen, Horace Greeley</u>	1,360.50	
<u>Wik, Steam Power on the American Farm</u>	618.00	3,016.94
Publication and Editorial Expenses:		
<u>Ver Steeg, Robert Morris, Revolutionary Financier</u>		\$3,403.49
<u>Twyman, History of Marshall Field Co</u>		3,462.23
Committee expenses.....		743.55
Membership dues of contributors.....		382.50
Albert J. Beveridge award.....		1,524.70
Investments.....		10,000.00
	\$28,343.82	\$19,516.47
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		8,827.35
	\$28,343.82	\$28,343.82

THE COMMITTEE ON THE CARNEGIE REVOLVING FUND

One volume entitled The Beginnings of Unitarianism in America by Professor C. Conrad Wright has been published by the Beacon Press of Boston by means of a subsidy of \$1,000 supplied by the Carnegie Revolving Fund. This award was in accordance with the decision of the Committee reported in December of 1954. A second volume entitled Europe's Classical Balance of Power, by Professor Edward Vose Gulick, is in press. This volume is being published by the Cornell University Press in accordance with the Committee's decision of last December, and it is expected to be ready for distribution sometime in December or about the first of next year.

During the course of the past year the Committee has received a total of six manuscripts for consideration. With two exceptions these manuscripts fall rather short of the standards with which the Committee has been accustomed. A third is somewhat more doubtful, although it might be revised and made into a very acceptable published work. I have the initial vote of the Committee on the manuscripts for this year but have not yet had the opportunity to report the vote to the entire Committee and confirm the results of this initial vote. The expenses of the Gulick volume have not yet been paid, and our financial status as of August 31 last is already in a reduced state. Accordingly, it does not seem likely that we will be able to afford the full expense of the publication of another volume in the course of the next year. However, the initial

vote of the Committee is strongly in favor of the one manuscript for which the author is asking only a subsidy of \$1,600 as his manuscript has already been accepted for publication by the Cornell University Press. This manuscript is written by Professor John Tate Lanning and is entitled "The Eighteenth-Century Enlightenment in the University of San Carlos de Guatemala." It seems possible that we may be able to reach this far, considering our present financial resources and the receipts likely to come in before Professor Lanning's book will be through the press. I hasten to add, however, that this is not the final decision of the Committee as a whole but simply that which I shall recommend to the Committee for their approval on the basis of the preliminary vote taken on the manuscripts submitted for this year.

The financial condition of the Committee would seem to dictate a moratorium for the immediate future unless additional funds are found for the Committee's support. This is a matter, of course, for the Council to decide but it would appear evident, inasmuch as our balance as of August 31 last was only slightly above \$3,700, that in all likelihood \$3,000 of this or possibly a bit more will be required to pay for the expenses of publishing the Gulick volume, and if we further commit ourselves to expend \$1,600 as a subsidy for Professor Lanning's volume we shall have extended ourselves beyond the limits of cash on hand. This situation, as you know, has not been unanticipated, and the Committee has acted in accordance with the recommendations of the Council for the past two years as if either we would spend the money we have and then decide what to do about the future or expect additions to our Fund before our resources were wholly exhausted. It would appear that we have now reached the point anticipated in the first alternative. This raises several questions:

1. Whether the Committee should stay in being and as the receipts from books previously published make it possible to consider the publication of further manuscripts in the future to hold dissolves at infrequent intervals?
2. Whether to close up shop, dissolve the Committee, hold no further competitions, and allow whatever money that may accumulate from sales in the future to be disposed of at the discretion of the Council of the Association? (Whether this is in accord with the terms of the original grant made for the Carnegie Revolving Fund for publications is a matter which I cannot resolve.)
3. Whether to continue as in 1, above, and exert additional effort to add to our publication funds from outside sources thereby continuing the work of the Committee indefinitely in the future?

I have not yet advised the members of the Committee of our sad financial situation and accordingly have not received their opinions as to what our course in the future should be. I shall tell them of our financial situation and solicit their opinions in my letter to them to be composed as soon as this report is completed.

RAYMOND P. STEARNS, Chairman

CARNEGIE REVOLVING FUND FOR PUBLICATIONS

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Sept. 1, 1954 to Aug. 31, 1955

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1954.....	\$6,400.57	
Interest on Savings account.....	93.73	
Royalties:		
Heidel, <i>The Day of Yahweh</i>		
Sanborn, <i>Origins of the Early English Maritime and Commercial Law</i>		
Bruce, <i>Virginia Iron Manufacture in the Slave Era</i>	\$7.20	
Swann, <i>Pan Chao: Foremost Woman Scholar in China</i>	3.20	
Dietz, <i>English Public Finance, 1558-1641</i>		
Brown, <i>The First Earl of Shaftesbury</i>	6.39	
Garrett, <i>The Estates General of 1789</i>	4.80	
Hubbart, <i>The Older Middle West</i>		
Ranck, <i>Albert Gallatin Brown</i>		
Hoon, <i>The Organization of the English Customs System</i>	2.13	
Horton, <i>James Kent: A Study in Conservatism</i>	16.83	
Stafford, <i>James VI of Scotland and the Throne of England</i>	12.00	
Jackson, <i>Free Negro Labor and Property Holding in Virginia, 1830-1860</i>	30.00	
Nute, <i>Caesars of the Wilderness</i>	31.95	
Hastings, <i>Court of Common Pleas in 15th Century England</i>	17.26	
Kraus, <i>Atlantic Civilization</i>		
Hoyt, <i>The Royal Demesne in English Constitutional Law</i>	32.58	
Boyd, <i>Tithes and Parishes in Medieval Italy</i>	55.30	
Fisher, <i>Negro Slave Songs in the U. S.</i>	308.04	
Fairchild, <i>Messrs. William Pepperrell</i>	371.57	
Cady, <i>The Roots of French Imperialism in Eastern Asia</i>	717.87	1,617.12
Editorial and publication expenses:		
Cady volume.....		\$3,368.75
Wright volume (<i>The Beginnings of Unitarianism in America</i>).....		1,000.00
Committee expenses.....		41.04
	<u>\$8,111.42</u>	<u>\$4,409.79</u>
Balance, Aug. 31, 1955.....		<u>3,701.63</u>
	<u>\$8,111.42</u>	<u>\$8,111.42</u>

OTHER REPORTS

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE AMERICAN
COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

As your delegate to the ACLS, I attended the meeting in Washington last January, and I have attempted to keep in touch with developments.

Unfortunately, there is little to report of a satisfactory nature. The lack of financial support, which threatens the existence of the ACLS, is still a major problem. The Executive Director has made plans to reduce operations as far as possible to conserve the resources still available, and the permanent staff is carrying on with good morale. The January meeting produced many strong expressions of encouragement and support from the constituent societies (ours included). A few frankly recognized that their interests pulled them in other directions and that they were less dependent than others on the ACLS; I question the real interest of some of the societies of the Social Science area in the problems of the Humanities. The new President, Mr. Jones, is continuing zealously on his predecessor's policy of trying to alert the Foundations on the seriousness of our situation. It has seemed to some of us that if we can hang on through this difficult period it will be impossible for the Foundations to duck the issue. Therefore, even if it is only a matter of repeating our stand from year to year, I believe it important for the American Historical Association to continue to speak its voice; among all the Social Sciences we are the most concerned with the needs of the Humanistic studies--which indeed are part of our own discipline.

CHARLES H. TAYLOR

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMITTEE OF THE HISTORICAL SCIENCES

The central activity of the International Committee of the Historical Sciences during the past year was the Quinquennial Congress in Rome, Sept. 4-11. Thirty-five countries were represented, with a total of 1600 direct participants, and 2200 in all. The United States, with 102, had a delegation fifth in size, and one substantially larger than that of roughly 60 which attended the Paris Congress of 1950. The Holy See was present for the first time; Soviet Russia and all but two of the European satellites returned to active membership; Japan and Brazil were readmitted.

The warm consensus of the delegates was that the Italian host committee had done a magnificent job of providing both for the effective functioning of the Congress and for the "extra-curricular" entertainment of its guests, culminating in the reception of all the "Congressistes" by the Pope. Once again, as at Paris, the historical work of the Congress was divided between "Reports" on significant themes, published and circulated in advance and discussed at the morning sessions, and "Communications" (shorter papers), read and discussed in the afternoon sessions. Americans participated in nine of thirty-three morning sessions, and gave fourteen of something over 150 papers. Various of the Commissions had smaller "congresses" preceding the principal meetings, the most considerable of these being that sponsored by the International Commission for the History of the Assemblies of Estates, with two American papers.

The Bureau (the Executive Committee) had several meetings; the Assembly (the legislative body) three. The Bureau, which generally has an annual meeting, will meet next summer in Madrid, to discuss above all the formal reactions to the Rome Congress of the various national committees, reports of which are to be filed with the secretary-general in the coming spring. The statement of American reactions will be prepared in a December meeting of the Association's Committee on History and International Affairs. The next meeting of the Assembly will take place in Moscow in 1957, and the next Congress in Stockholm in 1960. Donald C. McKay is the American representative on the Bureau; Boyd C. Shafer and Mr. McKay are the American representatives on the Assembly. A much fuller account of the Congress will appear in the January 1956 number of the American Historical Review.

DONALD C. MCKAY

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATIONAL
HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION

The National Historical Publications Commission continued its fruitful course under the leadership of Dr. Wayne Grover, its chairman, and Dr. Philip M. Hamer, its executive director. The Commission's report to the President as presented in November, 1954, was printed and some 2,000 copies distributed. Work on the guide to depositories of archives and manuscripts continued during the year, though its completion proved more difficult than had been anticipated, chiefly because many of the repositories provided information that made necessary a thorough revision of entries, some of them quite lengthy. Two university presses have indicated interest in publishing the guide. The volume of Writings on American History for 1950 came from the press in May, and compilation for the 1951 volume was completed and copy sent to the Government Printing Office in June. Work was begun on the 1952 volume but, with the present staff of the Commission, it has not been possible to make any progress toward filling the seven-year gap. It is planned to discuss ways and means of meeting this need when the Commission next meets. Encouraging progress was made in collecting materials for the Commission's own projected edition of documents pertaining to the ratification of the Constitution and the debates of the First Federal Congress. The Commission held its second meeting of the fiscal year on May 20, with all eleven members present. Congressman George P. Miller, who was appointed to the Commission to succeed Mrs. Katharine St. George on the expiration of her term, caused a summary of the Commission's program to be printed in the Congressional

Record, and, on July 25, introduced a resolution endorsing that program; it is expected that a hearing on this resolution will be held after Congress assembles in January. Senator Wallace F. Bennett introduced a similar resolution in the Senate. Other documentary projects have been undertaken, or are under consideration, for which organizations other than the Commission have chief responsibility, though, since these fall within the general framework of the Commission's program, they have received varying degrees of encouragement and assistance by the staff of the Commission. In June Columbia University announced plans to publish a selected edition of the papers of Alexander Hamilton, with Dr. Harold C. Syrett as executive editor and Dr. John A. Krout as chairman of the editorial board. This enterprise makes the fourth launching of the "Big Five" projects listed as desiderata in the Commission's program (Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, and Madison being the others) and the staff of the Commission has cooperated with its sponsors in various ways, including a search of Treasury Department records in the National Archives, Dr. Hamer continued to hold various discussions with the chief editors of the Jefferson, Adams, Franklin, and Hamilton Papers; to explore possibilities of ensuring the publication of the Madison writings; to speak at various occasions in support of the Commission's program; and to act as an amiable, obliging, and extremely effective "clearing-house" for many related activities. As one example of the last, he found an author for a popular but scholarly essay on John Marshall for the John Marshall Bicentennial Commission--an author who turned out, not surprisingly, to be Edward S. Corwin.

JULIAN P. BOYD

REPORT OF THE SENIOR DELEGATE TO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL

The greatest historical activity this year has been on the part of Gordon Craig as a member of the Committee on Civil-Military Relations Research. This committee has been developing research in the history of American military policy, and, as a result of a grant from the Carnegie Corporation, has been able to make a series of grants-in-aid to those working in this field.

A conference of historians and others concerned with the history of science was held in the New York office of the Council in May and a proposal made that research and training in this field be promoted by a joint committee of the National Research Council and the Social Science Research Council. Efforts are being made to develop such a committee.

Bulletin 64, "The Social Sciences in Historical Study," the publication of which was reported last year, has had a very large circulation and is being widely reviewed and much more widely discussed. The reviews are, on the whole, favorable.

Another volume has been published in the series resulting from grants made by the Council's former committee in this field: Constructive Liberalism by Milton S. Heath (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, December, 1954, 451 pp., \$7.50).

The undersigned attended the Tenth International Congress of the Historical Sciences at Rome, heard a paper prepared by Thomas C. Cochran, Chairman of the Council's second committee on historiography, in which he developed some of the ideas which were put forth in Bulletin 64. The nature of the discussion of this paper indicated that the ideas of Europeans regarding social sciences are quite different from those held by many in this country.

ROY F. NICHOLS

REPORT
of the
PACIFIC COAST BRANCH
OF THE AMERICAN
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

The forty-eighth meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association was held at the University of California, Berkeley, December 28-30, 1955. More than 263 people attended, the largest registration for any meeting in the Bay Region. The program was arranged by Theodore E. Treutlein and a committee consisting of James G. Allen, Robert N. Burr, Donald Cutter, Wilbur R. Jacobs, Jackson T. Main, Raymond Muse, Edmond J. Smyth, Wayne Vucinich, Gerald T. White, and John A. Schutz. Local arrangements were in the charge of Walton E. Bean, the Chairman, and Robert E. Burke and Armin Rappaport.

Most of the seventeen sessions were devoted to the problems of discovering the frontiers of research in the various fields of history. There were panels on Latin America, Islam, Russia, and the United States. Two sessions presented the particular difficulties of interdisciplinary research; one was held with the American Studies Association in which Edgar E. Robinson presided over a discussion of research in the culture of western America. The other analyzed the problems of developing a Christian understanding of history. At the Thursday luncheon, when James F. King presided, Bruce Catton spoke on the revival of interest in popular history and the success of the American Heritage. At the annual dinner John D. Hicks courageously answered the question posed in his presidential address: "What Is Right with the History Profession?"

Three special sessions covered problems of research materials in the archives, the laboratory, and classroom. Cecilia R. Irvine chaired a panel that pondered the techniques of teaching history in this age of nonintellectualism and general education.

The annual business meeting, with President John D. Hicks in the chair, convened at 11:30 A. M. Friday. The reports of the secretary-treasurer of the Branch and of the managing editor of the Pacific Historical Review were presented. On behalf of the board of editors, Earl Pomeroy announced the re-election of John W. Caughey as managing editor for 1956 and of August Frugé as business manager.

The president announced the 1955 awards of the Branch as follows: in American history to Grace Heilman Stimson for her Rise of the Labor Movement in Los Angeles (University of California Press, 1955); in Pacific history to Marius B. Jansen for his The Japanese and Sun Yat-Sen (Harvard University Press). The Louis Knott Koontz Memorial Award for 1955 was given jointly to Ernest R. May for his article, "The United States, the Soviet Union, and the Far Eastern War, 1941-1945" and to William Appleman Williams for his "The Frontier Thesis and American Foreign Policy."

The Committee on Resolutions (George H. Knoles, chairman, G.D. Lillibridge, and William R. Steckel) offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted.

That the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association express its deep sense of loss at the death of Professor Osgood Hardy of Occidental College, long a faithful and hard-working member of our Branch and a one-time president.

That the Branch express its regret over the death of Professor Rufus Kay Wyllys of Arizona State College, Tempe, also a long-time member of our association.

That the Branch thank Professor Theodore E. Treutlein of San Francisco State College, and the members of his program committee for the excellence of their work in preparing the extensive program for these sessions.

That our sincere appreciation be extended to the University of California, Berkeley, its department of history, and to the committee on arrangements, ably headed by Professor Walton E. Bean, for the gracious welcome and warm hospitality accorded to the membership on the occasion of its 48th annual meeting.

That we further express our thanks to Professor and Mrs. John D. Hicks for opening their home (and cellar) for the glorification of the outer and inner man and for the promotion of good fellowship among the attendants at the annual meeting.

James F. King paid tribute to Jacob N. Bowman, lately retired as California State Archivist, who was the third secretary of the Branch. He was named acting secretary in 1908, elected in November, and re-elected in 1909.

The report of the Committee on Nominations (George E. Mowry, chairman, Leonard Adolf, Glenn S. Dumke, T. A. Larson, Bickford O'Brien, Edward A. White, and Gordon Wright) was presented, and the officers and committeemen proposed were unanimously elected: Father Peter M. Dunne, S. J., president; Max Savelle, vice-president; John A. Schutz, secretary-treasurer; and, for three year terms to the council: Francis Herrick, Benjamin Sacks, and Wendell H. Stephenson.

President Hicks announced that the recent poll concerning the change of dates for the annual convention was inconclusive and that the Council had decided to keep the present arrangements. The annual convention for 1956 was set for December 27, 28, and 29, and the invitation of the University of Oregon was accepted. Father Dunne announced that Donald E. Emerson of the University of Washington had been appointed program chairman for 1956.

JOHN A. SCHUTZ, Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE PACIFIC COAST BRANCH, 1955

In the Secretary's annual accounting there is a traditional ritual. It is to point to the record of 700 members and remark that we have held our membership during the year, and that the interest and activity of historians in the western states have multiplied each year since the end of the war.

For those who are interested in the statistics of membership, there are these figures. Distribution of members over the western states shows California, Washington, and Oregon to be far in the lead over the other states. California had the lion's share of 448; Washington, 64; and Oregon, 41.

The meeting of the Branch last Christmas at the University of Southern California had the largest number of registered members in history. There were 285. This figure does not include the crowds of visitors to the general sessions and a half hundred graduate students.

In April and May the members were pleased to have the Executive Secretary of the American Historical Association visit members at many educational establishments on the Pacific Coast.

The preliminary estimates of expenditures for the Branch reveal that it will end its year with a bank balance of \$367.59. This flourishing surplus is partly due to the unexpected windfall of \$107.78 from Boyd Shafer. Costs were also kept to a minimum by the donations of mailing expenses for the program correspondence by San Francisco State College and the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Professor Theodore E. Treutlein of San Francisco State College is program chairman for the meeting of the Branch at the University of California, Berkeley, December 28, 29, and 30. His committee of nine has planned thirteen special sessions and four general sessions.

The Branch is taking an informal vote of its members, to determine whether another meeting time for the annual convention is possible. This will give more members a chance to attend both conventions.

JOHN A. SCHUTZ, Secretary-Treasurer

PACIFIC COAST BRANCH, AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1955

Balance, January 1, 1955.....		\$360.65
-------------------------------	--	----------

INCOME:

American Historical Association.....		200.00
Funds from Boyd Shafer's trip.....		107.78
Interest.....		1.25
Convention dues 1954 and 1955.....		616.93
Exhibitions.....		25.00

Total.....		\$1,311.61
------------	--	------------

EXPENDITURES:

Printing.....	\$110.00	
Stamps, etc.....	22.42	
Secretarial Assistance.....	25.00	
Awards.....	100.00	
Program's expenses.....	23.68	
Travel.....	70.00	351.10

Balance, December 31, 1955.....		\$960.51
---------------------------------	--	----------

THE LOUIS KNOTT KOONTZ FUND

Balance, January 1, 1955.....		\$1,133.87
-------------------------------	--	------------

INCOME:

Donations.....		0.00
Interest (includes last quarter of 1954).....		65.84

Total.....		\$1,199.71
------------	--	------------

EXPENDITURES:

Award.....	\$100.00	100.00
------------	----------	--------

Balance, December 31, 1955.....		\$1,099.71
---------------------------------	--	------------

JOHN A. SCHUTZ, Secretary-Treasurer