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Letter of Submittal

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,
Washington D. C., June 15, 1957.

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 1956.

Respectfully,

LEONARD CARMICHAEL, Secretary.

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Letter of Transmittal

THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION,
Washington, D. C., June 15, 1957.

SIR: As provided by law, I submit herewith the Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the year 1956. This consists of two volumes in one.

Volume I contains the proceedings of the Association for 1956, and the report of the secretary-treasurer for the Pacific Coast Branch for 1956.

Volume II will contain the Writings on American History for 1954.

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

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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]

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. In recent years registration has varied from 1,500 to 2,000. 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 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 \$35,000, is applied to the publication of material relative to the legal history of the United States in the colonial period. The Matteson Fund, now amounting to approximately \$94,000, was willed to the Association by the late David M. Matteson. The income from this fund may be used only for bibliographies and indexes.

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 \$735,000 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 about 6,600 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, 400 A Street, S. E., Washington 3, 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 1958) 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 (next award 1961).

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 per cent 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.

The Moses Coit Tyler Prize of \$1,500 plus publication of the manuscript is offered biennially beginning in 1957 for the best unpublished work in American intellectual history. The Cornell University Press gives the funds for the prize and publishes the

manuscript. By American intellectual history is meant the history of agencies of intellectual life, movements of thought, and the biographies of intellectual leaders, in the geographical area comprising the United States, from 1607 to the present.

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 1957

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FOR 1957

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Committee on the John H. Dunning Prize.--Earl S. Pomeroy, University of Oregon, Chairman; William Hogan,* Tulane University; Charles G. Sellers, Jr., Princeton University.

*New member this year.

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

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

Delegates of the American Historical Association.--American Council of Learned Societies: Joseph R. Strayer, Princeton University--term expires December 1959. International Committee of Historical Sciences: Donald C. McKay, Amherst College--term expires December 1960; Boyd C. Shafer, Washington, D. C.--term expires December 1960. National Historical Publications Commission: Julian P. Boyd, Princeton University--term expires December 1960; Guy Stanton Ford, Washington, D. C.--term expires December 1957. Social Education: Boyd C. Shafer, Washington, D. C.--term expires December 1959; Herman Ausubel, Columbia University--term expires December 1958. Social Science Research Council: Louis R. Gottschalk, University of Chicago--term expires December 1957; David Potter,* Yale University--term expires December 1959; C. Vann Woodward, Johns Hopkins University--term expires December 1958.

The following ad interim appointments as representatives of the American Historical Association were made in 1956: Professor Donald E. Worcester of the University of Florida at the inauguration of Julius Wayne Reitz as president of the University of Florida, February 17; Professor Lorraine Casby of the Polytechnic Institute of Puerto Rico at the inauguration of Ronald C. Bauer as president of the Polytechnic Institute of Puerto Rico, March 1-4; Professor Gerhard Masur of Sweet Briar College at the inauguration of Joseph Clarke Robert as president of Hampden-Sydney College, March 23; Professor Peter J. Coleman of Park College at the inauguration of Eli Long as president of Park College, April 11; Dean Carl Wittke of the Graduate School, Western Reserve University, at a conference of the Planning Group of the Conference on the Practical Utilization of Recorded Knowledge at the Center for Documentation and Communication Research of the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University, September 14; Professor John Lydenberg of Hobart College at the inauguration of the Reverend Louis Melbourne Hirshon as president of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, October 12; Professor Richard N. Current of the Woman's College of the University of

*New member this year.

**Deceased.

North Carolina at the inauguration of Willa Beatrice Player as president of Bennett College, October 14; Professor Thomas P. Abernethy of the University of Virginia at the inauguration of Grellet Collins Simpson as the chancellor of Mary Washington College, October 19.

PACIFIC COAST BRANCH OFFICERS FOR 1957

PRESIDENT

MAX SAVELLE
University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.

VICE PRESIDENT

JOHN W. CAUGHEY
University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.

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JOHN A. SCHUTZ
Whittier College, Whittier, Calif.

COUNCIL

The above officers and--

LELAND GREER
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah (term expires 1957)

WILLIAM GREEVER
University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho (term expires 1959)

FRANCIS HERRICK
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HERBERT J. WOOD
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PROCEEDINGS
of the
AMERICAN HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION
for
1956

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, SHERATON-
JEFFERSON HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

DECEMBER 27, 1956, 10:00 A.M.

Present: Dexter Perkins, President; William L. Langer, Vice-President; Solon J. Buck, Treasurer; Boyd C. Shafer, Executive Secretary; Carl Bridenbaugh, Walter L. Dorn, Herbert Heaton, Mrs. Helen Taft Manning, Robert Palmer, Richard C. Shryock, Walter Prescott Webb, C. Vann Woodward, Councilors; Merle Curti, Louis Gottschalk, former Presidents.

President Perkins called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the 1955 Council meeting were approved as published in the April, 1956, issue of the Review (pp. 804-11).

The Executive Secretary's report was not read as it had previously been sent to members of the Council. The Executive Secretary commented briefly upon various Association matters. He indicated that membership of the Association had increased to 6,577 (last year, 6,310). He pointed out the increase in work being done by the Association headquarters staff and asked that the Council consider additional staff. The Council authorized the Executive Committee of the Council to act on the recommendations of the Executive Secretary in this respect and established a maximum financial limitation.

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Treasurer, read sections of the report of his office for 1955-56. He singled out certain items for the Council's particular attention and indicated that the Association's assets had again increased. He stated that expenditures during the year for housing the Association were well within the savings of the last five years. He explained certain changes which had been made in the nature of the Association's report and suggested that the Council might care to appoint an Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, a position provided for in the Constitution. Dr. Buck concluded with the announcement that he would no longer be able to serve as Treasurer of the Association after 1957, and he asked that the Council take appropriate steps.

For the Finance Committee, Dr. Buck summarized the budget proposals for 1956-57 and 1957-58. The Council unanimously approved small expenditures for the past fiscal year which exceeded the budget allocation for 1955-56, struck from the budget a proposed investment for 1956-57, and increased the subventions for the Local Arrangements Committees of 1956-57 and 1957-58. The approved budgets, in addition, carried certain salary adjustments for the office staff.

Professor Max Saville of the University of Washington, Vice-President of the Pacific Coast Branch of the Association and 1956 representative of the Branch to the national Association, reported on the activities of the Branch for the past year (see page 51).

After considerable discussion of the costs involved in attendance at Council and committee meetings, the Council asked that the Finance Committee study the question of travel charges and allowances for members of the Council attending the annual meeting.

The Executive Secretary reported for the Committee on Committees, and the Council approved new members for the various association committees.

The Council turned its attention to questions arising out of the work of the Association's committees. The Executive Secretary explained that the funds of the Carnegie Revolving Fund Committee were almost exhausted. The Council decided to continue the present committee and establish an Association revolving fund with the remaining monies and any further funds which might be obtained for this purpose. The Fund

has published thirty-five volumes during the last twenty-eight years from the original grant of \$25,000.

After extended discussion of the terms of the various prizes awarded by the Association, the Council asked that a committee of three be appointed to study all questions concerning these prizes, including the terms of the original grants and changes made in these terms, and that this committee report its recommendations to the Council.

The Council accepted the proposal of the Cornell University Press for a new award, to be called the Moses Coit Tyler Prize, and decided upon the appointment of a committee of five for it. This prize of \$1,500 plus publication will be awarded for the best work in manuscript in the field of American intellectual history (including biography). It will be offered in 1957, but along with all other prizes will be considered by the new committee before a final decision is reached for the period beyond 1957.

The Council considered at length and in detail the administrative arrangements for the American Committee for the Study of War Documents and the Council's tentative proposals for funds to continue its work. At the conclusion of the discussion, the following motion was passed without dissent:

The Council of the American Historical Association applauds the accomplishments of the American Committee for the Study of War Documents in the photographic reproduction of German war documents. The Council looks with favor upon continuation of this photographic reproduction of German war documents. However, it will not sponsor another request for funds unless the committee is reorganized on the same lines as other Association committees and unless all funds are controlled directly by the Association.

A request of the Committee on South Asian History for a grant to bring historians of South Asia to the United States was given lengthy analysis. The Council looked with favor upon the purpose of the proposal, but it asked that the request be again referred to the Committee for recommendation on three questions: (1) whether three historians should be brought each year or whether the number might vary each year; (2) whether the terms of the visiting professors should be limited to one year; and (3) whether the Committee believed after further consideration that the American Historical Association was the best sponsoring agency.

The Council accepted the recommendation of the International Historical Activities Committee that two United States delegates be sent to the meeting of the Assembly of the International Committee of Historical Sciences in 1957, and that an approach be made to a foundation for funds to bring the Bureau of the ICHS to the United States in 1958.

For the Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government, Edward Younger, the chairman, made an extended report. The Council unanimously recommended that the following report and resolutions of this committee be put before the Business Meeting:

Report on State Department Publications.

At the 1955 Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, the Council proposed and the Business Meeting passed a resolution, charging the Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government, enlarged by three historians of American foreign policy, to study the problems connected with State Department publications and to report back to the Council and Business Meeting in December, 1956.

In compliance with this resolution, your Committee has been enlarged to include Thomas A. Bailey, Samuel Flagg Bemis, and Richard Leopold, and your Committee, after extensive consultation and study of the problems involved, submits the following report:

1. The volumes of Foreign Relations published since inception of the series in 1861 have been found by the historical profession a highly useful instrument of research, notably improving in recent decades in scope, content, and scholarly standards.

2. The Committee hopes that this series will be continued on an expanding scale commensurate with the expansion of our foreign relations and that added appropriations for this vital work will be made by Congress.

3. We urge that the Foreign Relations volumes, including the Supplements, be published in chronological sequence. Only in this way can the documents be judged in historical context, free of contemporary partisanship.

4. We welcome the State Department's decision to appoint an advisory board of scholars in the field for its Historical Division and to make this board directly advisory to the Secretary of State.

5. Valuable as the State Department's publications have been, the Committee believes that the needs of historical scholarship can be satisfied only as long as all scholars of established ability and integrity are given access to unpublished government documents, subject to the legitimate requirements of national security.

Resolution on Access to Public Records.

WHEREAS, the American Historical Association believes that the historical profession can provide an objective analysis of past experience only by means of a full and free examination of surviving records, therefore be it

Resolved, by the American Historical Association that in a free society all qualified persons engaged in responsible historical research should have access to all public records, subject only to reasonable regulations to safeguard the documents, permit the operational use of current records by governmental agencies without undue inconvenience, ensure the national safety, and protect the private character of living persons.

Resolution on Hunter-Miller Compilation.

WHEREAS, an authoritative edition of the treaties and other international acts of the United States is indispensable to the practice of international relations and the effective pursuit of historical study, therefore be it

Resolved, that the American Historical Association deplores the discontinuation of the Hunter-Miller compilation of the treaties and other international acts of the United States and urgently requests that the project be actively resumed and carried to completion as soon as possible.

On request of the State Department, the Council decided to select a panel of six historians from which the State Department will choose three for its advisory board. The panel is to be chosen by the Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government.

The Council confirmed the appointment of Mildred Campbell of Vassar as the new member of the Board of Editors to replace David Owen of Harvard, whose term expired this year.

The renomination of Percy Ebbott for membership on the Board of Trustees was confirmed.

The following plans for the Annual Meetings of the next three years were approved: December 28-30, 1957, The Statler, New York City; December 28-30, 1958, The Mayflower, Washington, D. C.; December 28-30, 1959, The Conrad-Hilton, Chicago. For 1960, the Council recommended reconsideration of place and asked simply that the meeting be held in some eastern city if satisfactory arrangements could be made. For 1957, the Council approved Oscar J. Falnes of New York University as Program Chairman and Erling M. Hunt of Columbia University as Local Arrangements Chairman.

The Executive Secretary reported on the arrangements for the new headquarters building in Washington, D. C. Professor Shryock, as Chairman of the Executive Committee and member of the Finance Committee, spoke of his visit to the new building, remarking that its acquisition, remodeling, and furnishing constituted a major accomplishment and the fulfillment of an urgent need.

The Executive Secretary spoke of the need for further action by Congress to raise the Association's charter limitation on real and personal estate. A second request for Congressional action will be made in January.

The Council authorized the Executive Secretary to present an amendment to the Constitution to eliminate mention of a specific sum for student dues.

After a discussion of the services rendered by the Job Register, the Council reaffirmed its decision of last year to increase the initial registration fee of \$2.00 to \$3.00.

The Executive Secretary brought to the attention of the Council the new volume entitled Index to the Writings on American History, 1902-1940 and announced the decision to sell copies to individual members of the Association for \$5.00 and to nonmembers and institutions for \$10.00--prices much below the cost of the volume.

A proposal of Taraknath Das for the Taraknath Das Fund to offer a new Tyler Dennett prize was referred by the Council to the new committee on prizes.

The Council favored a proposal of the Executive Secretary for a study of the historical profession as indicated in his annual report. It approved the appointment of a committee of three to formulate a definite plan and define objectives.

A proposal to change the time of the Business Meeting to a period after lunch of the second day of the Annual Meeting met with favor on the part of the Council, but it referred the proposal to the Association Committee on the Program.

The Council appointed the following persons as members of the Executive Committee for 1957: C. Vann Woodward, chairman, Helen Taft Manning, William L. Langer, Robert R. Palmer, Solon J. Buck, Boyd C. Shafer. The Finance Committee will consist of Solon J. Buck, C. Vann Woodward, and Boyd C. Shafer. The Council appointed Robert R. Palmer and William Prescott Webb as the Committee on Resolutions.

A proposal by members of the Association for advice from the Association on centennial celebrations was referred to the Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government.

A proposal of Waldo Leland for a bibliography of the works of Franklin Jameson and for the publication of a collection of his writings brought varying views. The Council decided that up to \$200 from the Matteson Fund might be expended for a descriptive bibliography but that at this time it could not make any commitment for a volume of selected writings.

The Council referred to the Business Meeting without prejudice a proposal for a resolution to support the establishment of the American Museum of Immigration.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Executive Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, SHERATON-JEFFERSON HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

DECEMBER 29, 1956, 4:30 P.M.

President Dexter Perkins called the meeting to order with about 250 members present. The minutes of the last meeting (AHR, April, 1956, pp. 811-13) were approved.

Dr. Boyd C. Shafer, Executive Secretary of the Association and Managing Editor of the Review, presented his annual report. The Treasurer, Dr. Solon J. Buck, outlined the financial condition of the Association from the mimeographed report distributed to members attending the meeting. Dr. Buck noted that the ordinary financial assets of the Association amounted to approximately \$697,000; that the Association headquarters at the end of the fiscal year was valued at about \$36,900; and that foundation grants totaling approximately \$130,000 were made available during the year. He indicated that the receipts of unrestricted funds exceeded ordinary disbursements by about \$13,900 during the fiscal year.

Upon Council renomination, Percy Ebbott of New York City was unanimously elected to the Board of Trustees for a term of five years.

Dr. William C. Binkley, chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1956, presented the nominations for 1957: for President, Professor William L. Langer of Harvard University; for Vice-President, Professor Walter Prescott Webb of the University of Texas; for Treasurer, Dr. Solon J. Buck of Washington, D. C. The Executive Secretary, on motion, was instructed to cast one ballot for these nominees and they were declared elected. Dr. Binkley announced that, as a result of the mail ballot for members of the Council and Nominating Committee, Professor Crane Brinton of Harvard University and Dr. Stanley Pargellis of the Newberry Library were elected to the Council for the regular four-year terms; that Professor James B. Hedges of Brown University was elected to the Council for an unexpired term of three years; and that Professors Thomas B. Abernethy of the University of Virginia, Kenneth M. Setton of Pennsylvania, and Caroline Robbins of Bryn Mawr were elected to the Nominating Committee. Dr. Binkley stated that Professor Ray A. Billington of Northwestern University would be chairman of the Nominating Committee in 1957. The Nominating Committee's report was accepted.

The Executive Secretary reported upon the actions taken at the Council Meeting on December 27 (for an account of Council actions see the Minutes above pages 3-6). In his remarks, the Executive Secretary pointed particularly to the establishment of a Committee on Prizes which will examine the terms of all awards and make recommendations concerning them to the Council; to the establishment of the Moses Coit Tyler Prize in American intellectual history and biography for 1957; and to the plans for a study of the historical profession.

For the Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government, Professor Edward Younger of the University of Virginia reported upon the action of this committee concerning State Department publications (for his report and resolutions, see pages 4-5). Younger's report was accepted and the Association approved the resolutions.

An amendment to the Constitution, authorized by the Council, to place authority in the Council to fix the amount of student dues was defeated on a voice vote after considerable discussion.

For the Pacific Coast Branch, Professor Max H. Saville of the University of Washington gave the annual report which indicated an increase in membership, a comprehensive program at the 1956 annual meeting of the Branch, and the good financial condition of the Branch (see page 51).

For the Committee on Resolutions, Professor Robert Palmer of Princeton read the following resolution:

Resolved: That the American Historical Association extend its thanks and appreciation to Professor Charles F. Mullett and his fellow members of the Program Committee for the preparation of a varied and interesting program, to Professor Ralph P. Bieber and his associates on the Committee on Local Arrangements, and to all their assistants and volunteer workers, for their many labors in bringing about a pleasant and memorable meeting in the city of St. Louis.

From the floor, Professor Edward W. Fox of Cornell University presented a motion for a mail ballot to allow members of the Association to state their preference for September or December as a time for the Annual Meeting. The motion was defeated by a narrow margin.

Professor John Hope Franklin of Brooklyn College presented a resolution endorsing a national appeal for funds to establish the American Museum of Immigration. He asked that the American Historical Association endorse the project and commend it to teachers of history. This resolution was passed.

In accordance with the custom of over thirty years, Professor Frank Maloy Anderson rose to present a motion for adjournment. He prefaced his motion with remarks concerning the previous meeting of the Association in St. Louis in 1921. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Executive Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND MANAGING EDITOR FOR 1956

The profession of history is thriving, the professors are vigorous. Historians are producing articles and books at an amazing rate. They are about to teach more students than ever before. Conscious of the limitations of their research tools, they wish to fashion new ones; knowing of gaps in their knowledge, they desire to fill them; aware of weaknesses in their teaching, they wish to remedy them.

Whether all this activity is worthwhile, only the future historians of history and historians in the United States will be able to judge. If future historians are anything like the present breed, skeptical and tough-minded, they will probably find much to criticize and little to praise. But we cannot foresee the future, and we must, fortunately or unfortunately, proceed without its judgment. Your Executive Secretary and Editor can here report on activities and ideas current in the Association and in the profession at large. He is not a completely objective witness. Very likely he is too immersed in the study of history, too fond of the study and of historians.

For the Association, the year since my last report to you has been a year of transition and change. Whether or not the change has been for the better, we cannot yet know; the outlook is not unpropitious. We are now, after much effort, in our new headquarters at 400 A Street, S. E., Washington 3, D. C., a remodeled house that gives us room to move about, space we had not previously had in the study rooms so generously supplied us by the Library of Congress these last fifteen years. A new book-keeper, Miss Rita Shea, has taken the place of Miss Patty Washington who retired after forty-eight years loyally devoted to Association business. Miss Nancy Hall Kane has assumed the position of assistant editor of the Review, replacing competent Catharine Seybold who had been with us for twelve years. My secretary, who not only types my letters to you but takes care of the Job Register, is John Paul Yoder, a man of wide experience. Miss Patricia Fox helps Nancy Kane get out the Review and sends those requests for book reviews which so many of you receive. We are proud of our new staff. It is happy, intelligent, and hardworking.

These are changes in location, in personnel; there are other changes. Last year we reported that the Ford Foundation had granted \$148,000 for our Service Center for Teachers. That Center, directed by George B. Carson, Jr., is now in operation, preparing pamphlets on the content of high school history courses and annotated lists of books for history teachers, as well as providing consultant services when they are requested. During the year we obtained two other grants from the Ford Foundation, one of \$69,000 for the photographic reproduction of German war documents now in England and the United States, and one of \$96,000 for the long-anticipated bibliographies covering British history. The American Committee for the Study of War Documents, headed by Reginakl Phelps, and the Joint Anglo-American Committee on British Bibliographies, on which Stanley Pargellis is our representative, have both plunged into their tasks. For all three of these projects, the Service Center, the War Documents, the British Bibliographies, I can report substantial work accomplished. The War Documents Committee has screened and photographed thousands of pages of German materials. The revisions of two volumes of the British Bibliographies, that for the medieval period (Gross) and that for the Tudor period (Read), are under way. Edgar Graves is doing the first and Conyers Read the second, his own volume.

From the Rockefeller Foundation, we just recently received a grant of up to \$75,000 to realize the long-hoped-for new edition of the Guide to Historical Literature. George Howe and his committee on the Guide have laid their plans, evolved their outline, and are about to begin the actual editing. For the committees that have worked out and developed these special projects, historians everywhere wish success. Their invaluable efforts will, in the future, deepen the study of history as well as strengthen the profession.

One further accomplishment of the same nature should be mentioned. For twenty-five years, American historians have been promised an index to the Writings on American History. An Index to the Writings . . . , 1902-1940 is printed and should be

ready for distribution by the time these words are spoken, David M. Matteson began this index in 1931; in his will he provided funds for its completion, which was carried out by one of our members, William C. Davis, an expert typist as well as scholar and editor.

Other projects are in the making. We hope that some of them will materialize. We may, for example, try to strengthen South Asian studies in the United States through importation of outstanding scholars in the field. We may soon propose a study of the historical profession with a particular view to our needs in the next ten to twenty years. Of this last, I shall speak later.

These are special projects. What of our customary work, what of those activities which occupy us daily, and I also might say nightly? The Association for seventy-two years has attempted to serve historians, to encourage the study of history. In some ways we succeed, in some ways we fail. Your Executive Secretary and Editor, now a veteran, as he has served his first hitch of three years, is a bit battle-scarred and weary. Much is being done, Much remains to be done. Too often we wish we had the time and stamina to do that which we do better and still have the time and stamina to do more.

Much of the work of the Association, as we all know, is performed by standing committees. When your Executive Secretary assumed his position three years and three months ago, he did not then comprehend the volume of work actually performed by members of these committees, nor did he know that they, almost without exception, receive no compensation other than the satisfaction arising from service to their fellow historians. Again and again this fact ought to be stated: the members of the profession of history are not only loyal to it, they work for their profession. May I summarize the activities of the several committees which carry the burden of what I might call our standing duties. My summary may sound prosaic, but it records the generosity and wide range of accomplishments of our most active members.

The Beveridge Award Committee, with Ralph Hidy as chairman, considered thirteen applications and has awarded the prize of \$1,000 plus publication to one volume and honorable mention, which brings publication, to another. Francis Bowman of the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize Committee tells us that the committee received over sixty volumes in European history from which it chose one for its prize of \$200. J. B. Brebner, for the Schuyler Prize Committee, reports that it examined forty-five books in British, British Imperial, and Commonwealth history before it made its choice for the \$100 award. The George Louis Beer Committee, under the chairmanship of Charles Mullett, received eighteen volumes on European international history; from among these it made its choice for the prize of \$200. For the John H. Dunning Prize of about \$140, in American history, Francis Simkins writes that over forty books and manuscripts were considered before the committee decided upon a prize volume and one for honorable mention. This year, because no volume suitable for the Watmull Prize in Indian history was submitted, Taraknath Das and his committee have made no recommendation. The Carnegie Revolving Fund Committee (Raymond Stearns, chairman), with its fund virtually exhausted, could not, unfortunately, assist in the publication of a worthy volume.

From the reports of the prize committee chairmen before me and from comments of members of the Association, several suggestions arise. A tremendous burden of work in reading manuscripts and books falls upon the prize committees. We may need to define the terms of the prizes more narrowly and precisely. In these days of inflation, the monetary size of some prizes hardly warrants the work of the award committees. A good many books and manuscripts are submitted which are either not eligible or insufficiently prepared. Authors ought to be warned that their manuscripts must be in final form for publication and that their books must be scholarly. But, in any case, the historians who receive the awards and all of us who pay honor to our worthy colleagues will express our gratitude to the men who made the choices. Through the years, the books to which the Association has given prizes have usually become "standard" works, points of departure in their fields.

One new prize will be offered in 1957. The Cornell University Press will make possible a biennial Association prize of \$1,500 (plus publication) for a book in American intellectual history, including biography. Appropriately, the award will be called the Moses Coit Tyler Prize.

Our Association committees cover many phases of the study of history. The Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government, this year enlarged by three additional historians of American diplomacy, will report separately to the Council and to the Business Meeting upon the State Department publications in the field of history. The general report of the chairman, Edward Younger, tells us that Volume I of our Annual Report, the 1955 Proceedings volume, is in press (the proof is on the desk of the Executive Secretary at this moment), that the Writings on American History for 1951 has been published, that the Writings volume for 1952 is in press, and that the volume for 1953 is in preparation. One other major accomplishment of this committee should be noted. In 1955, the committee, along with senior historians in governmental service and your Executive Secretary, asked the Federal Civil Service Commission, by letter and telephone, to reopen the Washington register for historians and again offer examinations. This has been done, we can happily announce.

Waldo Leland, speaking for the Committee on International Historical Activities as he has long and wisely done, reveals how far-flung are the international interests of American historians. One of the members of this committee, Arthur Whitaker, attended the meeting of the Bureau of the International Committee of Historical Sciences in Madrid. His report is to be found in the Review of October, 1956 (pp. 274-76). Our own committee has presented a critique of the 1955 Rome Congress to assist the Bureau in plans for future congresses. The next Congress of the International Committee will be held in Stockholm in 1960. Historians interested in preparing reports for this Congress are urged to send their suggestions to Donald McKay at Amherst, our representative on the Bureau. Our International Historical Activities Committee keeps us informed on the project for the History of the Americas, on the regular Anglo-American historical conferences held every summer, and upon all international activities which may profit American historians. There has been, for example, correspondence of interest between the Russian and American members of the Bureau concerning what form cooperation between Russian and American historians might take if such cooperation should be desired, and the committee has formulated tentative recommendations. Our committee also recommends that the United States act as host for the meeting of the Bureau in 1958.

The Committee on Documentary Reproduction, headed by Robert Eckles, submits its usual full report on microfilming done and in prospect. With the Library of Congress, the committee this year began and supervised reproduction of materials in Finland, Japan, and Italy, and next year selected documents of several other countries will be duplicated on film. The Harmsworth Committee, under Carl Wittke, compiled another panel of historians from which Oxford will choose one for its distinguished professorship in American history.

The Association sends representatives or delegates to the Social Science Research Council, the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Historical Publications Commission, and the National Council for Social Studies. For the first, the Social Science Research Council, our senior delegate, Roy Nichols, announces the appointment of a third (after those for Bulletins 54 and 64) Committee on Historiography, this one headed by Louis Gottschalk. The new SSRC committee will study the methodology of history as history rather than as a social science. The American Council of Learned Societies, Joseph Strayer tells us, has survived and preserved its committee structure. Its financial stringency was temporarily relieved, and there is hope that the Council, somewhat reorganized, will continue to foster humanistic studies in America. Julian Boyd, in describing the work of the National Historical Publications Commission, indicates that work upon the "Guide to Depositories of the Archives and Manuscripts" continues and that the volume ought to appear late in 1957. Some progress is being made, too, on the documentary histories of the Constitution and Bill of Rights and the First Federal Congress. As the newspapers have

announced, the papers of President Madison are being collected and will be published in a definitive and full edition. Nothing concrete, however, has been done to "fill the gap" in the Writings on American History for the years 1940-1947. From the National Council for Social Studies there is little new to bring you. The Council continues to be active and to publish Social Education, the magazine for high school teachers of history which the Association helped start several years ago. Our Association, through Fulmer Mood, has also been of some assistance to Ralph Shaw of Rutgers University, who is preparing a bibliographical work to cover publications during the years at the beginning of the nineteenth century not included in Evans, American Bibliography, and Roorbach, Bibliotheca Americana.

Of some interest to those seeking historical positions and those wishing to fill them is the Association's Job Register. During the two years of its active operation, about 600 individuals have registered and between 300 and 400 are on the rolls at present. The Register has been informed of more than 140 positions and, though we have no exact information, possibly thirty or more individuals have found positions through it. The Register needs more publicity than we have been able to give it--time and personnel are lacking. It has justified its existence, but it has not yet fulfilled our hopes for it. Last year at the Annual Meeting, 147 individuals registered and the Register learned of over fifty positions. We are trying last year's experiment again, and the Job Register will again be open at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis. One common offhand comment, "The best people do not register and the best institutions do not use it," has little evidence behind it. Good people are registered and all kinds of institutions from the "Ivy League" to obscure colleges have made use of the service.

Without systematic effort on our part, the membership of the Association slowly increases. It now has nearly 6,600 members, and the Review, with the separate Macmillan subscription lists, goes to about 8,300 individuals and institutions. The Treasurer of the Association, Solon J. Buck, reports that we are in a sound financial condition and that we have been able to buy, remodel, and furnish the building for our headquarters without undue strain and without touching our endowment.

May I express the Association's appreciation for Solon Buck's long service. For twenty years, while he has been a distinguished historian and archivist, he has also been our financial watchdog. We have never had a deficit. Solon Buck has served without pay, and he has toiled long and difficult hours, days, weeks. This Executive Secretary can testify both to his devotion to the Association and to his accuracy and his caution in financial matters. With Solon Buck, I have worked upon four budgets, four Treasurer's reports. Never simple, these budgets and reports have become more and more complicated as our activities have multiplied. Every year the Treasurer and the Executive Secretary breathe sighs of deep relief when the work on them is completed. If anyone wants a lesson in precision, let him work with Solon Buck.

Another member of the Association to whom I should like to pay tribute is Frank Maloy Anderson. Professor Anderson, whom we all know as a learned scholar and loyal friend, may be the oldest living member of the Association, having joined it in 1896. This year he will be, I believe, attending his fiftieth meeting.

The American Historical Review has become thicker and thicker (Volume LXI, 1,127 pages); one member has accused us of trying to rival the Manhattan telephone directory. We have, it is true, reached the Review's limitation in size, perhaps even exceeded it a bit. Our readers tell us that we should not review fewer books (517 this year, 533 last), that we should run more articles (twelve articles plus seven "Notes and Suggestions" this year compared to twelve articles plus six "Notes and Suggestions" last year), and that we might expand in this or that direction, but especially in the "Personal" section (which is now larger than ever). We cannot expand further, however, without more funds, more assistance in the editorial office. We have not only reached the maximum physical size for handling and mailing, we have perhaps exceeded the physical energies of a willing staff. We can only develop further in one direction--quality. Readers tell us that our reviews of books have grown more critical. This, I think, is true and desirable. They also tell us that they like the type of discussions represented by the essays of Zagorin and Gershoy on Becker in the October, 1956,

issue. We hope to continue these when the submitted articles lend themselves to similar discussion. Your Editor has heard from time to time that we publish mostly articles by young men hoping for promotion, few by "authorities" who have "arrived." It is true that the pages of the Review are open to young men as they are to every serious historian regardless of age. It is also true that during the last three years, at least, a sizable proportion of the authors, about a third, have been historians who would generally be acknowledged "authorities," that is, older scholars who have achieved recognition in the profession.

Once again for the Review, I plead for more lively, provocative, and interpretative articles than we receive at present. We received this year 157 essays for consideration, compared to 147 last year. Of these, but a handful attempted to formulate, and test with evidence, new and fertile hypotheses which might enrich our understanding of the past. In American history, may I particularly note, we saw too few top-notch studies and almost none which tried to interpret American history in the venturesome fashion of Tyler, Turner, and Beard. The bold new views that these giants have led us to expect of American historians seem strangely lacking, at least insofar as submitted articles indicate.

Again your Executive Secretary has done a bit of travel. He learned, for example, about the historians of Texas, that American empire of the Southwest, and he has been in Ithaca in the winter, in Durham on a beautiful fall day, and in Pittsburgh on the opening day of the baseball season without seeing the game. Every time he leaves headquarters, he is made aware of problems of teaching and research to be solved as well as the ways various departments are solving them, and he, with much profit to the Review, meets historians who are qualified to review books and who wish to submit articles. Travel, according to the cliché, broadens. I should rather say it deepens understanding, increases awareness of problems and possibilities. Of both of these I have been increasingly cognizant.

Is it time in our profession for an assessment of where we are and where we are going in these years of continual crisis? The volume of research in progress is truly astounding. What does it mean, where does it lead? The number of students mounts and will become enormous during the next few years. Are we prepared for them? I hope the Association will sponsor, perhaps with funds from a foundation, a much-needed study of possibilities in the profession. I would hope that this study might concentrate upon graduate school production, graduate school requirements including those of language, and dissertation standards and quality. But I would also hope the study might ask questions about the relation of present graduate education to liberal education, about the relation of teaching to research and publication, about needs in the publication field, about the possibilities for women in the profession, and about ways and means of making the profession more attractive to able young men and women.

You must not expect your headquarters staff to do this study. It should be done by a committee of highly qualified historians appointed by the Association. The headquarters staff (especially the Executive Secretary) is already pushed to the limits of its physical abilities. If the profession wishes the Association to expand its activities further, it will have to see to it that funds and staff are available. Your Executive Secretary and Editor has many times dreamed of the life of a teacher with time for research and writing. You should expect him to remain something of a scholar, but with his present seven-day week and twelve- to fourteen-hour day, he is exhausted before he can crawl to his own study to read a book or write a page. If the Association is to do more, to further enlarge its program, it will have to provide the means.

This is an age of change, of transition in the world and in historical study which is part of this world. Where are we going? Can we use our historical knowledge to help both our fellow citizens and ourselves? It is for us, for you and for me, to build and furnish the structure in which the historians of the next ten to twenty years may freely roam, teach their students, produce their studies. This is a time of transition, but if in large measure it is an age of destruction, it is also an age for construction.

In this construction, though some ideals are waning, those of scholarship must stand firm. In this period of easy negation, let us be the ones to affirm those rights to critical inquiry and humanistic study bequeathed us by historians and philosophers from Athens to Florence, Rotterdam, Paris, and London, by Herodotus and Socrates, Erasmus and Guicciardini, Voltaire and Hume--and I might add from our own America, by Jameson, Becker, and Ford.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Executive Secretary and Managing Editor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1955-56

The ordinary financial assets of the American Historical Association on August 31, 1956, amounted to \$697,226.45 (\$699,671.75 last year), and in addition foundation grants for special projects totalled \$130,607.16. The Association headquarters (real estate) was valued at \$36,908.62. The total assets therefore were \$864,742.23. Of the first sum, \$631,663.00 (\$651,834.00 last year) constitute the capital funds of the Association in the custody of the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York, which are managed by it under the direction of the Board of Trustees. Of this amount \$250,659.00 (\$253,369.00 last year) was credited to various special funds, leaving \$381,004.00 (\$398,465.00 last year) the income from which was unrestricted. The cash on hand in checking and savings accounts and the operating account amounted to \$189,994.61 (\$47,837.75 last year), of which sum \$154,344.26 (\$25,804.54 last year) was restricted, leaving \$35,650.35 (\$22,033.21 last year) available for general purposes. The total of unrestricted funds, including both capital and expendable sums, amounted to \$416,654.35 (\$420,498.21 last year); and that of restricted funds amounted to \$411,179.16 (\$279,173.54 last year). Securities in the special Matteson Fund portfolio amounted to \$94,539.00 instead of \$92,249.00 as of the year before. The changes in assets have resulted in part from exchanges of securities and changes in the market value of investments, in part from foundation grants for special projects, and in part from receipts in excess of expenditures.

The expendable funds of the Association are administered through a general account, four special accounts, and one operating account. 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 operating account is not administered by the Treasurer, but the funds for it are supplied by transfers from the general account, in which the grant from the Ford Foundation was deposited.

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 1954-55 are included for purposes of comparison. Statements for the special accounts and the operating account follow, and there are a number of summaries. The receipts of unrestricted funds exceeded ordinary disbursements by \$13,890.20. It should be noted, however, that the total of disbursements included that for the office building, which is less than the investments from unrestricted income during the last five years.

The Treasurer's accounts and the operating account 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. The report of the Fiduciary Trust Company, approved by A. W. Page, chairman of the Board of Trustees, is also on file and available for inspection in the Washington office.

SOLON J. BUCK, Treasurer.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Comparative Statement for 1954-55 and 1955-56 of Receipts
and Disbursements of Unrestricted Funds

Receipts:	1954-55	1955-56
Cash on hand Sept. 1.....	\$19,544.67	\$21,760.15
Annual dues.....	39,957.20	41,762.24
Registration fees.....	2,485.80	2,671.50
Interest.....	13,774.83	15,111.54
<u>American Historical Review</u>	10,396.01	10,556.23
Royalties.....	923.19	127.18
Advertising.....	3,953.38	3,960.54
Miscellaneous.....	19.65	* 866.13
Foundation grants (portions allocated to administration).....		500.00
	<u>\$91,054.73</u>	<u>\$97,315.51</u>
Disbursements:		
General administration.....	\$33,788.35	\$36,155.39
Council and committees.....	1,870.39	1,955.16
Annual meetings.....	1,843.41	2,292.97
Review--copies for members.....	19,326.40	19,880.00
A.C.L.S.--dues.....	200.00	200.00
Pacific Coast Branch.....	200.00	200.00
International Com. of Hist. Sciences.....	1,771.74	881.64
National Trust for Historic Preservation.....	100.00	100.00
Payment toward Adams prize of 1954.....	147.47	
Investments.....	<u>10,000.00</u>	
Total.....	\$69,247.76	\$61,665.16
Balance, Aug. 31.....	<u>21,806.97</u>	<u>35,650.35</u>
	\$91,054.73	\$97,315.51

*Includes fees received by the Executive Secretary and turned over by him to the Association.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 1955-56 of
Special Funds and Grants included in the General Account

	Receipts	Disbursements
Endowment Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$112.25	
Contributions.....	287.25	
Life membership dues.....	300.00	
Investments.....		\$699.50
	<u>\$699.50</u>	<u>\$699.50</u>
Andrew D. White Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$120.34	
Interest.....	42.00	
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		<u>\$162.34</u>
	<u>\$162.34</u>	<u>\$162.34</u>
George Louis Beer Prize Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$374.25	
Interest.....	294.00	
Prize of 1955.....		\$200.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		<u>468.25</u>
	<u>\$668.25</u>	<u>\$668.25</u>
John H. Dunning Prize Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$265.79	
Interest.....	73.50	
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		<u>\$339.29</u>
	<u>\$339.29</u>	<u>\$339.29</u>
Robert L. Schuyler Prize Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$500.00	
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		<u>\$500.00</u>
	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

GENERAL ACCOUNT--Continued

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 1955-56 of
Special Funds and Grants included in the General Account--Continued

	Receipts	Disbursements
J. Franklin Jameson Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$902.58	
Interest.....	154.70	
From sales of "List of Doctoral Dissertations".....	287.05	
Contribution for Jameson Memorial.....	784.50	
Work on Jameson Memorial.....		\$239.79
Expense on account of "List of Doctoral Dissertations".....		601.98
Jameson Memorial.....		475.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		812.06
	<u>\$2,128.83</u>	<u>\$2,128.83</u>
David M. Matteson Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$5,035.54	
Interest.....	3,793.58	
Preparation of indexes and bibliographical lists.....		\$2,722.56
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		6,106.56
	<u>\$8,829.12</u>	<u>\$8,829.12</u>
Job Register Fund*		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$273.06	
Annual dues.....	595.00	
Office expense.....		\$549.20
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		318.86
	<u>\$868.06</u>	<u>\$868.06</u>
Housing Fund:		
Investment withdrawn from the Fiduciary Trust Company.....	\$50,000.00	
Real Estate (400 A St., S.E., Washington, D.C.).....		\$36,908.62
Insurance and miscellaneous.....		337.30
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		12,754.08
	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
Bibliographies of British History:		
Ford Foundation grant.....	\$42,000.00	
Meeting expense.....		\$9.24
Office expense.....		100.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		41,890.76
	<u>\$42,000.00</u>	<u>\$42,000.00</u>
Service Center for Teachers of History:		
Ford Foundation grant.....	\$32,800.00	
Meeting expense.....		\$1,006.75
Travel.....		390.05
Salaries.....		1,983.32
Moving expense.....		500.00
Petty cash fund.....		50.00
Office expense.....		300.44
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		28,569.44
	<u>\$32,800.00</u>	<u>\$32,800.00</u>
American Committee for the Study of War Documents:		
Ford Foundation grant.....	\$69,000.00	
Office expense.....		\$248.76
Committee meetings expenses.....		416.13
Microfilming		
Whaddon Hall, England	\$2,002.65	
National Archives, D.C.	5,000.00	
Transfer, June 4, 1956, to the Chase Manhattan Bank, New York for the Committee.....		7,002.65
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		15,750.00
	<u>\$69,000.00</u>	<u>\$69,000.00</u>
Special Accounts:		
Interest.....	\$5,031.25	
Transfers.....		\$5,031.25
	<u>\$5,031.25</u>	<u>\$5,031.25</u>

*Previously reported as "Placement service" under "unrestricted funds."

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

GENERAL ACCOUNT--Continued

Summary Statement for 1955-56 of Receipts and Disbursements
of Funds in the General Account

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955:			
Unrestricted funds.....	\$21,760.15		
Special funds and grants.....	<u>7,583.81</u>	\$29,343.96	
Income:			
Unrestricted funds.....	\$97,315.51		
Special funds and grants.....	<u>185,182.68</u>	282,498.19	
Expenditures and transfers:			
Unrestricted funds.....	\$61,665.16		
Special funds and grants.....	<u>77,022.54</u>		\$138,687.70
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956:			
Unrestricted funds.....			35,650.35
Special funds and grants.....			<u>137,504.10</u>
Total.....		\$311,842.15	\$311,842.15
Interest received and transferred to special accounts.....		<u>5,031.25</u>	<u>5,031.25</u>
Grand total, general account.....		<u>\$316,873.40</u>	<u>\$316,873.40</u>

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Statement for 1955-56 of Receipts and Disbursements

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Carnegie Revolving Fund for Publications:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$3,701.63	
Interest (from savings account).....	32.53	
Royalties.....	1,875.09	
Publication expenses.....		\$3,359.11
Committee expenses.....		222.92
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		<u>2,027.22</u>
	<u>\$5,609.25</u>	<u>\$5,609.25</u>
Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$8,827.35	
Interest (from investments and savings account).....	3,886.53	
Royalties.....	4,067.54	
Investment withdrawn.....	5,000.00	
Editorial and publication expenses.....		\$12,353.08
Committee expenses.....		924.83
Albert J. Beveridge award.....		1,000.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		<u>7,503.51</u>
	<u>\$21,781.42</u>	<u>\$21,781.42</u>
Littleton-Griswold Fund:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$5,964.81	
Interest (from investments and savings account).....	1,358.93	
Sales of publications.....	195.00	
Editorial and publication expenses.....		\$18.40
Committee expenses.....		190.91
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		<u>7,309.43</u>
	<u>\$7,518.74</u>	<u>\$7,518.74</u>
Summary of Special Accounts:		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$18,493.79	
Income including transfers.....	<u>16,415.62</u>	
Expenditures.....		\$18,069.25
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		<u>16,840.16</u>
	<u>\$34,909.41</u>	<u>\$34,909.41</u>

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GENERAL SUMMARY

Summary Statement for 1955-56 of Funds in the General Account and the Special Accounts

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955:			
General account.....	\$29,343.96		
Special accounts.....	<u>18,493.79</u>	\$47,837.75	
Income:			
General account.....	\$282,498.19		
Special accounts.....	<u>16,415.62</u>	298,913.81	
Expenditures and transfers:			
General account.....	\$138,687.70		
Special accounts.....	<u>18,069.25</u>		\$156,756.95
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956:			
General account.....	\$173,154.45		
Special accounts.....	<u>16,840.16</u>		<u>189,994.61</u>
Totals.....		<u>\$346,751.56</u>	<u>\$346,751.56</u>

OPERATING ACCOUNT

Statement for 1955-56 of Receipts and Disbursements of Account Not Handled by the Treasurer

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
American Committee for the Study of War Documents		
Transferred from general account.....	\$15,750.00	
Alexandria project (for selection of materials to be photographed).....		\$1,642.58
Whaddon Hall project (selection of materials and microfilming).....		4,775.35
Guide project (to prepare guide to material).....		30.20
Administrative expenses.....		3,125.87
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		<u>6,176.00</u>
	<u>\$15,750.00</u>	<u>\$15,750.00</u>

FINANCIAL ASSETS

Securities as appraised Aug. 31, 1956.....		\$631,663.00
Credited to--		
Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund.....	\$105,000.00	
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.....	<u>4,420.00</u>	156,120.00
David M. Matteson Fund (special portfolio).....		<u>94,539.00</u>
Unrestricted.....		<u>\$381,004.00</u>
Cash in checking and savings accounts.....		\$196,170.61
Credited to--		
Special accounts.....	\$16,840.16	
Special funds and grants.....	137,504.10	
Operating account.....	<u>6,176.00</u>	150,520.26
Unrestricted.....		<u>\$35,650.35</u>
Real Estate (400 A St., S.E., Washington, D.C., as appraised).....		<u>\$36,908.62</u>

SUMMARY

Unrestricted funds:		
Securities.....	\$381,004.00	
Cash in custody of the Treasurer.....	<u>35,650.35</u>	\$416,654.35
Real Estate.....		36,908.62
Restricted funds		
Securities.....	\$250,659.00	
Cash in custody of the Treasurer.....	154,344.26	
Cash in operating account.....	<u>6,176.00</u>	<u>411,179.26</u>
Total.....		<u>\$864,742.23</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
Washington, D. C.

October 30, 1956.

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, 1955, to August 31, 1956. 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 considered 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, 1956, 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, 1955.....	\$47,837.75	\$22,033.21	\$7,310.75	\$18,493.79
Receipts.....	298,413.81	125,650.36	156,347.83	16,415.62
Disbursements.....	\$346,251.56	\$147,683.57	\$163,658.58	\$34,909.41
	156,256.95	98,960.28	39,227.42	18,069.25
Cash balance, August 31, 1956.....	\$189,994.61	\$48,723.29	\$124,431.16	\$16,840.16

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 \$189,994.61, at August 31, 1956, was reconciled with amounts reported directly to us by the bank.

A summary of the various cash accounts is as follows:

General Account and Special Funds and Grants:

Checking account--general.....	\$172,066.54	
Savings account--general.....	1,087.91	\$173,154.45

Special Accounts:

Savings account # 5	\$ 7,503.51	
Savings account # 6	7,309.43	
Savings account # 8	2,027.22	16,840.16

Total..... \$189,994.61

INVESTMENTS

Statements of cash and investment transactions by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York for your account from September 1, 1955 to August 31, 1956, are shown on Schedules 1 and 2.*

Securities held by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York as of August 31, 1956, 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, 1956, in the regular account was \$536,482.97, and in the Matteson Fund, \$94,566.25.

The accompanying exhibits and schedules relative to the investments held by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York as of August 31, 1956, 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, 1956, 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 \$79,473.20, as shown on Schedule 1.

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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>
1958.....	\$ 25.76
1957.....	26,866.36
1956.....	14,674.27
Prior Years	195.85
 Total.....	 \$ 41,762.24

A comparison of annual dues received by the Association in the current year in the amount of \$41,762.24, and of \$39,957.20 in the preceding year, shows an increase of \$1,805.04. The largest portion of this increase, \$1,330.31, is reflected in collections for current dues.

During the year under review, the Association purchased a building located at 400 "A" Street, S. E., Washington, D. C., together with the land known as lot 23, square 817. The costs pertaining thereto are shown in detail on Exhibit A under "Housing Expense."*

F. W. LAFRENTZ & CO.
Certified Public Accountants

*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.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 1, 1956.

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, 1956.

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

REGULAR SECTION				
	Approximate		Estimated annual income	
	Price	Value	Rate	Amount
Bonds:				
12,000. U. S. A. Treasury Notes C-1957 2% 8/15/57.....	\$99.00	\$11,880.00		\$240.00
20,000. Canadian Pacific Ry. Cv. Coll. Tr. 3 1/2% 10/1/66..	106.00	21,200.00		700.00
10,000. Virginian Ry. 1st Lien & Ref. B 3% 5/1/95.....	89.00	8,900.00		300.00
20,000. Aluminum Co. of America Deb. 3 1/8% 2/1/64.....	98.00	19,600.00		625.00
10,000. Dow Chemical Cv. Deb. 3% 7/1/82.....	166.00	16,600.00		300.00
11,000. Standard Oil of Indiana Cv. Deb. 3 1/8% 10/1/82....	138.00	15,180.00		344.00
10,000. Commercial Credit Notes 3 1/4% 6/15/61.....	96.00	9,800.00		325.00
Total bonds.....		103,160.00		\$2,834.00
Preferred stocks:				
100 Cons. Edison of New York \$5 Pfd. no par.....	106.00	10,600.00	5.00	500.00
100 E. I. Du Pont De Nemours \$4.50 Pfd. no par.....	114.00	11,400.00	4.50	450.00
70 U. S. Rubber 8% N-CM 1st Pfd. \$100 par.....	158.00	11,060.00	8.00	560.00
100 U. S. Steel 7% Pfd. \$100 par.....	150.00	15,000.00	7.00	700.00
200 Marine Midland 4% Cv. Pfd. \$50 par.....	54.00	10,800.00	2.00	400.00
Total preferred stocks.....		58,860.00		2,610.00
Common stocks:				
120 Insurance Co. of North America \$5 par.....	95.00	11,400.00	2.50	300.00
544 Cincinnati Gas & Electric \$8.50 par.....	28.00	15,232.00	1.20	653.00
19 20ths Cincinnati Gas & El Order Form void 9/28/56.....	1.40	26.00		
480 Cleveland Electric Illuminating \$15 par.....	40.00	19,200.00	1.60	768.00
400 Texas Utilities no par.....	40.00	16,000.00	1.28	512.00
280 El Paso Natural Gas \$3 par.....	56.00	15,680.00	2.00	560.00
400 Oklahoma Natural Gas \$7.50 par.....	28.00	11,200.00	1.40	560.00
400 United Gas \$10 par.....	33.00	13,200.00	1.50	600.00
211 Eastman Kodak \$10 par.....	94.00	19,834.00	2.40	506.00
300 American Can \$12.50 par.....	44.00	13,200.00	2.00	600.00
50 J. C. Penney no par.....	90.00	4,500.00	3.95	198.00
200 American Cyanamid \$10 par.....	71.00	14,200.00	3.00	600.00
200 E. I. Du Pont De Nemours \$5 par.....	205.00	41,000.00	7.00	1,400.00
300 Hooker Electrochemical \$5 par.....	45.00	13,500.00	1.00	300.00
200 Union Carbide & Carbon no par.....	120.00	24,000.00	3.00	600.00
200 Continental Oil \$5 par.....	123.00	24,600.00	3.00	600.00
114 Standard Oil of Indiana \$25 par.....	60.00	6,840.00	1.40	160.00
600 Standard Oil of New Jersey \$7 par.....	56.00	33,600.00	2.00	1,200.00
600 General Electric \$5 par.....	61.00	36,600.00	2.00	1,200.00
250 Westinghouse Electric \$12.50 par.....	57.00	14,250.00	2.00	500.00
180 Ingersoll Rand no par.....	75.00	13,500.00	3.00	540.00
100 Kennecott Copper no par.....	133.00	13,300.00	7.75	775.00
Total common stocks.....		374,862.00		13,132.00
Securities value.....		536,882.00		
Principal cash.....		242.00		
Total account.....		537,124.00		
Estimated annual income.....				18,576.00

Statement of Transactions During the Period from September 1, 1955 through August 31, 1956

Date	PURCHASES		Price	Principal
	PURCHASES			
	NONE			
	SALES			
4/20/56.....	\$ 5,000.	U.S.A. Treasury notes, C-1957, 2% due 8/15/57.....	98 20/32 Net	\$4,931.25
6/15/56.....	3,000.	U.S.A. Treasury notes, C-1957, 2% due 8/15/57.....	99 7/32 Net	2,976.56
6/15/56.....	22,000.	General Motor Acceptance Corp. Deb., 4% due 7/1/58.....	101	22,181.04
6/15/56.....	3,000.	General Motor Acceptance Corp. Deb., 4% due 7/1/58.....	101 1/8	3,028.43
6/15/56.....	200 Shs.	Middle South Utilities, Inc.....	28 3/4	5,681.92
6/15/56.....	100 Shs.	Middle South Utilities, Inc.....	28 7/8	2,853.40
6/15/56.....	200 Shs.	Northern Natural Gas Co.....	42 3/4	8,467.86
6/15/56.....	100 Shs.	Phelps Dodge Corp.....	62 3/8	6,191.35
7/25/56.....	56 Wts.	Rare Metals of America, void 8/1/56.....	40 Cents Net	22.40
	Total Sales.....			\$56,334.21

REGULAR SECTION--Continued

<u>SECURITIES DISTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED</u>	
10/31/55.....	200 Shs. (Additional) Texas Utilities Co., common, no par to effect a 2-for-1 split on 200 shs. common, no par, to holders of record 10/14/56.
3/21/56.....	600 Shs. Standard Oil Co. of N.J., common, \$7 par, received for 200 shs., common, \$15 par, to effect a 3-for-1 split, to holders of record 2/10/56.
5/21/56.....	20 Shs. Insurance Co. of North America, common, \$5 par, representing a 20% stock dividend on 100 shs. common, \$5 par, to holders of record 4/13/56.
8/15/56.....	25 19/20 Shs. Cincinnati Gas & Electric Co., common, \$8.50 par, representing a 5% stock dividend on 519 shs. common, \$8.50 par, to holders of record 7/16/56.
<u>SECURITIES RECEIVED BY EXCHANGE</u>	
2/17/56.....	114 Shs. Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, common, \$25 par, plus \$47.60 cash received in exchange for \$5,000 Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, cv. deb., 3 1/8%, due 10/1/82.
8/30/56.....	200 Shs. American Cyanamid, common, \$10 par, received in exchange for 100 shs. American Cyanamid, 3 3/4% cv. pfd., "C", \$100 par.
<u>WARRANTS RECEIVED AND SOLD</u>	
7/20/56.....	56 Wts. Rare Metals Corp. of America received on 280 shs. El Paso Natural Gas Co., common, \$3 par, warrants to Subscribe to 56 shs. Rare Metals Corp. of America, Capital, \$1 par, @ \$5 per share to holder of record 7/16/56, void 8/1/56. Sold 7/25/56.

MATTESON FUND

VALUE OF ORIGINAL AND PRESENT HOLDINGS

Original Value.....	\$73,501.00
Present Value.....	94,539.00
Estimated Annual Income.....	3,870.00
Return on Current Market Value.....	4.1%
Return on Original Value.....	5.3%
Bond premiums are amortized	

	Approximate		Estimated annual income	
	Price	Value	Rate	Amount
Bonds:				
6,000. USA Treasury Notes C-1957 2% 8/15/57.....	\$99.	\$5,940.	.....	\$120.
5,000. Union Pacific RR deb 2 7/8% 2/1/76.....	97.	4,850.	.....	144.
3,000. American Tel & Tel Cv deb 3 7/8% 10/13/67.....	133.	3,990.	.....	116.
5,000. Standard Oil N J deb 2 3/4% 7/15/74.....	92.	4,600.	.....	138.
Total bonds.....	.....	19,380.	.....	518.
Common Stocks:				
240 American Telephone & Telegraph \$100 par.....	183.	43,920.	9.00	2,160.
90 J C Penney no par.....	90.	8,100.	3.95	356.
318 Standard Oil of New Jersey \$7 par.....	56.	17,808.	2.00	636.
100 Westinghouse Electric \$12.50 par.....	57.	5,700.	2.00	200.
Total common stocks.....	.....	75,528.	.....	3,352.
Securities value.....	.....	94,908.	.....	.....
Principal cash overinvested.....	.....	369.	.....	.....
Total account.....	.....	94,539.	.....	.....
Estimated annual income.....	.....	.....	.....	3,870.

STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS DURING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1955 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 1956

Date	SECURITIES SUBSCRIPTION	Price	Principal
10/13/55.....	\$3,000. American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Cv. deb., 3 7/8% due 10/13/67.....	100	\$3,000.00
	<u>PURCHASES</u>		
	NONE		
	<u>SALES</u>		
	NONE		
	<u>SECURITIES DISTRIBUTION RECEIVED</u>		
3/21/56.....	318 Shs. Standard Oil Co. of N. J., common, \$7 par, received for 106 shs., common \$15 par to effect a 3-for-1 split, to holders of record 2/10/56		
	<u>RIGHTS RECEIVED AND EXERCISED</u>		
9/6/55.....	240 Rts. American Telephone & Telegraph Co., rights to subscribe to \$3,000. American Telephone & Telegraph Co., cv. deb., 3 7/8% due 10/13/67 @ \$100., to holders of record 8/25/55. Void 10/13/55. Exercised 10/13/55.		

The holdings of the American Historical Association as of August 31, 1956, compare with its holdings of August 31, 1955, as follows:

	Value of principal	Income		Value of principal	Income
REGULAR SECTION			MATTESSON FUND		
Aug. 31, 1955.....	\$559,585.00	\$19,529	Aug. 31, 1955.....	\$92,249.00	\$3,657
Aug. 31, 1956.....	537,124.00	18,576	Aug. 31, 1956.....	94,539.00	3,870

As will be noted from the foregoing figures, the market value of the securities held in the Regular Section for the Association decreased (owing to withdrawal of funds for purchase of real estate and office equipment) from a total of \$559,585.00 on August 31, 1955, to \$537,124.00 on August 31, 1956. The income basis, as figured as of the same two dates, decreased from \$19,529 to \$18,576. During the year, changes in securities for the Matteson Fund increased that fund from \$92,249.00 to \$94,539.00. The income was \$3,870 as against \$3,657 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 \$215.76 for the Regular Section and \$8.78 for the Matteson Fund.

Charges made by the Fiduciary Trust Co. for management of securities as well as brokerage charges on purchase and sales amounted to \$2,472.00 for the Regular Section and \$408 for the Matteson Fund. The Board of Trustees incurred no other expenses.

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

DRAFT BUDGETS, 1956-57, 1957-58

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

(Submitted to the Finance Committee and the Council, December, 1956)

	Actual income and expenditure 1955/56	Original budget 1956/57	Proposed revised budget 1956/57	Proposed tentative budget 1957/58
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Annual dues.....	\$41,762.24	\$40,000	\$42,000	\$42,000
Registration fees.....	2,671.50	2,000	2,200	2,700
Interest.....	15,111.54	13,500	13,250	13,250
Royalties.....	127.18	50	100	100
<u>American Historical Review:</u>				
Macmillan, editorial expense.....	2,400.00	2,400	2,400	2,400
Share of receipts.....	8,156.23	7,500	8,000	8,000
Advertising and exhibit space (annual meeting).....	3,960.54	3,300	4,000	4,000
Job register.....	595.00	500		
Publications and miscellaneous.....	866.13	25	300	300
Transfers from special funds and grants for administration of, services to, and hous- ing of special grant projects.....	500.00		5,850	5,600
	\$76,150.36	\$69,275	\$78,100	\$78,350
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
<u>General Administration</u>				
Salary, Exec. Sec. & Editor.....	\$12,000.00	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Salary, Bookkeeper.....	5,092.52	4,500	3,900	4,100
Annuity, Miss Washington.....			480	480
Salary, Asst. Editor.....	5,500.00	5,750	5,400	5,400
Salary, Editorial Asst.....	3,295.16	3,250	3,300	3,450
Salary, Sec. to Exec. Sec.....	3,720.02	3,600	3,500	3,650
Salary, Clerical Asst.....			599	825
Royalties to authors of vols. in Rept. of Committee on the Soc. Studies.....	9.37			
Bonding Bookkeeping.....	25.00	25	25	25
Auditing.....	300.00	250	300	300
Travel.....	768.82	750	750	750
Housing-operating expenses: gas, water, moving, trash, electricity, taxes, re- pairs, insurance, replacements, and additional equipment, janitorial ser- vice and supplies, etc.			2,345	2,625
Office expense: stationery, supplies, printing, postage, telephone and tele- graph.....	2,562.39	3,000	3,000	3,000
Notes contributed to the Review.....	661.00	800	750	750
Annuity for Executive Secretary.....	516.00	666	666	666
Social Security for office staff.....	408.29	378	450	450
Contingent and miscellaneous.....	1,296.82	1,000	1,500	1,500
Legal counsel.....			100	100
	\$36,155.39	\$38,969	\$41,965	\$43,071
Payments to the Macmillan Co. for copies of the Review supplied to members.....	\$19,880.00	\$19,500	\$20,500	\$21,000
<u>Historical Activities</u>				
Pacific Coast Branch.....	\$ 200.00	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Council and Committees.....	1,955.16	3,250	3,250	3,250
<u>Annual Meetings</u>				
Program (printing and mailing).....	1,644.13	1,700	1,800	1,800
<u>Program committees</u>				
1955.....	48.84			
1956.....	75.00	50	50	
1957.....		75	75	50
1958.....				75
Local arrangement committees.....	400.00	200	500	500
Ballot (printing).....	125.00	125	135	135
Dues in ACHS.....	200.00	200	200	200
International Committee of Historical Sciences (Membership, Bibliography, & expenses of delegates to international meetings).....	881.64	850	2,250	275
National Trust for Historic Preservation	100.00	100	100	100
Herbert Baxter Adams prize.....		200	225	
Robert L. Schuyler prize.....			84	
	\$5,629.77	\$7,050	\$8,469	\$6,385
Investments, unrestricted funds.....		\$10,000	\$10,000	

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

DRAFT BUDGETS, 1956-57, 1957-58--Continued

Summary of Disbursements

	Actual income and expenditure 1955/56	Original budget 1956/57	Proposed revised budget 1956/57	Proposed tentative budget 1957/58
<u>SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
General Administration.....	\$36,155.39	\$38,969	\$41,965	\$43,071
Macmillan Co. for copies of <i>Review</i> to members.....	19,880.00	19,500	20,500	21,000
Historical Activities.....	5,629.77	7,050	8,469	6,385
Investments.....		10,000	10,000	
	<u>\$61,665.16</u>	<u>\$75,519</u>	<u>\$80,934</u>	<u>\$70,456</u>

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

Balance Sheet, 1956-58, estimated and computed

Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1956 (actual).....	\$ 35,650.35
Receipts, 1956/57 (estimated).....	<u>78,100.00</u>
Total available, 1956/57 (computed).....	113,750.35
Expenditures, 1956/57 (estimated).....	<u>80,934.00</u>
Balance, Sept. 1, 1957 (computed).....	32,816.35
Receipts, 1957/58 (estimated).....	<u>78,350.00</u>
Total available, 1957/58 (computed).....	111,166.35
Expenditures, 1957/58 (estimated).....	<u>70,456.00</u>
Balance, Sept. 1, 1958 (computed).....	<u>\$40,710.35</u>

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

December 17, 1956

I. GENERAL

Total Membership:			
Individuals - Honorary.....	14		
Life.....	* 379		
Annual.....	5,729		
Institutions - 25-year.....	3		
Annual.....	<u>452</u>		6,577
Total paid membership, including life members.....			6,140
Delinquent.....			<u>437</u>
Loss:			
Deaths: Honorary.....	1		
Life.....	20		
Annual.....	<u>19</u>	40	
Resignations.....		60	
Dropped.....		<u>439</u>	539
Gain:			
Honorary.....	1		
Life.....	3		
Annual.....	<u>696</u>	700	
Former members re-entered.....		<u>43</u>	743
Net gain.....			267
Membership, December 17, 1955.....			6,310
New members and renewals.....		806	
Losses.....		<u>539</u>	
Net gain.....			<u>267</u>
			6,577

*During the year 20 life members have been lost; 3 life members have been added, and of these 2 are new and 1 is an annual member who has taken out life membership.

II. BY REGIONS

New England: Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.....	741
North Atlantic: N.Y., N.J., Pa., Del., Md., D.C.....	2,063
South Atlantic: Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla.....	512
North Central: Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis.....	1,170
South Central: Ala., Miss., Tenn., Ky., W.Va.....	243
West Central: Minn., Iowa, Mo., Ark., La., N.Dak., S.Dak., Nebr., Kans., Okla., Tex.....	706
Pacific Coast Branch: Mont., Wyo., Colo., N.Mex., Idaho, Utah, Nev., Ariz., Wash., Calif., Hawaii, Western Canada.....	817
Territories and dependencies: Puerto Rico, Alaska, Canal Zone, Virgin Islands.....	14
Other countries.....	<u>134</u>
Total membership.....	6,577

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE DECEMBER 15, 1955

Honorary member:	Date of Death
Vicente Lecuna, Caracas, Venezuela	Feb. 20, 1954

Life members:

Hiram Bingham, Washington, D.C.	May 30, 1956
Frederick S. Crofts, Stamford, Conn.	Sept. 16, 1951
Earle Wilbur Dow, Ann Arbor, Mich.	1956
Edgar H. Evans, Indianapolis, Ind.	1954
James T. Grady, Winstead, Conn.	Nov. 18, 1954
Norman Scott Brien Bras, Boston, Mass.	1956
Norman Dwight Harris, Evanston, Ill.	1956
Cheesman A. Herrick, Philadelphia, Pa.	1956
F. W. Lafrentz, New York, N.Y.	1956
Edward G. Miner, Rochester, N.Y.	Oct., 1955
Mrs. William Moore, Prides Crossing, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1956
Conrad Albin Peterson, St. Peter, Minn.	July 20, 1956
E. Parmalee Prentice, New York, N.Y.	1956
Francis W. Rubke, San Francisco, Calif.	1956

Annual members:

Arthur Scott Alton, Ann Arbor, Mich.	Dec. 29, 1955
James Morton Callahan, Morgantown, W.Va.	May 16, 1956

Membership Statistics, December 17, 1956--Continued

III. BY STATES

	Total membership	New members and renewals		Total membership	New members and renewals
Alabama.....	53	8	Nebraska.....	41	9
Alaska.....	5	2	Nevada.....	4	...
Arizona.....	21	4	New Hampshire.....	31	...
Arkansas.....	21	7	New Jersey.....	222	31
California.....	478	67	New Mexico.....	26	3
Canal Zone.....	1	...	New York.....	1,052	127
Colorado.....	52	8	North Carolina.....	117	8
Connecticut.....	165	16	North Dakota.....	11	1
Delaware.....	21	2	Ohio.....	269	30
District of Columbia...	296	47	Oklahoma.....	48	13
Florida.....	96	5	Oregon.....	48	6
Georgia.....	62	4	Pennsylvania.....	404	42
Hawaii.....	12	1	Puerto Rico.....	7	2
Idaho.....	10	...	Rhode Island.....	41	4
Illinois.....	354	40	South Carolina.....	42	3
Indiana.....	184	16	South Dakota.....	16	2
Iowa.....	83	6	Tennessee.....	71	7
Kansas.....	68	2	Texas.....	155	40
Kentucky.....	61	7	Utah.....	9	...
Louisiana.....	42	2	Vermont.....	25	1
Maine.....	34	4	Virgin Islands.....	1	...
Maryland.....	245	19	Virginia.....	235	25
Massachusetts.....	445	27	Washington.....	76	9
Michigan.....	241	22	West Virginia.....	33	4
Minnesota.....	119	8	Wisconsin.....	122	8
Mississippi.....	25	2	Wyoming.....	7	1
Missouri.....	102	19	Canada.....	63	4
Montana.....	11	...	Other countries.....	134	18
				* 6,577	712

* This includes new members and renewals.

DEATHS REPORTED SINCE DECEMBER 15, 1855--Continued

<u>Annual members:</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
William Garnett Chisolm, Leesburg, Va.	Dec. 16, 1955
George J. B. Fisher, Ft. Myers, Fla.	Jan. 11, 1956
Percy Stanley Fritz, Boulder, Colo.	Jan. 24, 1956
Capt. John A. Gade, New York, N.Y.	Aug. 16, 1955
James L. Harvey, Eugene, Ore.	Sept. 5, 1956
Daniel MacIngyre Henderson, Hampton, N.J.	Nov. 3, 1955
Robert Joseph Kerner, Berkeley, Calif.	Nov. 30, 1956
Robert McClurkin, Kensington, Md.	May 6, 1956
Walter E. Myer, Washington, D.C.	Oct., 1955
William Starr Myers, Princeton, N.J.	Jan. 29, 1956
Frank Lawrence Owsley, University, Ala.	Oct. 21, 1956
Cornell Burnham Rogers, Wicasset, Me.	July, 1956
George Sarton, Cambridge, Mass.	Mar. 22, 1956
Henry Noble Sherwood, Louisville, Ky.	Feb., 1956
Maynard John Silseth, Seguin, Tex.	1956
Francis H. Squire, Newark, Del.	Apr. 26, 1956
(The report of the passing of W. E. B. Dubois, noted in <u>Proceedings</u> , 1955, p. 25, was erroneous.)	

COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 1956

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The following list represents the results of votes received from the membership through December 15 for candidates whose names appeared on the ballot: President--William L. Langer; Vice-President--Walter Prescott Webb; Treasurer--Solon J. Buck; Members of the Nominating Committee--Crane Brinton and Stanley Pargellis for full terms, James B. Hedges to complete the unexpired term of Walter P. Webb.

December 21, 1957

WILLIAM BINKLEY, Chairman

THE COMMITTEE ON THE HERBERT BAXTER ADAMS PRIZE

The unanimous choice of the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize Committee for 1956 is The Politics of the Prussian Army, 1640-1945, by Gordon A. Craig of Princeton University, published by Oxford University Press.

The committee through its chairman sent notices to all important college and university presses and to the chairmen of history departments in sixty or seventy schools having fairly large graduate enrollments in history. All of the commercial publishers listed in Books in Print received similar announcements.

The chairman can report that sixty-four of the sixty-six volumes specifically noted as entered for the prize were received. This flood of material is the result of extending the scope of the competition to cover European history in general as well as of a more intensive continuance of the work begun by Dr. Lowell J. Ragatz between 1952 and 1954 in circularizing publishers, presses, and graduate schools. Approximately one third of the total received were textbooks, biographies, or "popular" treatments, definitely outside the scope of the competition.

As chairman of the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize Committee, 1954-56, the following suggestions are made for the consideration of the next chairman of the committee:

Of the total works submitted, one was in typewritten manuscript with no guarantee of future publication; another, a massive performance of 1,269 typed pages, is on a publisher's tentative publication list for the spring of 1957. It is recommended that the competition be limited to volumes in print, or for which page proof can be sent to the members of the committee along with the assurance that the work, should it win the prize, would be printed, bound, published, and available by the December meeting of the American Historical Association. Enough good volumes are appearing

each biennium to warrant such a change, and it is valuable and important to the author, the publisher, and the historical profession that the prize-winning volume should be available for inspection at the annual meeting.

The notice concerning the material to be submitted should be rewritten so that textbooks, "popular biographies," and "popular" treatments are specifically excluded. This time a number of such titles were submitted. They not only cause expense to the publisher, and bring anxiety to the author, but also clutter up the desks of the committee members.

Further, the rewritten notice might include a suggestion that an author wishing to have his work considered, should, in most instances, ask the publisher to send copies to the committee members. In one instance, the chairman himself received five copies from both author and publisher.

Last, the chairman of the committee might be given a small allowance for postage and correspondence. There may be occasions when some chairmen will find it necessary to ask the Association for help in this matter.

November 5, 1956.

FRANCIS J. BOWMAN, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE GEORGE LOUIS BEER PRIZE

The George Louis Beer Prize Committee unanimously recommends that the prize be awarded to Henry Cord Meyer of Pomona College, for his book, Mitteleuropa in German Thought and Action, 1815-1945, published by Martinus Nijhoff, 1956. In three years of service on the committee, the chairman has never seen such positive agreement on the prize-winning title. Because of the considerable difference of opinion and of the lack of enthusiasm for any of the other entries, however, the committee decided to specify no book for honorable mention.

The committee is composed of Joseph J. Mathews, Emory University; H. Stuart Hughes, Stanford University; and the chairman. Early in the year, forty publishers were invited to submit entries for the prize. Fourteen publishers submitted eighteen volumes. Of these, a large majority did not conform even to a generous interpretation of the terms of the prize. This, of course, is not to dismiss their general excellence.

October 10, 1956.

CHARLES F. MULLETT, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE AWARD

The members of the Committee on the Albert J. Beveridge Award for 1956 were Ralph W. Hidy, New York University, chairman; John Hope Franklin, Brooklyn College; Arthur S. Link, Northwestern University; Walter V. Scholes, University of Missouri; and Frederick B. Tolles, Swarthmore College. All members were active, interested in the assignment, and performed their work well.

Everything considered, the response to the announcement of the award was excellent. In addition to announcements in the American Historical Review, the usual information with application forms was sent to the heads of the history departments of more than 125 degree-granting institutions in the United States and Canada. Inquiries were received from fourteen potential applicants who did not send in the forms after they received them. Thirteen duly accredited applications were received. Of that number, at least seven ranked high enough to be seriously considered by one or more members of the committee for the award or honorable mention.

The award was made to Paul W. Schroeder for his manuscript entitled The Axis Alliance and Japanese-American Relations, 1941. Arthur S. Link has volunteered to do any necessary editing.

Honorable mention went to Clark C. Spence for his manuscript, British Investment and the American Mining Frontier, 1860-1901. Ernest Osgood of the University of Minnesota has agreed to make editorial suggestions.

An idea brought up by members of the committee merits consideration. They suggest that in some way the committee might well become a clearing house for manuscripts falling within the scope of the committee, even if some manuscripts in question were not submitted for the competition.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Association for four years as a member of the Albert J. Beveridge Award Committee, one year as chairman. Many worthwhile manuscripts have come to my attention during the period and I shall miss seeing the work of aspiring young scholars.

October 29, 1956.

RALPH W. HIDY, Chairman.

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE AWARD

Statement of receipts and disbursements, Sept. 1, 1955, to Aug. 31, 1956

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....		\$8,827.35	
Interest - Investments.....	\$3,806.25		
Savings Account.....	80.28	3,886.53	
Investment Withdrawn.....		5,000.00	
Royalties:			
Kirby, George Keith.....	3.20		
Perkins, Northern Editorials on Secession.....	10.66		
McNall, An Agricultural History of the Genesee Valley...	39.50		
Hyman, Era of the Oath.....	550.00		
Wik, Steam Power on the American Farm.....	458.00		
Van Deusen, Horace Greeley.....	387.00		
Ver Steeg, Robert Morris, Revolutionary Financier.....	564.00		
Twyman, History of Marshall Field Company.....	800.00		
Brown, Middle Class Democracy and the American Revolution in Massachusetts.....	794.64		
Johnson, Development of American Petroleum Pipelines....	460.54	4,067.54	
Publications and Editorial Expenses:			
Bentley, History of the Freedmen's Bureau.....			\$2,447.08
Perkins, The First Emancipation.....			2,731.16
Brown, Middle Class Democracy and the American Revolution in Massachusetts.....			4,002.24
Johnson, Development of American Petroleum Pipelines....			3,172.60
Committee expenses.....			913.97
Albert J. Beveridge award.....			1,000.00
		<u>\$21,781.42</u>	<u>\$14,267.05</u>
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....			7,514.37
		<u>\$21,781.42</u>	<u>\$21,781.42</u>

THE COMMITTEE ON THE CARNEGIE REVOLVING FUND FOR PUBLICATIONS

The Carnegie Revolving Fund Committee of the American Historical Association has been relatively inactive this year because of the depletion of the Carnegie Revolving Fund. No manuscripts have been accepted for consideration by the committee and no awards have been made. Twenty-two inquiries regarding the committee have been received from persons who have indicated an interest in submitting a manuscript for the committee's consideration, a number sufficiently large to suggest that a genuine interest in the committee's work still exists.

On March 30, 1956, three members of the committee met in Washington with the Executive Secretary to discuss the financial state of the fund and to consider possible ways and means to continue the work of the committee. To this time, no final decisions have been reached.

The Cornell University Press sent notice early in August that Professor John Tate Lanning's The Eighteenth-Century Enlightenment in the University of San Carlos de

Guatemala was then in proof and would soon be published. The Carnegie Revolving Fund Committee last year agreed to subsidize the publication of this work, and it will appear as a publication of the Committee.

It is sincerely hoped that some means may be found to resume, if not actually to enlarge, the publication service which the Carnegie Revolving Fund Committee has hitherto performed for the profession. I am confident that the profession will survive without the Carnegie Committee, but I am equally confident that its services will be missed; and I feel that any candid review of the publications sponsored by the committee during the past twenty-eight years will adequately justify its work. Seldom has the profession received so much from so small an initial outlay.

October 22, 1956.

RAYMOND P. STEARNS, Chairman.

CARNEGIE REVOLVING FUND FOR PUBLICATIONS

Statement of receipts and disbursements, Sept. 1, 1955, to Aug. 31, 1956

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....	\$3,701.63	
Interest on Savings account.....	32.53	
Royalties:		
Heidel, <u>The Day of Yahweh</u>	\$8.01	
Bruce, <u>Virginia Iron Manufacture in the Slave Era</u>	19.20	
Swann, <u>Pan Chao, Foremost Woman Scholar in China</u>	9.60	
Garratt, <u>The Estates General of 1789</u>	8.00	
Ranck, <u>Albert Gallatin Brown</u>	18.69	
Horton, <u>James Kent: A Study in Conservatism</u>	9.35	
Stafford, <u>James VI of Scotland and the Throne of England</u>	16.00	
Jackson, <u>Free Negro Labor and Property Holding in Virginia, 1830-1860</u>	24.00	
Nute, <u>Caesars of the Wilderness</u>	48.99	
Hoyt, <u>The Royal Decree in English Constitutional Law</u>	21.56	
Boyd, <u>Mythes and Parishes in Medieval Italy</u>	18.70	
Fisher, <u>Negro Slave Songs in the U. S.</u>	104.62	
Fairchild, <u>Messrs. William Pepperrell</u>	40.46	
Cady, <u>The Roots of French Imperialism in Eastern Asia</u>	341.50	
Wright, <u>The Beginning of Unitarianism in America</u>	295.48	
Beauregard, <u>Diplomacy in the American Revolution</u> (Reprint).....	100.00	
Gulick, <u>Europe's Classical Balance of Power</u>	790.93	1,875.09
Editorial and publication expenses:		
Gulick volume (<u>Europe's Classical Balance of Power</u>).....		\$3,359.11
Committee expenses.....		222.92
	\$5,609.25	\$3,582.03
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....		2,027.22
	<u>\$5,609.25</u>	<u>\$5,609.25</u>

THE COMMITTEE ON THE JOHN H. DUNNING PRIZE

It is with pleasure I inform you that the John H. Dunning Prize Committee awards its prize for 1956 to John Higham for his valued book, Strangers in the Land: Patterns of American Nativism, 1860-1925. For honorable mention the committee, after some debating, feels that the honor should be divided between John William Ward for his Andrew Jackson: Symbol of an Age and Joseph F. Wall for his Henry Watterson: Reconstructed Rebel.

The three members of the Dunning Prize Committee considered forty-odd publications and several manuscripts in coming to their conclusion. We are certain that we showed preference to three books that measure up to the standards of the books that in the past have received the prize. So many were the excellent books among those we read that we regret not being able to dispense prizes to a larger number.

The two men who served on the Dunning Prize Committee with me were Earl Pomeroy of the University of Oregon and Charles Grier Sellers, Jr., of Princeton University. Both men performed the burdensome duties of reading and exchanging our many books conscientiously and with a sincere desire to reward the persons most deserving. We exchanged many letters, and I am deeply grateful for their aid. I recommend that Mr.

Pomeroy be appointed chairman of the Dunning Committee for 1958 and that Mr. Sellers be continued as a second member of the Committee. I do not think that the American Historical Association can get better persons for this task.

October 23, 1956.

FRANCIS B. SIMKINS, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE LITTLETON-GRISWOLD FUND

This committee is composed of the following: Edward Dumbauld, attorney-at-law, Uniontown, Pa., chairman; Zechariah Chafee, Jr., Harvard Law School; Julius Goebel, Jr., Columbia University; William B. Hamilton, Duke University; George L. Haskins, University of Pennsylvania; Mark DeWolfe Howe, Harvard Law School; Leonard W. Labaree, Yale University; David J. Mays, attorney-at-law, Richmond, Va.; Richard L. Morton, William and Mary College; Boyd C. Shafer, Washington, D. C., ex officio; and Arthur T. Vanderbilt, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of New Jersey.

Although no publications were issued during the year, substantial progress has been made toward completion of the work on the Prince George's County Court Book of Maryland. Joseph H. Smith, author of the well-known study on appeals to the Privy Council, is editing this material. A number of editorial problems have been resolved in consultation with the committee, and it is planned to publish these records in the near future.

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.

November 1, 1956.

EDWARD DUMBAULD, Chairman.

LITTLETON-GRISWOLD FUND

Statement of receipts and Disbursements, Sept. 1, 1955, to Aug. 31, 1956

		<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1955.....		\$5,964.81	
Interest - Investments.....	\$1,225.00		
Savings Account.....	<u>133.93</u>	1,358.93	
Proceeds of Sale of <u>Am. Legal Records</u> :			
Vol. I, <u>Maryland Court of Appeals, 1695-1729</u>	7.50		
Vol. II, <u>Select Cases of the Mayor's Court of New York City, 1674-1784</u>	7.50		
Vol. III, <u>Records of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Rhode Island, 1716-1752</u>	7.50		
Vol. IV, <u>Superior Court Diary of William Samuel Johnson, 1716-1752</u>	7.50		
Vol. V, (out of print)			
Vol. VI, <u>Records of the Court of Chancery of South Carolina, 1671-1779</u>	36.00		
Vol. VII, <u>County Court Records of Accomack-Norhampton, Virginia, 1632-1640</u>	<u>129.00</u>	195.00	
Packing and Shipping Charges:			
Vol. I.....	.84		
Vol. II.....	.84		
Vol. IV.....	.84		
Vol. VI.....	1.74		
Vol. VII.....	<u>4.66</u>		\$8.92
Committee Expenses.....		<u>\$7,518.74</u>	<u>200.39</u>
Balance, Aug. 31, 1956.....			209.31
		<u>\$7,518.74</u>	<u>7,309.43</u>
			<u>\$7,518.74</u>

THE COMMITTEE ON THE ROBERT LIVINGSTON SCHUYLER PRIZE

The Robert Livingston Schuyler Prize Committee recommends that the prize be awarded to David Harris Willson for his King James VI and I, published by Henry Holt.

The committee has consisted of Professor G. W. Brown of Toronto, Helen Taft Manning of Bryn Mawr, Charles L. Mowat of Chicago, and the chairman, J. B. Brebner of Columbia. The committee members among themselves seriously examined approximately forty-five books in British, British Imperial, and Commonwealth history (since 1485), written by American citizens and published between June 30, 1951, and July 1, 1956. This considerable burden culminated in each member reading all of the books most strongly recommended in order to reach a final decision. It should be suggested that in any future announcement of the prize, it should be stated that all titles to be eligible should be devoted to the period since 1485.

All the members of the committee worked faithfully. Mrs. Manning has not only been very active herself but has enlisted help from others on the Eastern seaboard. The principal problem will always be distribution of critical skill over so much time and space.

December 10, 1956.

J. B. BREBNER, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE WATUMULL PRIZE

Since none of the works sent for the consideration of the Watumull Prize Committee were of a serious historical nature, it is the unanimous conclusion of the committee that the prize should not be awarded this year.

November 20, 1957.

TARAKNATH DAS, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTARY REPRODUCTION

1. General Activities and Plans. The chief functions of this committee relate to photographing and making available sources in the field of history. Following this general purpose, the chairman and the subcommittee chairmen have carried forward the following projects during the past twelve months:

a. With the friendly cooperation of the Librarian of Congress and his staff, it was possible for the chairman to bring to the attention of a group of scholars, mainly official representatives of learned societies, a plan to photograph valuable records now in the Library of Congress. This plan was formulated by Professor E. L. Erickson of the University of Illinois, former chairman of this committee. It contemplates placing in repositories around the country the microfilmed contents of the most valuable and useful of our source material deposited in the Library of Congress and subject to possible destruction through enemy attack. The plan was presented on April 12, 1956, at a luncheon in the Library of Congress. Although discussed thoroughly at the time, it was decided to postpone further consideration of the plan until more information could be obtained as to costs and the willingness of various bodies of scholars to help in editing and selecting materials.

b. The Ford Foundation has given \$15,000 to the Library of Congress to spend in cooperation with this committee in the microfilming of archives in foreign depositories. Projects were carried forward in Finland, Japan, and Italy during the past year. It is planned to spend about \$5,000 a year for such activities. This project seems to be moving along very well. The only operating difficulties have been administrative ones. The problems confronting both officials of the Library of Congress and members of the subcommittees seem to be in process of solution.

For the coming year, requests for \$5,000 have been made by the subcommittees on France, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and for the Finnish project. Allocations will be made by the chairman, the chairmen of the subcommittees, and the

director of the Processing Division of the Library of Congress. All microfilm will be deposited in the Library of Congress and thus made available to scholars.

This coming year is the second of the Ford Foundation's grant. The Finnish and Japanese projects will require from \$1,400 to \$2,000 each. It is proposed to grant \$1,000 to the United Kingdom project, from \$500 to \$600 to the French project, and the rest will be used to carry on the work of the Italian subcommittee.

The chief problem recently is to find scholars who will undertake the task of directing and supervising the microfilming of archives while they are abroad. This committee has offered to help in recommendations to the selection committees of the Guggenheim Foundation and of the Fulbright program. A notice to this effect appeared in the July, 1956, American Historical Review. To date no scholar has indicated an interest in finding or in creating a project that the committee could sponsor. This means that scholars who will spend a year or more abroad must be found through other channels and enlisted. The subcommittee chairmen will be charged with this duty.

I should like to report that the staff of the Library of Congress, particularly Mr. John Cronin, director of the Processing Division, has been most cooperative in working with the committee and its members. It is a pleasure to work with Mr. Cronin and his able assistants.

c. Last summer the manager of the Cornell University Press and the Executive Secretary of the Association corresponded about the possibility of this committee preparing a list of photographed historical sources in this country. This is a most important and worth-while project. The expenses of editing and preparing such a list would be heavy and would require the services of a staff. The president of the Council on Library Resources met with the Executive Secretary and the chairman of this committee to discuss the possibility of making funds available for this purpose. So far nothing has been decided. The committee will discuss this during its meeting in December at St. Louis.

d. During the past year many scholars have asked the chairman how they might get money for microfilming material for their projects. It is impossible to advise them all well. The only funds this committee has are those of the Ford grant as administered by the Library of Congress. From the number of inquiries received, it is apparent that scholars in this country could make good use of a fund from which grants to individuals in amounts varying from \$50 to \$200 could be made available upon proper application. Perhaps such a fund could be established through the services of a foundation or a grant to the Association.

2. Suggestions for Reorganization and Personnel. The chairmen of the subcommittees were originally chosen, and indeed their subcommittees were created, because at the time of their selection they had important microfilming projects going forward. This seems a most useful criterion by which the continuance of the subcommittees can be recommended. Also, should new projects come into being and should it seem wise to add subcommittees, this should be done. Dr. Austin P. Evans has been most helpful as adviser and should be continued as a member even though he is not chairman of a subcommittee. Professor E. L. Erickson is a member of the committee serving in an advisory capacity, and, as the man who brought the committee into being, it is essential that his continued services should not be lost to it.

a. Subcommittee on Japan. Professor William B. Braisted, chairman, is now in Japan and will resume his post at the University of Texas sometime early next year. His project of microfilming the papers of the Japanese Diet is one of the best we have. He has done a difficult task well. His services are of utmost importance, particularly should Chinese, more Japanese, or other eastern Asiatic documents become available for microfilming.

b. Subcommittee on the United Kingdom. Professor Charles Mullett, University of Missouri, chairman, has asked to be relieved of heavy responsibility for the time being since he is program chairman for the 1957 annual meeting of the American Historical Association. His subcommittee has in mind a project for microfilming the

Cornwallis papers in the Public Record Office. He should continue to carry on the work of cataloguing the wants of English historians.

c. Subcommittee on France. Professor Richard W. Hale, Jr., Boston University, chairman, has done yeoman's work with this committee. He has submitted a project for microfilming documents in the National Archives of France. His work and his advice are of the best.

d. Medieval Subcommittee. Professor H. C. Krueger, University of Cincinnati, chairman, has acted as a clearing house for information and requests about funds for microfilming portions of medieval archives. His services have been invaluable.

e. Subcommittee on Italy. Professor Loren C. MacKinney, University of North Carolina, chairman, is carrying forward the committee's most comprehensive and important program. This project was conceived in cooperation with Professor Ullman and a group of medieval scholars.

f. Subcommittee on Austria. C. Easton Rothwell, Librarian, the Hoover Library, Stanford University, chairman, is searching for the right man to carry on microfilming of medieval sources in Austrian and South German cathedrals.

g. Subcommittee on Early America. Clifton K. Shipton, American Antiquarian Society, chairman, reports that his committee has completed most of the project of microfilming the pre-1801 serials. Mr. Shipton would be a most useful member of an editing committee for the project of publication of sources.

After consultation with subcommittee chairmen, some decision should be made as to the advisability of creating new committees if projects and fields seem to warrant such action. It has been suggested that committees on Latin America, Asia, and the United States be formed. This is a matter of business for the December meeting.

November 7, 1956.

ROBERT B. ECKLES, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON A GUIDE TO HISTORICAL LITERATURE

During the past year the committee has been active in establishing an outline for the new Guide, negotiating the terms of a contract between the American Historical Association and the Macmillan Company, arranging the terms of a grant-in-aid to the Association by the Rockefeller Foundation, and recruiting historians to compile the sections into which the book has been organized.

Contract terms will permit members of the Association to obtain copies at a reduced price through advance subscription.

The grant-in-aid was sought in order to enable the production of a final printers manuscript in approximately two years from this autumn. On October 2, Trustees of the Rockefeller Foundation approved a grant of up to \$75,000 to be available until December 31, 1958. The committee expects to expend most of this sum on costs incurred by section editors for typing, postage, and assistance, and in hiring at the proper time a general editor plus clerical assistants for the central editorial office. The general editor's functions will include supervision of those services to section editors which are performed centrally, such as verification of entries and production of a manuscript consistent in style. An indexer will be retained on contract.

Thirty section editors have already been recruited and the remaining nine are being enlisted. The program calls for the submission of their copy during 1957 and for the completion of editing in 1958.

The committee is serving as a board of editors. The chairman is also acting as managing editor. It is recommended that the services of members of the committee be coextensive with the life of the project.

November 5, 1956.

GEORGE F. HOWE, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE HARMSWORTH PROFESSORSHIP

The committee began by considering a list of thirteen names. After numerous exchanges of opinion through extensive correspondence, the committee recommended five historians.

I think the committee has functioned quite efficiently although it is scattered from coast to coast. The only difficulty this year was the extended absence of Professor Commager in Europe, but he returned in time to give the committee his choices. I would suggest no changes in the committee unless it should be decided that rotation might start.

October 17, 1956.

CARL WITTKE, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON THE HISTORIAN AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

In accordance with the resolution passed at the Annual Business Meeting in December, 1955, the committee was enlarged by three competent historians of American foreign policy and specifically charged with studying State Department publications. It was to report back to the Council and Business Meeting in December, 1956.

The committee has spent most of its time studying and discussing problems connected with State Department publications. Throughout the year there has been extended correspondence. At an unofficial meeting in Pittsburgh on April 19, 1956, six members discussed the nature and ramifications of these problems. At an official meeting in Washington on May 19, 1956, seven members explored the question more fully and charged the chairman with drafting tentative resolutions expressing the consensus of opinion of those present at the meeting. These resolutions were to be revised and put in final form at a meeting in the autumn for presentation to the Council and Business Meeting. These resolutions were drafted and mailed to all committee members in mid-summer by the Chairman. The autumn meeting has been scheduled for November 12 in Washington. The committee will report further at the December meeting of the Association.

Meanwhile, a subcommittee under the chairmanship of Wood Gray has assumed the responsibility for matters pertaining to the Association's publications. This subcommittee reports that:

1. Volume I of the Annual Report, 1955 is in press.
2. Writings on American History, 1952 (since 1948 edited by James R. Masterson) (Volume II of Annual Report, 1954) is in press; Writings on American History, 1953 (Volume II of Annual Report, 1955) is in preparation.
3. The long-awaited David Maydole Matteson Index to the Writings on American History, 1902-1940 (begun by Matteson, and the continuation and publication made possible by his bequest to the Association) is now in press. This Index has been corrected and prepared for publication by Professor William Columbus Davis of George Washington University.

The committee can report that partly as a result of its efforts and those of the Executive Secretary of the Association, the Civil Service Commission held examinations for historians to fill positions with various federal agencies in the Washington, D. C. area.

November 6, 1956.

EDWARD YOUNGER, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY MEMBERS

There has been correspondence among the members of the Committee on Honorary Members about the vacancy left on the list of honorary members by the death of Professor Lecuna, but, although several names have been mentioned at the time of the writing of this report, the committee has not arrived at a recommendation to the Council. In the course of the correspondence among the members of the committee

there has been some discussion about the importance of the criterion of geographical distribution for the selection of honorary members.

November 7, 1956.

FELIX GILBERT, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

I. THE COMMITTEE.

The chief functions and responsibilities of the committee are to assure the representation of the historians of the United States in the International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS) and their participation in its activities. Its other functions, mainly of encouragement and reporting, deal with related activities which are of interest to the American Historical Association but over which the committee does not exercise formal jurisdiction. Personnel. The personnel of the committee has been changed in 1956 by the rotational retirement of Kent Greenfield, who has been succeeded by Garrett Mattingly of Columbia University, and by the appointment of Caroline Robbins of Bryn Mawr College as an additional member. The hold-over members, in addition to the chairman, have been Boyd C. Shafer and Donald C. McKay (both ex officio), Martin R. P. McGuire, Bernadotte E. Schmitt, and Arthur P. Whitaker, together with Dorothy M. Quynn, who, though living in Paris until the middle of the year and unable to attend the meetings of the committee, has maintained an informing and useful correspondence with it. Meetings. The committee has held two meetings since its last report: the first, an informal session, in Washington during the Annual Meeting of the Association; and the second, the usual all-day session, on March 17, in the offices of the American Council of Learned Societies in Washington. In addition to its meetings, the members of the committee have carried on active correspondence among themselves, and the chairman has had personal conferences with several of them. In a sense the committee has functioned continuously.

II. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF HISTORICAL SCIENCES.

ROME CONGRESS, 1955. An excellent report of the Tenth International Congress of Historical Sciences by Donald McKay was printed in the American Historical Review for January, 1956 (pp. 504-11). The official proceedings, or acts, of the Congress are being compiled and edited in a volume of about 500 pages, by the Italian hosts, the Giunta Centrale per gli Studi Storici. It will be recalled that the reports and abstracts of communications presented at the various sessions were printed in advance and distributed to the registered members of the Congress.

MEETING OF THE BUREAU, 1956.

An important meeting of the Bureau of the ICHS was held in Madrid, May 26-27. Arthur P. Whitaker attended as a substitute for Donald McKay, the elected member of the Bureau. Whitaker prepared an excellent report of the proceedings, in some respects more detailed and informing than the official minutes or procès-verbal, a summary of which has been printed in the AHR for October, 1956, (pp. 274-76). Both the full report and the procès-verbal are on file in the offices of the Association. The more important matters dealt with are discussed under appropriate headings below.

PLANS FOR THE ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, STOCKHOLM, 1960.

The meeting of the Bureau and also, in preparation for that meeting, the meetings of the American Historical Association Committee have given chief attention to the problems of organization, procedures, and subject matter of the International Congresses,

with special reference to that of 1960. The Bureau had before it a composite summary of the "critiques" of the Rome Congress, which the various national commissions had been asked to prepare. The critique prepared by the Association committee was adequately represented in the summary laid before the Bureau, and a copy of its full text was sent to each member of the Bureau in advance of the meeting. A statement by McKay, who will have chief responsibility for participation of the United States in the Congress of 1960 (printed in the AHR, October, 1956, p. 276), as well as Whitaker's report (*Ibid.*) contain essential information. Suggestions of subjects for reports to be presented in the next Congress are invited from scholars in the United States. The Association committee will have jurisdiction over participation of the United States in the Congress, and the next meeting of the committee, March, 1957, will be devoted largely to preparing the recommendations which will be made on behalf of the United States to the Bureau respecting the subject matter of the reports.

ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NATIONAL COMMISSIONS TO REPRESENTATION IN THE ICHS.

The Bureau considered the qualifications which should be required of international organizations applying for admission to the ICHS and agreed that such qualifications as might be prescribed must be clearly defined and insisted upon in order to avoid undesirable splintering of subject matter and duplication of functions more properly exercised by the specialized commissions maintained by the ICHS itself, and also to avoid the encouragement of ineffective so-called "international" organizations. Greece and Bulgaria, both former members of the ICHS, applied for readmission, and the Bureau agreed to recommend favorable action on their applications by the Assembly of the ICHS in 1957. An application from the Committee of Historians of the Democratic Republic of Korea did not contain necessary information respecting its composition, and action was deferred.

BULLETIN D'INFORMATION.

An important decision of the Bureau was to enlarge the scope of the Bulletin d'information, at present issued annually, to include news of historical activities in various countries and fuller reports of the specialized commissions of the ICHS, together with complete lists of members, with their addresses, of the ICHS, and its commissions, and of the national commissions. Thus the Bulletin may become more of an organ of the ICHS, though it will by no means fill the place of the former Bulletin, 1926-1941, with its complete documentation.

ASSEMBLY OF THE ICHS, 1957.

Pursuant to the vote of the Assembly of 1955, and in agreement with the representative of the USSR, it was decided that the Assembly of the ICHS in 1957 should be held in Leningrad and Moscow [later changed to Lausanne, Switzerland] on June 14-18. The expenses of sojourn in, and travel between, the two cities has been generously assumed by the USSR. The Association committee hopes that the world situation may not prevent the holding of the Assembly in Russia. It will be recalled that plans to hold the International Congress in Russia in 1918 could not be carried out.

PARTICIPATION OF THE UNITED STATES IN SPECIALIZED COMMISSIONS OF THE ICHS.

The Association committee is anxious to assure useful participation of scholars from the United States in all the specialized commissions of the ICHS. Following the committee's recommendation, Val Lorwin of the University of Chicago will serve as

a member of the Commission on Social Movements. Appointments to other commissions will be made in due time.

III. VARIOUS OTHER ACTIVITIES.

RELATIONS WITH RUSSIAN HISTORIANS. (Report by Donald C. McKay).

An important exchange of letters between Mme. Anna Pankratova and Donald C. McKay, both elected members of the Bureau of the ICHS, took place during 1956. Mme. Pankratova first raised the question of what form cooperation between scholars of the Soviet Union and the United States might take. After consideration by the American Historical Association committee, reply was made that such cooperation might be effected particularly through exchange of professors, exchange of students, and the opening of Soviet archives and other historical collections to scholars of the United States. Mme. Pankratova replied that these proposals were personally acceptable to her, that they would be referred to the Soviet National Committee, and that meanwhile she would like to expedite matters by making the following additional proposals: (1) that United States scholars submit articles for consideration by Soviet historical journals and that Soviet scholars submit articles for consideration by American historical periodicals; (2) that United States scholars participate in historical conferences in the Soviet Union and that Soviet scholars give papers at the annual meetings of the American Historical Association; (3) and that in the interest of the realization of these measures working groups of two or three members from each country be appointed to cooperate.

The Association committee reviewed these proposals. McKay sent a reply accepting them in principle but pointing out that articles submitted by either side must, of course, be subject to the right of acceptance or rejection by editors; that the Association committee would be happy to facilitate the participation of Soviet scholars in historical meetings in the United States and of scholars of the United States in Soviet historical meetings, subject to governmental regulations and national laws regarding the movement of individuals between countries, and that the Association committee would be glad to promote such freedom of movement insofar as it might be possible and appropriate; and that the Association committee would name a subcommittee of two or three scholars for the purpose of consultation with a corresponding Soviet group similarly authorized.

RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICAN SCHOLARS. (Report by Arthur P. Whitaker).

In the Latin American field, the chief event of 1956 has been an international meeting of historians in Washington, March 26-28, to discuss the History of the Americas, the major project of the Commission on History of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. The participants were from the United States (including Whitaker and Leland), Canada, and other American countries. Dr. Silvio Zavala, director of the project and chairman of the Division of History of the PAIGH, presided over the meeting. After reviewing the latest reports on the three divisions of the project (indigenous, colonial, national), which was started in 1951 and is now nearing completion, the conference made a number of recommendations regarding final revision and publication of the reports. Further details of the meeting will be found in the AHR, July, 1956 (pp. 1077-78).

Since the History of the Americas project is of great interest to historians of all American countries, including the United States, arrangements have been made to devote a session of the Annual Meeting of the Association in 1956 to a discussion of the results so far achieved. Earlier stages of the project were similarly discussed in the annual meetings of 1952 and 1954.

RELATIONS WITH BRITISH HISTORIANS.

An interim Anglo-American Historical Conference, organized by the Institute of Historical Research of the University of London, was held in London in July with an attendance of 390 scholars, 105 coming from overseas. At the request of the Association committee, John B. Riggs attended the conference and his report will be printed in the AHR, January, 1957. In 1957, the Sixth Plenary Anglo-American Historical Conference will be held at the University of London, July 8-13.

The formation of an American Conference on British Studies (see AHR, April, 1956, p. 810) and of a British Association for American Studies (AHR, October, 1956, p. 277) should also be noted.

A cooperative undertaking of British and American historians of long standing is the preparation of a series of bibliographies of British history, inaugurated in 1910 under the auspices, on this side, of the American Historical Association. A substantial grant from the Ford Foundation now assures the revision of early volumes as well as the preparation of additional new ones. The Executive Secretary of the Association has secured the cooperation of the British Academy and the Royal Historical Society, and of the Mediaeval Academy of America (see AHR, October, 1956, p. 272).

RELATIONS WITH GERMAN HISTORIANS.

A second Conference of German and American historians was held in Brunswick, Germany, August 23-31, 1955. Plans for furthering and improving the teaching of American history in Germany and of German history in the United States were discussed (see AHR, April, 1956, pp. 817-19).

EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR AMERICAN STUDIES.

The Newsletter of the EAAS, edited by Sigmund Skard and D. R. Wightman, is a significant report on the progress and extension of American studies in European universities. It covers developments in Austria, England, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Norway. It includes a bibliography of recent publications, biographical sketches, suggested topics for research, and a "Project of a Union List of American Periodicals in European Libraries." Skard has in preparation a comprehensive report on American studies in Europe.

SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF MANKIND.

Neither the ICHS nor the American Historical Association has any responsibility for this ambitious project of UNESCO. However, the general editor, Ralph Turner, and the editors of two of the five separate volumes, Louis R. Gottschalk and Caroline Ware, are American members of the Association, as are several advisers, including Martin R. P. McGuire, a member of this committee. As a result of UNESCO budgetary problems, the Department of State assembled a small conference of the American advisers on October 9, 1956. A brief report of this conference by McGuire follows:

All present felt that conferences such as that of October 9 should have been held at earlier stages of the project.

Adequate justification was given for the budget proposed by the commission in charge of the project. The problem largely concerned the reproduction of copies of the text of the History which are to be circulated for criticism. The discussion was very profitable because it was brought out that it would really be sufficient to send controversial portions of the text to a few recognized specialists in the field concerned (in addition to the commission members), care being taken that divergent points of view should receive a hearing.

It was our impression that Dr. Gottschalk and Miss Ware had their volumes in very good shape. They have profited much from the valuable studies which they

suggested should be made and which have either been published in the Journal of World History, or have been submitted (in great profusion apparently) to that organ.

The question of whether various points of view should be adequately represented in the History was discussed in a frank but amicable fashion. In the unabridged work, at least, it seems to me that this problem can be handled in a fairly satisfactory manner.

The treatment of Central Europe, Russia, and the Near, Middle, and Far East seemed to the members of the group (conference of October 9) to be the biggest problem in the History, and now (November 14), the situation is infinitely worse. The two-volume and one-volume abridgements of the History present more serious problems in respect to presentation of different, even diametrically opposite, points of view.

Publication in English seems assured by 1958 or 1959.

All present favored the continued publication of the Journal of World History, at least until the History and its abridgements have been published.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE.

1. That the membership of the committee be strengthened by the addition of a specialist in Russian history.

2. That the American Historical Review maintain a special rubric, under "Historical News," for international historical activities, so that matters of the sort presented in the above report may be grouped together.

3. That budgetary provision be made for the attendance of the delegates of the Association (McKay and Shafer, or substitutes) to the Assembly of the ICHS in 1957.

4. That the possibility be explored, preferably in concert with other associations such as the constituent members of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council, of securing funds to facilitate the personal participation of American scholars in scholarly congresses and other gatherings in foreign countries.

5. That the Bureau of the ICHS be invited to hold its 1958 meeting in the United States and that special funds be sought for the travel and expenses of foreign members of the Bureau in attending such a meeting. This is especially urged by the committee, in the belief that an invitation, so supported, to be presented to the Bureau in its next meeting, 1957, would be a valuable symbol of the interest of the American Historical Association in an organization in whose creation it had a leading part.

6. That the publications of the ICHS be made readily available in the United States through a selected agency and that they be formally advertised in the American Historical Review.

December 4, 1956.

WALDO G. LELAND, Chairman.

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR DOCUMENTS

The American Committee for the Study of War Documents held an organization meeting in Washington, D. C. on October 29, 1955, at which it discussed the basic aims of fostering full scholarly utilization of captured German documents, especially those held at Alexandria under the Department of the Army. An executive board was set up at this meeting; a chairman and treasurer were elected by the board, and chairmen of several subcommittees were appointed. In December Professor Hans Kohn became associate chairman.

In the course of the fall and early winter, the executive board decided that the committee could most effectively pursue its aims through affiliation with the AHA. A request for the acceptance of the executive board as a standing committee of the AHA was approved by the Council at the December meeting, and a full meeting of the committee was held on the last day of the AHA convention at Washington. At that time the com-

mittee adopted a constitution and by-laws. The relationship with the AHA has worked well; the support of the Association, particularly the personal interest of Dr. Ford and Dr. Shafer, has been of great help to the Committee.

The immediate problem was to secure funds to start the program. On April 27, the Ford Foundation granted \$69,000 to help finance the initial work on the committee's plan to microfilm and edit German historical documents: \$31,000 was assigned for filming documents at Alexandria, \$24,000 for filming German Foreign Office material held at Whaddon Hall in England, \$4,000 for preparation of a guide to available material (intended to bring up to date comparable information in the Guide to Captured German Documents prepared in 1952 by Fritz T. Epstein and Gerhard Weinberg), and \$10,000 for educational, reporting, and administrative expenses.

A meeting of the executive board was held in Washington on May 26, and a meeting of the officers with Dr. Shafer and the chairmen of two subcommittees was held in New York on October 20.

The Alexandria project, inaugurated under the auspices of the Subcommittee on Microfilming (Professor E. M. Carroll, chairman), has been directed since early summer by Dr. Gerhard Weinberg. Its work consists of screening vast amounts of documents at the Departmental Record Branch, filming those selected, and preparing data sheets which indicate in usable form the contents of each set of frames. In Dr. Weinberg's quarterly report dated September 14, he states that some 1,000 linear feet out of an expected total of 5,900 linear feet had been screened, from these, 130,000 frames had been selected for filming, and by the end of October over 70 rolls of films would presumably have been sent to the National Archives, which will be the depository of the whole collection. The efficient cooperation of the DRB staff, and of officials of the Department of the Army and of the National Archives, has helped Dr. Weinberg with his small staff to handle successfully a very difficult operation. The screening and filming for which funds are available from our grant will continue into the spring. The experience and interest of Dr. Carroll (who has now been succeeded by Dr. Fritz Epstein) and the invaluable skill of Professor O. J. Hale in negotiations with government officials have contributed enormously to the success of this project.

For the Whaddon Hall documents, the Ford grant arrived literally in the nick of time, since plans had already been completed for the restitution of the Foreign Office material to Germany, and in fact the documents for the period before 1914 were shipped back during the summer. Thanks to the foundations laid for the project by Professor H. M. Ehrmann and to the cooperation of Messrs. Kent, Stambrook, and Faber at Whaddon Hall, the filming of the pre-1914 documents was completed in time. These include files on the following areas, none of which duplicate other filming programs: Welfenfonds, Prussia, Bavaria, Baden, Brunswick, Mecklenburg, Saxony, lesser German states, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, the Vatican, Africa, the Boer War, British possessions in Asia, China, Japan, The Hague Peace Conferences, and the German Army and Navy. The executive board has decided that these films also will be deposited in the National Archives, and plans are now being made for the shipment of some 200 reels already on hand.

Under less pressure than in the summer, the filming of the 1914-1919 documents is now under way. These include, according to a note of Professor Ehrmann, the Grosses Hauptquartier files, only a small portion of which have been filmed, the files of diplomatic missions, Interzepte, Funksprüche, materials on the peace negotiations, the future of the occupied territories, and certain Nachlässe. Here greater selectivity will be possible and, because of our limited funds, necessary. The committee hopes to publish in several hundred copies a catalogue of the pre-1920 Foreign Office files, with serial references for films made of them, including other projects such as those of the University of California and the University of Michigan.

Work on the guide has been planned by Dr. G. W. F. Hallgarten, chairman of the subcommittee on research projects, with the advice and support of Dr. C. E. Rothwell of the Hoover Library, and it is expected that the guide will be published in the spring. If funds permit, a bulletin on research in progress, here and abroad, in this field, will be issued.

These are, in summary, the accomplishments of this committee so far. Other projects are being studied. We should like to have some sets of positive microfilms prepared for deposit in other centers in the United States and abroad. We should like to have a continuing research in progress bulletin issued. There is a strong expectation that further important documents will become available for reproduction at Alexandria, if the committee can secure funds to continue its existence and its activities after the current grant is exhausted. The significance of the documents already filmed for many aspects of German and European history, the making accessible of this material to American scholars and, it is expected, to scholars of other countries, the possibilities of interdisciplinary studies arising from the documents--for the committee believes that political scientists, economists, sociologists will find here material of very great value--all these add up to a substantial report of progress by the committee in its first year of existence.

The executive board includes Guy Stanton Ford, Reginald H. Phelps, Hans Kohn, Harold D. Lasswell, Sidney Wallach (as Executive Secretary, Mr. Wallach has efficiently handled a considerable bulk of administrative correspondence and detail), Lynn Case, Oron J. Hale, George W. F. Hallgarten, Koppel Pinson, William O. Shanahan, Raymond J. Sontag, and Boyd C. Shafer, ex officio, C. J. Friedrich and C. E. Rothwell were added to the board during the summer. The chairmen of the subcommittees are Oron J. Hale, Fritz Epstein (who succeeded E. Malcolm Carroll), George W. F. Hallgarten, Hans Kohn, Walter L. Dorn, and James P. Baxter. President Baxter resigned in October, and no successor has been appointed. The Committee at present has fifty-three members.

November 6, 1956.

REGINALD H. PHELPS, Chairman.

THE COMMITTEE ON TEACHING

The membership of the Committee on Teaching was the same as that for the preceding year with one exception: Arthur E. Bestor resigned on leaving for England where he is Harmsworth Professor of American History at Oxford University for 1956-57. He was replaced by Clement Eaton of the University of Kentucky.

At the December, 1955, meeting of the Council of the American Historical Association, the Committee on Teaching reported that the Ford Foundation had granted sufficient funds to carry out its proposed program for a Service Center for Teachers for three years. The Council authorized the committee to proceed in the selection of a director and the establishment of the Service Center. In January, 1956, after careful consideration of a large number of candidates, Dr. George Barr Carson of the University of Chicago was chosen by the committee as director.

On April 13, the committee met in Washington and discussed with Dr. Carson arrangements for the inauguration of the Service Center's activities. It was decided that the Service Center should be accommodated in the building being bought by the Association for its general headquarters, and several projects were proposed for early action. Top priority was given to the preparation of an annotated bibliography of books for high school libraries, a list of books in history, narrative and descriptive, suitable for high school use and recognized by professional historians as authoritative. This is to be followed as soon as possible by a series of pamphlets that will review recent historical writing and new interpretations in the various fields of history which normally make up the high school program.

During the summer Dr. Carson moved to Washington and set up his offices in the general offices of the Association. He arranged for the preparation of the annotated list under the direction of Dr. Margareta Faissler, to be distributed as a guide for high school teachers interested in readings for the pupils. With the help of the committee he is gathering names for a panel of consultants. He has available for distribution a brief statement of the objectives and services of the Center.

Dr. Carson met with a number of organized groups during the year to discuss ways of furthering the Center's program to help improve standards of history teaching. These groups included the National Society of College Teachers of Education during the

meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education held at Chicago in February, the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification in June at Parkland, Washington, the Conference on History sponsored by Northwestern University and the Advanced Placement Program of the College Entrance Examination Board at Evanston, Illinois, in June, two sessions at the annual meeting of the National Council for Social Studies in Cleveland in November. Many individuals were also consulted.

The committee met again on November 3 for the purpose of hearing a report on progress and advising the director. The distribution of the material to be published by the Service Center will be facilitated by the cordial cooperation of the National Council for the Social Studies, which has a much more extensive membership among secondary school teachers than the American Historical Association. A partial list of consultants, who will be available, upon requests from schools, to discuss problems of content or revisions in courses in history, was prepared. Arrangements will be made by the Service Center with any interested group to provide a professional historian for consultation in any problem involving the teaching of history in the schools. November 4, 1956.

SIDNEY PAINTER, Chairman.

OTHER REPORTS

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

As soon as the American Council of Learned Societies has an adequate income, it can resume many of the operations which have been suspended or carried on in low gear during the last year or so. But for the past twelve months, the ACLS has done little more than stay alive and preserve its committee structure. It appears that the extreme financial stringency of the preceding year has been somewhat relieved and that prospects for the coming year are better.

I have also received a number of comments on the scheme, which was tried for the first time last year, of holding public sessions on topics of general interest at the annual meeting of the ACLS. The general impression is that this first effort was not a success and that very little was said which was either noteworthy or newsworthy. It is not fair to pass judgment after one effort; perhaps this technique of attracting public attention to the humanities will work better in the future. November 7, 1956.

JOSEPH R. STRAYER.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF HISTORICAL SCIENCES

A review of the Tenth International Congress of Historical Sciences (Rome, 1955) and preparations for the Eleventh Congress (Stockholm, 1960) and for the intervening General Assembly (Moscow-Leningrad, 1957) of the International Committee of Historical Sciences (ICHS) were principal items on the agenda of the ICHS Bureau at its meeting in Madrid on May 26-28, 1956. The ten persons who took part in the meeting were President Federico Chabod, Vice-Presidents Sir Charles Webster and Nils Ahnlund, Secretary General Michel François, Treasurer Louis Junod; membres assessesurs Mme. A. M. Pankratova and Gerhard Ritter, membres conseillers Halvdan Koht and Robert Fawtier, and substituting for membre assessesur Donald C. McKay, who was unable to attend for reasons of health, Arthur P. Whitaker. The following members also were absent for a variety of reasons: L. J. Brugmans, Waldo G. Leland, Hans Nabholz, and Heinrich Schmid.

Discussion of the approaching Stockholm Congress was based upon recommendations on that subject, together with comments on last year's Rome Congress, submitted separately by each of the national committees in eighteen of the countries participating in the latter congress. (One of the eighteen was the United States, whose national com-

mittee consists of the American Historical Association's Committee on International Historical Activities under the chairmanship of Waldo G. Leland.) These comments and recommendations were presented to the Bureau in the form of a typically organized summary prepared by the Secretary General. While many details were left for settlement at the General Assembly in 1957, the following decisions were reached: The Stockholm Congress is to be held in the latter half of August, 1960, and is to be of the same duration as the Rome Congress, and of the same general type, though the national committees will be urged to screen program proposals more rigorously and the Bureau will exercise closer control over the program and greater care in the selection of session chairmen and will provide the latter with detailed instructions and briefing. The preparation of the program will be formally initiated in October, 1956, by a circular letter from the Secretary General to all the national committees and other ICHS members and to certain individual scholars, inviting them to submit detailed proposals for consideration at the General Assembly in 1957. This General Assembly will be held in June, preferably June 14-18, and it will divide its time about equally between Moscow and Leningrad. The member from the Soviet Union, Mme. Pankratova, announced that her government will pay the living expenses (*frais de séjour*) of all delegates and also the cost of their transportation between Moscow and Leningrad. It was estimated that the total number of delegates will come close to one hundred.

Among the actions of the Bureau on other subjects, one of the most important was the policy decision to develop the role of the national committees in the ICHS and to prevent the proliferation of its other members, such as affiliated international organizations, and to maintain a close watch over their activities by the Bureau. Steps were taken to encourage the broadening of the base of one such organization, in the field of Renaissance studies, which had already been admitted at the Rome Congress.

The treasurer's report showed a normally healthy condition, though additional funds are urgently needed for an expansion of ICHS activities. Proposals for an increase of dues were rejected on policy grounds, and a proposal for an increase in International Congress registration fees was favorably received but referred to the next General Assembly for action. As regards ICHS publications, it was decided to continue the *Bibliographie internationale des sciences historiques*, despite its relatively high cost and, as an alternative to the proposed founding of a *Revue internationale d'histoire*, to expand the present periodical, *Bulletin d'information*. Among organizational matters, one that was discussed at length was the filling of the new Bureau seat created at the Rome Congress, but final action on this question now rests with the General Assembly.

The Bureau's Spanish hosts provided excellent quarters for its meetings at the Consejo de Investigaciones Superiores, Calle Serrano 117. Entertainment included receptions, by the Real Academia de la Historia and Sra. Doña Mercedes Gailbrois de Ballesteros, and visits to the Palacio Real and the Escorial, at which latter place the members were honored with a luncheon given by the Diputación Provincial de Madrid. This hospitality helped to make their stay in Madrid a pleasant one for the members despite the weather, which was cold and wet. From a business point of view, too, the meeting was a decided success, thanks largely to careful preparation by Secretary General François and to the skill of the chairman, President Chabod.

ARTHUR P. WHITAKER,
(for Donald C. McKay)

As the above report indicates, the Stockholm Congress of 1960 will once more have a series of "Reports" as one of the central elements in its program. These will, as before, be published and will be distributed to the delegates some months in advance of the Congress. They are to deal with subjects of large historical interest; will, in numerous cases, it is hoped, cut across conventional historical fields; and will deal preferably with problems of interpretation. They are not in any case to be merely bibliographical. Their general nature is indicated in the report on the Rome Congress of 1955 (*American Historical Review*, January, 1956, pp. 504-11). Interested members of the American Historical Association are urged to suggest suitable subjects for reports for the Congress of 1960 and the names of historians in the United States or abroad who are particularly suited to prepare such reports. The reports are in every

case to be the responsibility of a single rapporteur, although the team principle is not excluded and may be particularly useful if such a group is present in one university or in one community. Suggestions should be sent to Donald C. McKay, 100 Woodside Avenue, Amherst, Mass., not later than January 1, 1957, and will be considered at a February meeting of the Committee on International Historical Activities, previous to being forwarded, for final action, to the Bureau of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, which meets in June, 1957, in Moscow.

DONALD C. MCKAY.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE JOINT ANGLO-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON BRITISH BIBLIOGRAPHY

After the grant from the Ford Foundation was confirmed, the Joint Anglo-American Committee on British Bibliographies met in May at the offices of the Royal Historical Society. All members of the committee were present except Professor Lunt, and in addition, Professor Bellot and Mr. Greaves attended. The Committee approved the selection of Professor Conyers Read to make a revision of the Tudor volume. Funds have been allotted to him for the purpose by an arrangement which leaves the authorization of payments from the grant to the chairman of the committee, whose task it is to see that individual editors do not exceed their budgets. During the summer, the committee approved, by mail, the selection of Professor Edgar B. Graves as editor of the Mediaeval volume, following the recommendation of a subcommittee of the Gross Committee, Professor Sidney Painter, chairman. Professor Graves was notified in July of his appointment and has begun work. Certain questions about the treatment of local history were raised with the committee and with Professors Read and Graves, and some preliminary decisions were reached. At the moment, the committee is taking steps to select editors for the other three volumes. The committee has authorized payment from the grant to the Royal Historical Society for the production of Writings on British History, 1901-1933.

October 17, 1956.

STANLEY PARGELLIS.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE EVANS PROJECT (BIBLIOGRAPHY)

Professor Ralph B. Shaw of Rutgers University reports that he has "about 30,000 slips for the period 1801-1819." He also reports: "In summary it looks as though the first volume covering 1801 through 1805 should be ready around the fall of 1957, and that the second volume covering 1806 through 1809 should follow closely after that." It seems to me that Professor Shaw is doing very well.

November 21, 1956.

FULMER MOOD.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL STUDIES

Social Education has continued this year to maintain a wholesome balance between articles dealing with curriculum and methods and those concerned with history and the social sciences as such. The editor should be particularly congratulated for the special October issue devoted to the election process and for his successful efforts to make room in his magazine for the ancient world and the Far East. The difficulty of editing a periodical designed for teachers of the social sciences on four educational levels is great, but Social Education continues to prove that the difficulty can be overcome.

October 28, 1956.

HERMAN AUSUBEL.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATIONAL
HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION

The National Historical Publications Commission, charged by Congress with responsibility for planning and recommending documentary historical publications to be undertaken by the government and for cooperating with and encouraging other organizations and individuals in collecting, preserving, and publishing documents important for the history of the United States, held a meeting on January 10 and considered various aspects of its work. The following is a summary of the work of the commission and its staff during the year:

1. Work on the Guide to Depositories of Archives and Manuscripts has continued to be the major activity of the commission's staff. A rechecking of our estimates indicates that the volume, exclusive of index, will amount to some 600 pages if we use type and pages of the same size as the Guide to the Records in the National Archives (1948). Assuming that the work progresses at the same average rate as it has for the past eight months, compilation of copy will be completed in January, 1957. We believe that marking copy for the printer and other technical editing can be completed and copy sent to the printer by the end of March. If the printer does his work expeditiously, the volume ought to come from the press in the fall of 1957, certainly before the end of the year. The volume will provide information about the holdings of some 1,400 depositories.

2. The 1952 volume of Writings on American History is in press and is expected to be ready for distribution early in 1957.

3. As regards the commission's projects for documentary histories of the Ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights and the work of the First Federal Congress, the work of searching for pertinent documents and obtaining copies of them, of making typed transcripts of materials previously assembled, and of assembling a complete file of copies of published and unpublished debates has proceeded systematically.

4. On October 1 the project for the publication of the papers of James Madison formally went into operation as a joint undertaking of the University of Chicago and the University of Virginia. It is financed by grants from the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation and an appropriation by the Virginia legislature. The editors are Leonard D. White and William T. Hutchinson representing the University of Chicago, and William M. E. Rachal representing the University of Virginia. Thus, within about five and a half years after the commission recommended the publication of comprehensive and scholarly editions of the papers of five great leaders of the early period of our national history--Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Quincy Adams--provision has been made for projects to publish the papers of all five.

5. The commission was represented by its executive director at the meeting of the Third International Congress on Archives in Florence, Italy, in September. At this conference and in the course of visits to libraries and archival agencies in England, France, Switzerland, and Italy, information was assembled for a report on major European projects for the publication of historical documents.

November 6, 1956.

JULIAN P. BOYD.

REPORT
of the
PACIFIC COAST BRANCH
OF THE AMERICAN
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

The forty-ninth meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association was held at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, December 27-29, 1956. More than 150 people attended in spite of the difficulties of weather and transportation and the attraction of the national meeting in St. Louis. The program was arranged by Donald E. Emerson of the University of Washington and a committee whose members included Louis De Armond, William S. Greever, David E. Miller, Armin Rappaport, F. H. Soward, and Gordon Wright. Local arrangements were handled by Robert W. Smith, chairman, Edwin R. Bingham, and John E. Selby.

Many of the sessions were concerned with the traditional problems of pushing the historical frontier ever forward. There were panels on England, the United States, Latin America, and Continental Europe. At two sessions questions raised by science, religion, and labor as power forces in society were analyzed. The Thursday evening session was devoted to history and the behavioral sciences with A. L. Kroeber, Seymour M. Lipset, and Leonard Krieger giving papers, while Karl M. Deutsch and Stull W. Holt acted as commentators.

At the annual dinner on Friday evening, the President, Rev. Peter J. Dunne, S. J., spoke dramatically and well upon his favorite theme, "The Renaissance and Reformation, A Study in Objectivity: Legends in Black and White." The audience sensed this might be Father Dunne's last public address, for he was fighting a losing battle against cancer and died twenty days later.

The annual business meeting, with President Dunne presiding, convened at nine o'clock Saturday morning. Reports from the secretary-treasurer and the managing editor of the Pacific Historical Review were presented. On behalf of the board of editors, Earl Pomeroy announced the reelection of John W. Caughey as managing editor for 1957, and of August Frugé as business manager.

The secretary-treasurer announced that Branch membership is slowly increasing and that totals for the last few years varied from 725 to 770. Actual membership in 1956 is 761. Again, with nearly two thirds of the total membership, California has more members than all other western states combined.

The Committee on Resolutions (W. Stull Holt, chairman, Douglass Adair, and Walter C. Hucul) offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

"That the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association express its thanks to the Program Committee under the chairmanship of Donald E. Emerson for the stimulating and well-planned sessions prepared for the 1956 meeting.

"That the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association express its grateful thanks to the University of Oregon, and to the Committee on Local Arrangements, and its chairman Robert W. Smith, for the warm hospitality and efficient organization of the 1956 meeting.

"That the Branch express its sincere sense of loss at the death of Professor Robert J. Kerner of the University of California at Berkeley, who served as President of this organization in 1947 and always gave to it his devoted support. Professor Kerner was a pioneer in research in his chosen field, an able scholar, and an influential teacher.

"That the Branch express its deep sense of loss at the death of Professor Dan E. Clark of the University of Oregon, Long an active member of the Pacific Coast Branch and its President in 1931, his absence from our meetings will be keenly felt."

The report of the Committee on Nominations (Carl Brand, chairman, Wilbur Jacobs, James Ragland, Andrew Rolle, and Herbert J. Wood) was submitted, and the officers and councilors were unanimously elected: Max Savelle, president; John W. Caughey,

vice-president; John A. Schutz, secretary-treasurer; and, for three-year terms to the council: William Greever, Wilbur Jacobs, and T. A. Larson.

President Dunne announced that the Council had decided to transfer two hundred dollars from its general fund into the Louis Knott Koontz Fund, thus insuring a continuation of the award offered yearly. He expressed the hope that more members of the association will subscribe to the Pacific Historical Review and encourage their colleagues and students to become members of the American Historical Association.

The President announced that the 1956 award of the Branch was given to Dr. Betty Unterberger, of the Liberal Arts Center, Whittier College, for her book, America's Siberian Expedition, 1918-1920 (Duke University Press, 1956). The Louis Knott Koontz Memorial Award for 1956 was given to Leonard J. Arrington of Utah State Agricultural College for his article in the Pacific Historical Review, "The Mormon Colton Mission in Southern Utah."

The program chairman for 1957 is Professor Raymond Muse of the State College of Washington.

February, 1957.

JOHN A. SCHUTZ, Secretary-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1956

Balance, January 1, 1956.....	\$960.51
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Income:

American Historical Association.....	200.00
Interest.....	4.42
Exhibitions (additional fees).....	10.00
Fees for 1956 Convention at University of Oregon.....	<u>304.41</u>

Total.....	\$1,479.34
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Expenditures:

Transfer to Louis Knott Koontz Fund.....	\$200.00	
Awards.....	100.00	
Printing of Program.....	83.20	
Program mailing.....	31.41	
Secretarial expense.....	25.00	
Travel.....	86.00	
Insurance.....	5.00	
Paper, materials, etc.....	30.54	
Additional expense, 1955 program.....	38.96	
Stamps, telegrams, etc.....	<u>12.97</u>	
		<u>613.08</u>

Balance, December 31, 1956.....	\$866.26
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THE LOUIS KNOTT KOONTZ MEMORIAL FUND

Balance, January 1, 1956.....	\$1,099.71
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Income:

Received from general funds.....	\$200.00
Donations.....	0.00
Interest.....	<u>54.16</u>

Total.....	\$1,353.87
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Expenditures:

Award.....	<u>\$100.00</u>	100.00
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Balance, December 31, 1956.....	\$1,253.87
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February, 1957.

JOHN A. SCHUTZ, Secretary-Treasurer.