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## Letter of Submittal

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION,  
Washington, D. C., June 15, 1960.

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 1959.

Respectfully,

LEONARD CARMICHAEL, Secretary.

## Letter of Transmittal

THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION,  
Washington, D. C., June 15, 1960.

SIR: As provided by law, I submit herewith the Annual Report of the American Historical Association for the year 1959. This consists of two volumes in one.

Volume I contains the proceedings of the Association for 1959, and the report of the secretary-treasurer for the Pacific Coast Branch for 1959.

Volume II will contain the Writings on American History for 1957.

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 as far as may be necessary to its lawful ends, 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.

The real property situated in Square 817, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, described as lot 23, owned, occupied, and used by the American Historical Association, is exempt from all taxation so long as the same is so owned and occupied, and not used for commercial purposes, subject to the provisions of sections 2, 3, and 5 of the Act entitled, "An Act to define the real property exempt from taxation in the District of Columbia", approved December 24, 1942.

[Approved, January 4, 1889, and amended July 3, 1957.]

# 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 2,230 to 2,450. 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 \$95,000, 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 relationships with state and local historical societies and with the federal government. For many years it has had 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, with a present value of over \$730,000 (original value, \$308,685), 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 8,400 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 \$300 is awarded biennially in the even-numbered years for a monograph (first or second book), in manuscript or in print, in the field of European history.

The George Louis Beer Prize of \$300 is awarded annually for the best work (first or second book) 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 \$300 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 1960) 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 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. 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 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 award has a cash value of \$1,000. 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 award. 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 in the odd-numbered years 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 liabilities 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 1960

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BOYD C. SHAFER  
400 A Street, S. E., Washington 3, D. C.

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\* New member this year.



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\* New member this year.

\*\* Appointed during the year.

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Committee on the George Louis Beer Prize.--Robert F. Byrnes, Indiana University, chairman; Henry Cord Meyer, Pomona College; L. S. Stavrianos, Northwestern University.\*

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Committee on the Moses Coit Tyler Prize.--Stow Persons, State University of Iowa, chairman; Daniel Boorstin, University of Chicago;\* John Higham, Rutgers University; Frederick Rudolph, Williams College.

Committee on the Watumull Prize.--Robert I. Crane, University of Michigan, chairman; Donald Grove Barnes, Western Reserve University; Holden Furber, University of Pennsylvania.

Delegates of the American Historical Association.--American Council of Learned Societies: Robert Roswell Palmer, Princeton University--term expires 1962. International Committee of Historical Sciences: Boyd C. Shafer, Washington, D. C.--term expires 1960; Arthur P. Whitaker, University of Pennsylvania--term expires 1960. National Historical Publications Commission: Julian P. Boyd, Princeton University--term expires 1960; Guy Stanton Ford, Washington, D.C.--term expires 1961. Social Education: George Barr Carson, Jr., Washington, D.C.--term expires 1962; Thomas C. Mendenhall, Smith College--term expires 1962. Social Science Research Council: Louis R. Gottschalk, University of Chicago--term expires 1960; David Potter, Yale University--term expires 1962; C. Vann Woodward, Johns Hopkins University--term expires 1961.

The following ad interim appointments as representatives of the American Historical Association were made in 1959: J. M. Nance of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College at the inauguration

\* New member this year.

\*\* Appointed during the year.

of Ralph Wright Steen as president of the Stephen F. Austin State College on February 7; Bunyan H. Andrew of Illinois Wesleyan University at the inauguration of Lloyd Millard Bertholf as president of Illinois Wesleyan University on February 11; Charles H. Hunter of the University of Hawaii at the inauguration of Laurence Hasbrouck Snyder as president of the University of Hawaii on February 17; John H. Beeler of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at the inauguration of David Grier Martin as president of Davidson College on April 22; Richard P. McCormick of Rutgers University at the inauguration of Mason Welch Gross as president of Rutgers University on May 6; Elmer H. Cutts of Northeastern University at the inauguration of Asa Smallidge Knowles as president of Northeastern University on September 8; John Bowditch of the University of Minnesota at the inauguration of Harvey M. Rice as president of Macalester College on October 2; Festus P. Summers of West Virginia University at the inauguration of Elvis Jacob Stahr, Jr., as president of West Virginia University on October 3; Oron J. Hale of the University of Virginia at the inauguration of Edgar Finley Shannon, Jr., as president of the University of Virginia on October 6; Allen D. Breck of the University of Denver at the Seventh National Conference of the United States National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization at Denver, Colorado, September 29 to October 2; Harold U. Faulkner of Smith College at the inauguration of Thomas C. Mendenhall as president of Smith College on October 15; Boyd C. Shafer of the American Historical Association at the opening of the library of the American Philosophical Society on November 11; Victor Hicken of Western Illinois University at the inauguration of Arthur Lewis Knoblauch as president of Western Illinois University; Dietrich Gerhard of Washington University at the dedication ceremonies for the Pius XII Memorial Library at St. Louis University on November 22; Roy F. Nichols of the University of Pennsylvania at the inauguration of Millard Elwood Gladfelter as president of Temple University.

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The above officers and the following elected members:

JAMES G. ALLEN  
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University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Calif. (term expires 1961)

JOHN B. MCGLOIN, S.J.  
University of San Francisco, San Francisco, Calif. (term expires 1961)

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University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore. (term expires 1962)

WILLIAM STECKEL  
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo. (term expires 1962)

ARMIN RAPPAPORT  
University of California, Berkeley, Calif. (term expires 1960)

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION,  
THE CONRAD HILTON HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
DECEMBER 27, 1959, 10:00 A.M.**

Present: Allan Nevins, President; Bernadotte E. Schmitt, Vice President; Elmer Louis Kayser, Treasurer; Boyd C. Shafer, Executive Secretary; Crane Brinton, Mildred L. Campbell, John Hope Franklin, Frederic C. Lane, Robert R. Palmer, Stanley Pargellis, Councilors; Dexter Perkins and Walter Prescott Webb, former Presidents;

The Council approved the minutes of the 1958 meeting as published in the April 1959 issue of the American Historical Review (pp. 809-16).

Since the report of the Executive Secretary and Managing Editor had been sent to the Council, it was not read. The Executive Secretary indicated that the membership of the Association on December 15, 1959, was 8,226, a net gain of 824 for the year, and that growth in the number of members had exceeded expectations.

The Treasurer of the Association analyzed his report for 1958-1959. He stated that the financial condition of the Association was sound, but that inflationary tendencies and added activities desired by the membership might bring a deficit in 1961-1962. For the Finance Committee, the Treasurer presented the budget for 1959-1960 and the tentative budget for 1960-1961. The Council approved these budgets and the two small additions in the budget for 1958-1959 which had previously been accepted by the Finance Committee. During the discussion the Council gave attention to the provision of a pension system for employees of the Association and asked that a system be established through the Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association.

The Executive Secretary pointed to the demand for increased activities to promote the study of history, including a newsletter or a larger news section in the Review, promotion of graduate fellowships, scholarly historical programs on television, the publication of more articles and books, and the need for study of undergraduate curricula and teaching. He indicated that the Association now operates with a small staff and that if increased activities are undertaken, the staff must be augmented. He also stated that the headquarters building would not be large enough if the Association continued to grow in size and in activities as it had during the past years. The Council had previously, in approving the budgets, provided for an additional staff member. It expressed interest in the expansion of the headquarters building and asked the Executive Secretary and the Finance Committee to investigate the possibilities for expansion and to report back to the Executive Committee.

After a long discussion of the financial condition of the Association and consideration of (1) increasing Association activities, (2) the need for a larger headquarters staff and building, and (3) increasing costs resulting from inflationary tendencies, the Council believed it necessary to submit to the members of the Association an amendment to the Constitution, to be acted upon, as the Constitution provides, one year hence, and to establish membership dues in the amounts indicated below:

Regular membership, \$10.00,  
Student membership, \$5.00,  
Life membership, \$200.00.

The Council also asked that the wording of the Constitution on student membership be slightly revised to read "regularly enrolled in an educational institution." The Council will again be asked in September 1960 for its views on the proposed increases. The necessary amendment to the Constitution will be presented to members at the time the annual Program is mailed in November 1960 and the final decision will be made at the annual business meeting on December 29, 1960.

For the Committee on Committees, the Executive Secretary submitted nominations to the Council for additions and changes on the various Association committees. The committees for 1960 as approved are listed on pp. XXIII-XXV.

The Council gave considerable attention to the Association prizes. It asked that in the future the Albert J. Beveridge Award Committee avoid dual awards of the kind made by the Committee in 1959, and that the Committee always make one award with an honorable mention if funds are available.

The Council approved revision of the rules for the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize Committee as suggested by the present Committee as follows:

The Herbert Baxter Adams Prize, currently set at three hundred dollars in cash, is awarded in the even-numbered years by the American Historical Association on the basis of recommendations made by a special committee of three of its members chosen for that purpose. The Association and the Committee reserve the right to refrain from granting the award in the event that none of the entries is deemed worthy. The Prize is given for an outstanding scholarly monograph or biography (not a textbook) in medieval or modern European history, in manuscript or in print, completed or published since June 1 of the last year in which the Prize was available. Three copies of each entry must be sent to the Committee by the author or his publishers. To be eligible, an entry must be the author's first or second book. No applicant may submit more than one entry and no person is eligible to receive the Prize more than once. No entry will be accepted after June 1 of the year of the award. Information and application forms may be obtained from the chairman of the Committee.

The Council debated various proposals to change the nature and perhaps the name of the Moses Coit Tyler Prize in intellectual history, now given through the generosity of the Cornell University Press. The Executive Secretary was asked to discuss in detail the various proposals with the Cornell University Press and with the Moses Coit Tyler Prize Committee.

Upon presentation of a report of the Committee on Honorary Members, the Council elected Professor Gerhard Ritter of the University of Freiburg to honorary membership in the Association.

The Executive Secretary described the plans for the Stockholm meeting of the International Congress of Historical Sciences and the travel grants available from the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council. He urged that those planning to attend the Congress make hotel reservations as early as possible since accommodations in Stockholm are limited.

The Council confirmed the appointment of Max Savelle of the University of Washington to the Board of Editors to replace Johns Hicks of the University of California, whose term on the Board had expired.

The Council approved the nomination to the Business Meeting of the Association of Arthur W. Page, New York City, for reelection as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and of C. Fitzhugh Gordon, New York City, for election as trustee to replace Thomas Parkinson who died during the year.

For the Association's delegate to the Social Science Research Council, the Council reelected David Potter of Yale University, and as delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies, Robert R. Palmer was reelected. As members of the Board of Editors of *Social Education*, the Council elected Thomas Mendenhall of Smith College and George Barr Carson, Jr., Director of the Association's Service Center for Teachers of History.

The Council ratified the previous appointment of Leonard Krieger of Yale University as Program Chairman for 1960, and of Madeline Robinton of Brooklyn College as 1960 Local Arrangements Chairman.

The Council considered once more the time and place of meeting and confirmed the previously made arrangements for December 28-30, 1960, with the Statler-Hilton, New York City; for December 28-30, 1961, the Sheraton Park and the Shoreham Hotels, Washington, D. C.; and for December 28-30, 1962, the Conrad Hilton, Chicago. For 1963 the Council tentatively approved a meeting in the Sheraton, Philadelphia, depending upon further negotiations to be made by the Executive Secretary. The Council gave serious consideration to a meeting on the West Coast within the next few years, and asked the Executive Secretary to investigate the possibility of meeting in San Francisco in 1965.

The Executive Secretary reported on the progress of the various Association projects. The Service Center for Teachers held approximately thirty meetings for high school teachers during the year. The circulation of its pamphlets is now around 250,000. The Executive Secretary pointed out that for the Service Center the Association had received an additional three-year grant of \$140,000 from the Fund for the Advancement of Education, and at the end of this period the Service Center would be asked to become self-supporting or to terminate its activities.

For the work of microfilming German war documents, additional funds totaling \$59,000 were received during the year, and work will continue for approximately eighteen months. By November 1, 1959, approximately six million document frames had been filmed in Alexandria in addition to those produced in England. For the Foreign Office documents in England, the huge Catalogue of Files and Microfilms of the German Foreign Ministry Archives, 1867-1920, edited by Howard Ehrmann, was published during the year. For the Alexandria documents fourteen indexes plus one supplementary guide have now been published. Scholars, according to information received from the National Archives, are extensively using the documents in the microfilmed forms in which they have been reproduced.

The Guide to Historical Literature should go to the printer early in 1960. The bibliographical material for the Guide has been compiled and checked. The Guide will cost less than expected. Publication should come late in 1960 or early in 1961.

The "Guide to Photocopied Historical Materials in the United States and Canada," the Executive Secretary stated, will be delivered in manuscript form to the Cornell University Press early in 1960. The Executive Secretary described the difficulties encountered in the production of the volume but stated his hope that scholars will materially benefit by its publication.

Professor Dexter Perkins reported for the Committee on Graduate Education. He described the enormous amount of material collected by the editor of the study, John Snell, and stated that the Committee's report probably would be completed by the summer of 1960 and that it is likely that the McGraw-Hill Book Company will publish the volume.

Dr. Stanley Fargellis spoke on the progress of the British bibliographies. He stated that the volume on the Tudor period by Read had been published, that the one on medieval England, edited by Edgar Graves, was well along, and that Dean Mary Frear Keeler would, he hoped, complete her volume on the Stuart period by the fall of 1960. For the first of the two volumes on recent British history, English editors, A. J. Taylor and I. R. Christie, are at work; but editors for the last volume, covering the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, have not yet been selected.

The Executive Secretary noted that the program to promote South Asian studies in this country has been successful thus far, that three professors had been appointed to university staffs prior to this year, that three are at universities this year, and that four would be coming for the academic year 1960-1961.

The Executive Secretary spoke of the completion and publication of Court Records of Kent County, Delaware, 1680-1705, and took pleasure in pointing to the fine editing of Leon deValinger, Jr., archivist of the state of Delaware. He also noted the possibility of stimulating other studies in legal history with the Littleton-Griswold Fund.

The Council long and seriously debated a report from the ad hoc Committee on Television, headed by Richard Morris of Columbia University. The Council accepted, with several minor changes, the report which recommended two specific series, one of lectures, a second of panel discussions. These would not constitute a course or be designed as substitutes for the classroom teacher, nor would they be dramatized. Rather they would consist of "accurate, informative, and provocative presentations of historical facts, interpretations, and issues in accordance with the canons of scholarship." The Council asked that the television committee be made a standing committee and that the present membership of the committee be appointed to the standing committee. The Executive Secretary with the committee was asked to take steps to initiate the series if funds would be obtained.



The Executive Secretary reported on recent developments concerning Fulbright scholarships. Members of the Council who have had intimate knowledge of these scholarships believe that recent changes in procedure are an improvement but that the Association, through its Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government, should carefully observe the manner in which selections are made in the future. The Council was also of the opinion that more consideration should be given to research needs of those receiving scholarships and asked the Executive Secretary to transmit the following resolution to the Fulbright Committee:

The Council of the American Historical Association believes that in Fulbright appointments emphasis be placed on the research needs of American scholars as well as on teaching needs in countries to which the scholars are appointed.

Acting on communications from Mortimer Graves, Executive Director Emeritus of the American Council of Learned Societies, the Council asked the Executive Secretary to write letters of support for the Dingell Amendment of Public Law 480 providing for the acquisition of research materials from abroad.

For the Executive Committee for 1960, the Council selected John Hope Franklin, chairman; Mildred L. Campbell; Elmer Louis Kayser; William L. Langer; Bernadotte E. Schmitt; and Boyd C. Shafer.

The Finance Committee for 1960 will consist of John Hope Franklin, Elmer Louis Kayser, and Boyd C. Shafer.

For preparation of a resolution at the Business Meeting, the Council appointed John Hope Franklin and Frederic C. Lane.

Finally the Council gave attention to the protest of Howard McGaw Smyth against the use of material he had prepared while in the Historical Division of the Defense Department. The Council referred the matter to the Committee on the Historian and the Federal Government for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Executive Secretary.

## MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, THE CONRAD HILTON HOTEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, DECEMBER 29, 1959, 4:30 P. M.

President Allan Nevins called the meeting to order with about one hundred members present. The minutes of the previous meeting (AHR, April 1959, pp. 816-19) were approved.

As is customary, the Executive Secretary and Managing Editor of the Review, Boyd C. Shafer, summarized his annual report (see pp. 8-13).

The Treasurer, Elmer Louis Kayser, analyzed the finances of the Association for the year 1958-1959. His report revealed that the Association has had a satisfactory year once more. He pointed to the fact, however, that the restricted funds (totaling \$619,923) which could only be used for special purposes were larger than those assets (\$262,502) which are available for general purposes. He also suggested that because of inflationary tendencies, the increased activities desired by members, and the growth in membership, disbursements would increase and that increased revenue would be needed. The mimeographed Treasurer's report was distributed and the Treasurer invited inspection of the financial accounts and the auditors' report at Association headquarters. Without dissent the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Acting upon nomination from the Council, the Association reelected Arthur W. Page, New York City, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and elected C. Fitzhugh Gordon, New York City, to the Board. The terms for members of the Board are five years.

For the Nominating Committee, Paul Gates of Cornell University presented the yearly report and the results of the mail ballot. For 1960 the Committee nominated the following officers: for President, Bernadotte E. Schmitt of Alexandria, Virginia; for Vice President, Samuel Flagg Bemis of Yale University; and for Treasurer, Elmer Louis Kayser of George Washington University. The Executive Secretary, on motion, was instructed to cast one ballot for these nominees and they were declared elected. From the 669 ballots cast by members of the Association, Professor Gates announced the election of W. Clement Eaton of the University of Kentucky and Gaines Post of the University of Wisconsin to the Council of the Association, and of Gordon Craig of Princeton University and Kenneth Stampp of the University of California (Berkeley) to the Nominating Committee. Stuart Hughes of Harvard University is Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1960.

The Executive Secretary summarized the major actions of the Council at its meeting of December 27 (see Minutes, pp. 3-6). He announced the appointment of Max Savelle of the University of Washington to the Board of Editors, the names of the various Association delegates and new committee members, and the election of Professor Gerhard Ritter of the University of Freiburg to honorary membership in the Association. He gave the times and places of the meetings for 1960, 1961, and 1962, and indicated that the Association probably would go to Philadelphia in 1963 and was seriously considering a West Coast site for 1965. He reported the Council approval of the report of the Committee on Television to plan and present, if funds are available, scholarly programs on television. These, he stated, would not be courses but lectures and panels to enrich courses and to interest adults. He mentioned minor revisions in the terms for the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize and the possible changes in the provisions for the Moses Coit Tyler Prize.

He then reported the Council decision to present to the membership an amendment to the Constitution to increase the regular annual dues to ten dollars, student dues to five dollars, and life membership to two hundred dollars. As the Constitution provides, this proposal will be submitted to the membership by mail at least twenty days preceding the date of the Business Meeting in 1960, at which time the final decision will be made. The reasons for this Council action, he stated, were several, the two most important being the increased activities of the Association and the inflationary tendencies which increase costs and may bring a deficit in the fiscal year 1960-1961.

Max Savelle spoke for the Pacific Coast Branch of the Association. He described the lively September meeting of the Branch in Salt Lake City, noted the decreased registration, and stated that the Branch had ended the fiscal year in the best financial condition in its history. His report was accepted without dissent.

For the Council and the Association, Frederic C. Lane of Johns Hopkins University presented the following resolution which was accepted with applause:

Resolved, That the American Historical Association express its most sincere thanks to Professor Franklin D. Scott and the members of his committee for the range and high quality of the program, and to Professor Paul Barton Johnson and those who worked so vigorously with him for the excellence of the arrangements here in Chicago, and for their care and cordiality in action as our hosts.

Under the heading of "Other Business," three resolutions were presented to the meeting.

Thomas H. Greer of Michigan State University asked consideration of this proposal:

Resolved, That the Executive Secretary of the American Historical Association be authorized to send the following telegram to President Eisenhower:

The members of the American Historical Association in annual convention at Chicago desire to express their support of your recent endeavors in the interest of world peace and understanding. We urge you to persevere in these efforts and to concentrate upon the aim of universal and general disarmament under international supervision.

On a show of hands the resolution was defeated.

Fred Harvey Harrington of the University of Wisconsin presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the American Historical Association wishes to record its strong disapproval of the affidavit provisions of the National Defense Education Act and to express its hope that the Congress will eliminate these provisions at the earliest possible moment.

The resolution was passed.

A third resolution given to the Executive Secretary by Carl Bode of the University of Maryland was presented in the following form:

Whereas the Library of Congress is in many fields the nation's greatest resource in scholarly research, and

Whereas the number of study rooms available to individual scholars has within the last three years been materially decreased,

Resolved, That the American Historical Association urge the administration of the Library to preserve and increase the number of these study rooms available to scholars through the most vigorous representation to Congress.

After considerable debate from the floor the resolution was referred to the Council of the Association.

Since there was no other business President Nevins adjourned the meeting at about 5:50 p.m.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Executive Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND MANAGING EDITOR FOR 1959

Our Association has reached a crucial point in its development. It is no longer a small society of scholars quietly pursuing together the study of history. It has not become a craft union seeking principally betterment of working conditions and higher salaries. By American standards it is neither small nor large. It is becoming larger and being forced to make decisions concerning its future. The horizons of history, the rearview mirrors of society, have deepened and widened. The number of historians driving with us has multiplied. The traffic has increased. Shall we plan to increase speeds? Shall we make new maps? Shall we construct new roads? Or shall we let expansion come as it will, proceed at present speeds, and keep to the old roads as long as we can?

This annual report of the Association's seventy-fifth year revolves around questions and ends with few answers.

1. Should we embark on new ventures?
2. Should we try to increase our size?
3. If we increase our activities or become larger, or both, are we willing to pay the costs?

Our Charter instructs us to promote historical studies "in the interest of American history and of history in America." It does not tell us in what ways or to what degree. As historians, we naturally look to the past for guidance. The past, as is so often true, offers no certain direction. The American Historical Association has primarily and consistently fostered scholarly history, as it now does in the Review. We have also tried to stimulate historical study in the schools, to attract that wide audience called the literate public, and to see that the interests of history are recognized in government.

As experience has varied, so leaders of the profession have been of diverse minds. Among the founding fathers, Jameson was the historian's historian who set many of our scholarly standards, and Haskins was a solid medievalist who helped establish the historical studies of the early twentieth-century secondary schools. Among our later leaders, Becker, the humanist and stylist, wrote for the intelligent layman as well as

for the scholar, but engaged in little public activity, and Beard, the social scientist, took active part in the debates on national issues as well as on those of the schools. In recent years Read, an Elizabethan scholar, made radio broadcasts on the background of the news; Ford, an academic statesman as well as a historian of the era of Stein, often participated in public affairs; and Buck, a historian of midwestern America, was Archivist of the United States. Most of our better-known men have been professors of history, academic in their approach and professional in their interests. Some of them also have desired to bring the so-called amateurs into our ranks and to participate directly in the historical education of the American people.

Our ideals and our activities have been scholarly, though not exclusively so. In 1939 the Association refused to initiate a popular magazine of history. We have never encouraged nor published books of history for the lay public. We have, however, often though sporadically interested ourselves in the historical offerings of the secondary schools (as with our Service Center now), encouraged or criticized the historical activities of the government, lent aid to other historical groups throughout the nation, and at times thought not only of research, writing, and teaching in our colleges and universities, but also of the historical instruction the citizens of a democracy ought to have.

Our past does not tell us what we shall now do. Should we attempt to do more than we have?

Perhaps we should try to bring history to the public through televised lectures and panels and through publications. We have examined the possibilities of television with a preliminary conference and through a strong committee headed by Richard Morris of Columbia. The Council of the Association at its meeting examined the positive as well as negative recommendations of this committee: we should sponsor historical lectures and panels for adults but not a course that might be used to supplant the teacher in the classroom. We should offer these lectures and panels, the committee suggests, because we have a responsibility for the quality of historical understanding in America and because if we do not, others, less qualified, will offer programs of lesser merit. Probably the time is past for Association sponsorship of a popular historical magazine, though some members think not. But in the interests of historical study should we prepare pamphlets for adult education similar to those our Service Center now prepares for high school teachers, and should we publish historical books, or at least offer prizes for volumes designed for the public? How far and for whom shall we promote historical studies? Certainly some of the American people have shown interest in some varieties of history, though not often in the scholarly history most of us both prefer and write.

If we skeptically view further efforts on our part to stimulate public interest in history and prefer to concentrate on scholarly tasks, then what scholarly tasks and in what magnitude?

Recently we asked over eighty historians for suggestions for the Review. Generally they gave the Review high praise, but they thought of changes too. The majority asked for "more of the same." Several suggested six instead of four issues a year, and two advocated a monthly. Should we contemplate six issues? Some of our correspondents believed that we should review more books. More than the 614 we reviewed or noticed last year? Several wanted longer reviews than we now usually run and some more short notices. A few thought we should shorten the news section; a greater number wished it enlarged or asked for a separate newsletter. There was praise for our lists of articles, though no general agreement, and some sentiment for a reduction in their present length in order to make space for more articles. The Review's articles received commendation, though some individuals remarked that they seldom read them except those in their own specialty--and those were too few. Perhaps we should publish more than the eighteen articles and six "Notes and Suggestions" we did last year. Perhaps we should see more than the 181 submitted last year or the 168 of the year before. Perhaps not. Perhaps we should try for other types of articles. The demand was strong for more interpretive and bibliographical essays and for more on broad themes and on the nature of history. The Review is now trying, with fair success, to obtain more

such articles though not many American historians write them. In sum, what our readers want is more articles, more reviews, longer reviews, and more news. And this, though more than eighty historical journals of one kind or another are now published in the United States and several additional ones are started each year.

Perhaps, then, our first task, if we contemplate rendering greater service than before, is to enlarge the Review's scholarly coverage. Does this objective, however, outweigh several others? Last year the Council, somewhat reluctantly, approved a proposal for a survey of historians' research needs and opportunities. The Executive Secretary, pressed by other commitments, could not initiate the study. The study should be made. Members urge us to assist historians over the whole range of historical pursuits.

Before I discuss their further proposals I must outline some of our present activities. Few realize how many and varied are our services for historians or how, with limited resources, we have vastly extended them during the past few years. We now offer seven excellent prizes and we have seven strong prize committees to conduct the competitions. We offer awards in European history (the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize, Henry Winkler, chairman), in recent international history (the George Louis Beer Prize, Carl Schorske, chairman), in American history (the Albert J. Beveridge Award, Alfred D. Chandler, chairman), in United States history (the John H. Dunning Prize, Charles G. Sellers, Jr., chairman), in British Commonwealth history (the Robert Livingston Schuyler Prize, Helen Taft Manning, chairman), in American intellectual history (the Moses Coit Tyler Prize, Charles Barker, chairman), and in Indian history (the Watumull Prize, Robert Crane, chairman). Our prizes reward and honor the authors of substantial historical works and in recent years they have enabled the publication of two or three volumes annually which have been, though the phrase be hackneyed, contributions to knowledge.

Our other activities are as wide in scope as are the interests of our constituents. For many of them we have established standing or special project committees. These, with their chairmen, include the Committees for Documentary Reproduction (Robert Eckles), the Guide to Historical Literature (George Howe), the Harmsworth Professorship (C. Vann Woodward), the Historian and the Federal Government (Edward Younger), Honorary Members (Paul Clyde), International Historical Activities (Arthur P. Whitaker), Littleton-Griswold Fund (Edward Dumbauld), South Asian History (Holden Furber), Study of War Documents (Oron Hale), Service Center for Teachers of History (Joseph Strayer), and Graduate Education in History (Dexter Perkins).

In addition, through representatives, delegates, or the Executive Secretary, we participate in the work of several scholarly groups, e.g., the International Congress of Historical Sciences (Boyd C. Shafer and Arthur P. Whitaker), the National Historical Publications Commission (Guy Stanton Ford and Julian P. Boyd), the American Council of Learned Societies (Robert R. Palmer), the Social Science Research Council (Louis Gottschalk, David Potter, and C. Vann Woodward), and Social Education (Herman Ausubel and Boyd C. Shafer).

Some of our committees and delegates, with the full and energetic support of our headquarters, have made and are making major contributions to historical study. Some are constructing tools for the scholar, some pointing out directions, some reenforcing values of historical scholarship. Most of them, as the record shows, have been active this past year. I have almost lost track of the thousands of reels of microfilm we have made of German documents here and in England. For the Foreign Office papers that were in England, we now have the big new Ehrmann Catalogue covering the available microfilms for the period 1867-1920, and for those six million frames made of military records in the United States thirteen guides are now ready and more are coming. The new monumental Guide to Historical Literature, for which William C. Davis has collected thousands of entries, is almost ready for the printer, as is the Guide to Photocopied Historical Materials in the United States and Canada on which Richard Hale has worked so enthusiastically. We are sponsoring three professors of South Asian history at American universities this year and probably four next year. The circulation of our Service Center pamphlets, edited by George Carson, has reached a quarter of a million,

while Service Center conferences for high school teachers have been held throughout the country. We have now and for the first time, as a result of the industry of John Snell, much information about our graduate students and much of this information will become known when Dexter Perkins reports for the Committee on Graduate Education next year. Of the projected five volumes of British bibliography, one, that by Conyers Read for the Tudor period, is published, and the compilation of two others on the medieval and Stuart periods is well along.

These achievements constitute, however, but part of the work of the Association. I cannot here describe all we do at headquarters beyond the initiation and support of the many projects I have just enumerated. Illustrations must suffice. We have a Job Register which on December 1 had 361 registrants and during the year received ninety-seven inquiries from institutions seeking historians. We offer information and advice to hundreds of scholars requesting aid in their research and teaching. We are, dozens of times each year, asked to offer counsel to governmental agencies and scholarly groups in their historical work. As one example, we cooperate with the National Historical Publications Commission in the publication of the valuable Writings on American History which the Commission now prepares and we publish as Volume II of our Annual Report. As another example, we cooperate with the Library of Congress in the preparation of the new National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections, a catalogue which a committee of this Association recommended twelve years ago. We get scores of letters from school children and adults asking for historical information, to most of which we regretfully reply that we cannot help because we are equipped only to do the research necessary for our own activities. But people continue to regard our office as the source for historical information in America and when we can offer this information we do.

Certainly we are already expected to lead and are already leading in scholarly enterprises that would astound our founding fathers just as much as the present functions of the federal government would shock either Jefferson or Hamilton. Should we, in response to demand, push our scholarly ventures further? Should we, as some of our members desire, press for more graduate fellowships in history? Should we publish a list of all historical research projects under way in addition to our List of Doctoral Dissertations (now edited by William Fox)? Should we encourage and plan interdisciplinary research, further stimulate the collection and cataloguing of manuscripts, and start other bibliographical volumes? A sizable number of our colleagues think that we should become more demanding, "more professional" in our aims. Should we now attempt to establish not only scholarly but professional standards for the members of our discipline? Should we set up screening committees for entrance into graduate schools? Should we try to obtain funds for publication of more scholarly books? Should we directly publish more? I have heard a prominent historian, who is not a member of the Association, say that the Association's publication record was poor--in spite of the more than 250 monographs and other volumes we have published. Should the Association publish more, notwithstanding the recent ACLS study which indicated that most scholars had little difficulty in obtaining publication?

The demands for our services are endless. This is heartening, for it reveals not only that the Association fills a need but also that historians have learned that the Association does indeed promote historical study. The scholarly tasks we might further undertake would, in some cases, be of great value. How shall we establish priority among them? How shall we weigh them against our responsibility for educating the public?

I turn to the question of numbers. Should we plan to grow slowly or swiftly? Your Executive Secretary is something of a Jeffersonian. Unlike many Americans (and Russians too) he sees no intrinsic merit in size. Nevertheless, without an organized membership campaign, we are growing. In December 1953 the total membership was about six thousand; in December 1959 the total reached about 8,300. Through a campaign we could obtain perhaps two thousand more regular and student members. By changing our activities to appeal to a larger public than we have we could double, triple, perhaps quadruple our size. But do we wish to grow swiftly or become considerably larger? We should remember that though we may win converts, converts often backslide.

From time to time I hear that the Association ought to include everyone who is interested in history, and I note that members express gratification when we report growth. In our own description of ourselves we say that the Association is for "every man and woman who is interested in the study of history in America." Do we mean this literally? Or do we mean that the Association is for every man and woman who is interested in serious scholarly study? I suspect the latter, but the final decision is yet to be made.

If we enlarge our public activities or our scholarly work, or substantially increase our membership, we face sizable administrative problems. We run an economical operation at present. To carry the already constantly increasing load of work of the Association and the *Review*, our full-time staff has been cautiously increased over the past three years from five to seven people, and we are contemplating employment of one or two more assistants. Our present staff plus possible additions will be just adequate for presently planned tasks. If we assume additional projects or if we grow in size, the staff will have to be further increased and costs will mount. May I prosaically show from present experience how growth affects workload. We historians and especially our students are mobile--we move around. The office receives around fifteen hundred changes of address each year, many faculty members move at least once and most students move twice and sometimes three times. Each address change (sorting and opening of mail, pulling of membership and geographic cards, sending changes to the printer, changing of membership and geographic cards, and refilling) takes about ten minutes of a clerk's time--if there are no complications, and alas! there are many. Every increase of five hundred members means three or four additional days of one person's time for address changes alone. We welcome new members but we must provide the clerical staff to take care of them.

You have a good staff. If it is enlarged, it must be with good people. And good people who will do the exacting tasks our work requires are not easily found, nor do they come at discount rates.

What I have done is to present alternatives if we continue to expand. Whether we do or not we must give major attention to the two basic activities of the Association, the publication of the *Review* and the holding of the Annual Meeting. The latter now takes place over three full days, instead of the traditional two and one-half, up to 2,500 historians register compared to the fifteen hundred of five years ago, and this year over 230 will actively participate instead of the approximately one hundred of a few years back. This year's program, arranged by Franklin Scott and his perceptive committee, is the strongest in my experience. We cannot, I think, arrange better sessions than Scott has. I hear in the corridors a lament for our good old smaller meetings. With the booming population and the ever-increasing number of historians, I suspect that we must reconcile ourselves to large attendance. Still I see no reason to plan for larger meetings.

The *Review*, whether we eventually go to six issues or not, should continue to publish articles, reviews, bibliographical lists, and news. It should continue to uphold high scholarly standards. Its Managing Editor with the Board of Editors should continue to help authors with their research and writing.

Here there is much to be done. Very likely the editors cannot materially raise the level of historical writing in America, though they may be able to help. But certainly the need shouts for attention. The Managing Editor at times agrees with the critic of the *Times Literary Supplement* (November 6, 1959, p. xxxii):

Another characteristic of modern [American] scholarship [is] its indifference to form. A scholar takes thought about everything except his prose and the length of his chapters. He is suspect if he writes well; he is mistrusted if he does not overwhelm the reader with details, quotations, and indiscriminate bibliographies. The American scholar no longer heeds Emerson's advice, "Tell us what you know"; he tells us what he has found, which is a longer and drearier story. . . . From the moment, nearly a century ago, when history . . . and the rest of the humanities repudiated the literary art in an effort to resemble the objectivity of natural science, the contempt for the Word has

increasingly bred an unawareness of the Idea. . . . The false analogy with science which suggests to the scholar that any fact will ultimately be valuable now makes him willing to spend his time on inquiries of which he himself is unable to state the point.

What the editors can do about the "Word," the "Idea," or the "point," I hesitate to guess. On this issue I suffer from few illusions. But we should not wait for the millennium. The time is now and we begin here.

When this Executive Secretary and Managing Editor tries to answer questions he has been debating, he arrives at no certain conclusions. Of one purpose only he is certain. The first obligation of this Association is to historical scholarship. Only when we are certain that we are doing our best for scholarship should we consciously plan expansion. If we desire TV programs and popular publications, newsletters, or the establishment of this or that historical service, we must be prepared to pay for them as well as for our scholarly work. This means the employment of more people at good salaries. This means enlargement of our headquarters building. In concrete terms expansion may mean an increase in dues to ten or even fifteen dollars a year, dues as high as those of most of the other similar learned societies.

Whether we want to or not, we move, we grow, we are en route. We should take thought of direction and distance. More help for scholarship? Beyond scholarly history? Do we want, are we willing to pay the costs? We should not move or grow just for the sake of movement and growth. We should move in new directions only as these new directions take us toward more thoughtful historical research and deepen historical understanding. We should plan to grow with need--the needs of people seriously interested in history. We can slowly and, we hope, intelligently assume some responsibility for the diffusion of historical knowledge. But as we diffuse we must never forget that we ourselves must first have knowledge and the ability to sustain our efforts on a high level of literacy and integrity.

BOYD C. SHAFER, Executive Secretary and Managing Editor.



# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

## FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1958-59

The American Historical Association on August 31, 1959 had cash on hand for general purposes amounting to \$72,879.17, an improvement of \$19,578.11 over the preceding fiscal year. The Association headquarters and its equipment are valued at \$50,420.52. Funds, unrestricted as to use of income, in the custody of the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York under the direction of the Board of Trustees, amount to \$139,202.59. These three items (cash, headquarters building and equipment and invested funds) constitute the total assets of \$262,502.28, available for the general purposes of the Association.

Securities in the portfolio of the Matteson Fund amount to \$86,655.05 and those in the other special funds of the Association, restricted in purpose, amount to \$156,120.00. Unexpended portions of grants made by foundations and others for specified purposes amount to \$377,138.92. These various restricted funds total \$619,923.97.

Funds, restricted and unrestricted, composing the total assets of the Association amount to \$882,426.25 if the book value of permanent investments is used. If market values, according to the August 31, 1959 appraisal, are used, the total assets of the Association amount to \$1,238,456.53. This shows an improvement of \$130,515.65 over the preceding year if book value of permanent investments is used. This is due largely to the greater amounts received from foundations for special projects. An improvement of \$209,501.77 over the preceding year is shown if market values are used. This is due additionally to the growth in value of the securities in our permanent investments.

The tables on the pages which follow give a condensed account of the Association's financial operations during the past fiscal year. All financial accounts have been audited by F. W. Lafrentz and Company, certified public accountants, whose report is on file at the Association's headquarters where it is available for inspection by interested members. Filed also at headquarters and available for examination is the report of the Fiduciary Trust Company, approved by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, on the securities held in its custody.

December, 1959

ELMER LOUIS KAYSER, Treasurer.

## AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## GENERAL ACCOUNT

Comparative Statement for 1957/1958 and 1958/59 of Receipts  
and Disbursements of Unrestricted Funds

	1957/58	1958/59
<u>Receipts</u>		
Cash on hand Sept. 1.....	\$37,267.50	\$53,301.06
Annual Dues.....	47,680.76	50,072.48
Registration Fees.....	3,387.10	3,172.01
Interest.....	18,885.15	19,869.68
<u>American Historical Review</u> .....	10,265.66	11,155.88
Royalties.....	100.00	587.48
Advertising.....	6,486.35	6,216.76
Miscellaneous.....	341.75	465.84
Employees' taxes withheld from salaries for later payment.....		968.08
Foundation grants (portions allocated to administration).....	8,625.00	15,847.00
	<u>\$133,039.27</u>	<u>\$161,656.27</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>		
General Administration.....	\$49,779.66	\$57,174.06
Council and committees.....	1,505.27	1,952.80
Annual meetings.....	3,307.72	3,067.44
<u>Review--copies for members</u> .....	22,140.60	23,374.40
A.C.L.S.--dues.....	100.00	100.00
Pacific Coast Branch.....	300.00	300.00
International Com. of Hist. Sciences.....	116.70	115.75
National Trust for Historic Preservation.....	100.00	100.00
Payment toward Adams prize of 1956.....		300.00
Investments.....	2,374.36	
Employees' taxes withheld - Bal. 8-31-58.....	13.90	
Special Projects Committees.....		2,223.65
Life Insurance Premiums of Employees.....		69.00
	<u>\$79,738.21</u>	<u>\$88,777.10</u>
Balance, August 31 .....	53,301.06	72,879.17
	<u>\$133,039.27</u>	<u>\$161,656.27</u>

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 1958/59 of  
Special Funds and Grants included in the General Account

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
<u>Endowment Fund</u>		
Contributions.....	\$395.00	
Life Membership dues.....	3,000.00	
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		<u>\$3,395.00</u>
	<u>\$3,395.00</u>	<u>\$3,395.00</u>
<u>Andrew D. White Fund</u>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$246.34	
Interest.....	42.00	
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		<u>\$288.34</u>
	<u>\$288.34</u>	<u>\$288.34</u>
<u>George Louis Beer Prize Fund</u>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$656.25	
Interest.....	294.00	
Prize of 1958.....		\$300.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		<u>650.25</u>
	<u>\$950.25</u>	<u>\$950.25</u>
<u>John H. Dunning Prize Fund</u>		
Cash on Hand Sept. 1, 1958..	\$346.29	
Interest.....	73.50	
Royalties.....	861.74	
Prize awarded 1958.....		\$140.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		<u>1,141.53</u>
	<u>\$1,281.53</u>	<u>\$1,281.53</u>
<u>Robert L. Schuyler Prize Fund</u>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$432.11	
Interest.....	15.12	
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		<u>\$447.23</u>
	<u>\$447.23</u>	<u>\$447.23</u>

## GENERAL ACCOUNT--Continued

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 1958/59 of  
Special Funds and Grants included in the General Account--Continued

	Receipts	Disbursements
<b>J. Franklin Jameson Fund</b>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$1,286.06	
Interest.....	154.70	
From sales of "List of Doctoral Dissertations".....	420.95	
Expense on account of "List of Doctoral Dissertations".....		\$848.58
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		1,013.13
	<u>\$1,861.71</u>	<u>\$1,861.71</u>
<b>David M. Matteson Fund</b>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$16,267.32	
Interest.....	3,682.82	
Sale of Index.....	855.20	
Preparation of Indexes and bibliographical lists.....		\$2,767.61
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		18,037.73
	<u>\$20,805.34</u>	<u>\$20,805.34</u>
<b>Job Register Fund</b>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$701.46	
Annual fees.....	679.00	
Furniture and fixtures.....		\$74.00
Office Expenses.....		580.19
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		726.27
	<u>\$1,380.46</u>	<u>\$1,380.46</u>
<b>Reserve Fund (for house repairs and renovations)</b>		
Balance, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$600.00	
Addition to Reserve.....	600.00	
Disbursements.....		\$452.45
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		747.55
	<u>\$1,200.00</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
<b>Ford Foundation Grants:</b>		
<b>Bibliographies of British History</b>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$6,055.58	
Grant.....	20,000.00	
Refund of advances made Sept. 1, 1956 to Aug. 31, 1957 for work on "The Tudor Period".....	1,184.43	
Disbursements.....		\$15,644.37
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		11,595.64
	<u>\$27,240.01</u>	<u>\$27,240.01</u>
<b>Service Center for Teachers of History</b>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$75,206.52	
Three year Grant.....	140,000.00	
Disbursements.....		\$54,562.10
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		160,644.42
	<u>\$215,206.52</u>	<u>\$215,206.52</u>
<b>American Committee for the Study of War Documents</b>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$10,904.14	
Disbursements.....		\$5,499.99
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		5,404.15
	<u>\$10,904.14</u>	<u>\$10,904.14</u>
<b>Visit Bureau - Int'l. Committee of Historical Sciences</b>		
Balance, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$11,131.48	
Disbursements.....		\$7,235.23
Refunded to Ford Foundation.....		3,896.25
	<u>\$11,131.48</u>	<u>\$11,131.48</u>
<b>Microfilming of War Documents</b>		
Grant.....	\$30,000.00	
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		\$30,000.00
	<u>\$30,000.00</u>	<u>\$30,000.00</u>

## GENERAL ACCOUNT--Continued

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for 1958/59 of  
Special Funds and Grants included in the General Account--Continued

	Receipts	Disbursements
<u>Carnegie Corporation of New York Grants:</u>		
Committee on Study of Graduate Education in History		
Balance, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$24,211.47	
Grant.....	24,500.00	
Disbursements.....		\$16,104.24
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		32,607.23
	<u>\$48,711.47</u>	<u>\$48,711.47</u>
Travel Expenses of Delegates to Int'l. Meetings		
Balance, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$7,732.08	
Disbursements.....		\$866.80
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		6,865.28
	<u>\$7,732.08</u>	<u>\$7,732.08</u>
<u>Rockefeller Foundation Grants:</u>		
Assistance for Professors of South Asian History		
Cash on Hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$12,085.55	
Grant.....	34,802.85	
Disbursements.....		\$44,593.73
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		2,294.67
	<u>\$46,888.40</u>	<u>\$46,888.40</u>
<u>Guide to Historical Literature</u>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$32,498.46	
Disbursements.....		\$15,479.48
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		17,018.98
	<u>\$32,498.46</u>	<u>\$32,498.46</u>
<u>Council on Library Resources, Inc. Grant:</u>		
Balance, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$10,590.79	
Grant.....	30,420.00	
Disbursements.....		\$27,582.41
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		13,428.38
	<u>\$41,010.79</u>	<u>\$41,010.79</u>
<u>Old Dominion Foundation Grant:</u>		
War Documents Committee		
Balance, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$11,978.72	
Disbursements.....		\$11,978.72
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		
	<u>\$11,978.72</u>	<u>\$11,978.72</u>
<u>Lilly Endowment, Inc. Grant:</u>		
War Documents Committee		
Balance, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$31,000.00	
Disbursements.....		\$16,834.49
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		14,165.51
	<u>\$31,000.00</u>	<u>\$31,000.00</u>
<u>The Fund for the Advancement of Education Grant:</u>		
Conference on Television History Courses		
Grant.....	\$2,500.00	
Disbursements.....		\$1,716.31
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		783.69
	<u>\$2,500.00</u>	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
<u>Marshall Field Enterprises Grant:</u>		
Travel Expenses		
Grant.....	\$1,000.00	
Disbursements.....		\$1,000.00
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		
	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

## SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Statement for 1958/59 of Receipts and Disbursements

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>
<b>A. H. A. Revolving Fund for Publications</b>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$3,069.86	
Interest (from savings account).....	79.52	
Royalties.....	995.85	
Transfer to John H. Dunning Prize Fund.....		\$861.74
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		<u>3,283.49</u>
	<u>\$4,145.23</u>	<u>\$4,145.23</u>
<b>Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund</b>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$10,332.82	
Interest (from investments and savings account).....	3,825.04	
Royalties.....	4,093.23	
Disbursements.....		\$11,496.53
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		<u>6,754.56</u>
	<u>\$18,251.09</u>	<u>\$18,251.09</u>
<b>Littleton-Grissold Fund</b>		
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$10,483.32	
Interest (from investments and savings account).....	1,532.16	
Sales of publications.....	115.50	
Disbursements.....		\$354.09
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		<u>11,776.89</u>
	<u>\$12,130.98</u>	<u>\$12,130.98</u>

## FINANCIAL ASSETS

Securities (book value) Aug. 31, 1959.....		\$381,987.64
Credited to		
Albert J. Beveridge Memorial Fund.....	\$105,000.00	
Littleton-Grissold 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>86,665.05</u>
Unrestricted.....		<u>\$139,202.59</u>
Cash in checking, saving accounts, U. S. Treasury bills and certificates of indebtedness, and petty cash.....		\$450,018.09
Credited to		
Special accounts.....	\$21,814.94	
Special funds and grants.....	<u>355,323.98</u>	377,138.92
Unrestricted.....		<u>\$72,879.17</u>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Real Estate.....	\$42,722.08	
Furniture and equipment.....	<u>7,698.44</u>	<u>\$50,420.52</u>

## SUMMARY

<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>		
Securities.....	\$139,202.59	
Cash in custody of Treasurer.....	<u>72,879.17</u>	\$212,081.76
<b>Fixed Assets</b> .....		50,420.52
<b>Restricted Funds</b>		
Securities.....	\$242,785.05	
Cash in custody of the Treasurer.....	<u>377,138.92</u>	619,923.97
<b>Total</b> .....		<u>\$882,426.25</u>

## REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

November 13, 1959

American Historical Association  
400 A Street, S. E.  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We have examined the entries for the recorded cash receipts and disbursements of the general and special accounts of your Association for the period from September 1, 1958, to August 31, 1959, have verified all cash balances, have examined or confirmed all investments and performed such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. We did not correspond with members in verification of dues paid to the Association, but used other means to reasonably satisfy us as to the accuracy of the recorded amounts.

In addition to the statements of receipts and disbursements, we present in this report, a statement of assets of the Association as of August 31, 1959. The assets included are cash, investments and fixed property. Dues receivable, saleable books, library books and deferred charges are not included, nor are any liabilities reflected therein. We were advised that there were no liabilities other than those for current monthly bills and payroll taxes.

In our opinion, the accompanying exhibits and supporting schedules\* present fairly the assets of the American Historical Association on August 31, 1959, and the recorded cash transactions for the year then ended, and have been prepared on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

The financial statements are presented herewith.

In the paragraphs to follow we shall submit comments and additional information as to the scope of our examination and the accounts presented.

## CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

A combined summary of all receipts and disbursements for the year under review is as follows:

	Combined Total	Exhibit B-1 Special Funds and Grants	Exhibit B-2 Operating Fund	Exhibit C Special Accounts
Cash and temporary investments balance, September 1, 1958.....	331,117.68	253,930.62	53,301.06	23,886.00
Receipts.....	448,009.74	329,981.31	107,387.13	10,641.30
Disbursements.....	779,127.42	583,911.93	160,688.19	34,527.30
	329,178.33	228,656.95	87,809.02	12,712.36
Cash and temporary investments balance, August 31, 1959.....	449,949.09	355,254.98	72,879.17	21,814.94

Recorded cash receipts were traced to bank deposits and cash disbursements were supported by canceled checks and properly approved vouchers or authorizations. The grants recorded during the year under review were confirmed by direct correspondence with the grantors.

Income earned on investments during the year under review was checked for accuracy

\* The exhibits and complete schedules are on file in the office of the Association and may be examined by any qualified and interested person.

and properly accounted for on the books of the Association. Amortization of premiums paid on bonds owned was provided in accordance with the amounts determined by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York.

Payments to the Association during the year under review by the Fiduciary Trust Company of New York totaled \$23,298.06, distributed as shown at the bottom of Exhibit D.

Dues received during the year amounted to \$50,072.48, in accordance with the cash receipts records. Verification by us was limited to a test check of the names on the members' account cards to the dues book. Your records indicate that the total dues received are applicable to the following years:

<u>Dues Year Ending in</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1962 .....	\$15.00
1961 .....	253.13
1960 .....	31,172.10
1959 .....	18,587.25
Prior years .....	45.00
Total .....	<u>\$50,072.48</u>

Total dues collected in the preceding year amounted to \$47,680.76. A distribution of the dues between regular and student members is as follows:

6,199 members paid regular dues of ....	\$46,608.48
866 members paid student dues of ....	3,464.00
Total .....	<u>\$50,072.48</u>

F. W. LAFRENTZ & CO.  
Certified Public Accountants

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 1, 1959

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, 1958.

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

### REGULAR SECTION

#### VALUE OF ORIGINAL AND PRESENT HOLDINGS

Original Value.....	\$235,184.00
Present Value.....	628,364.00
Estimated Annual Income.....	20,410.00
Return on Current Market Value.....	3.2%
Return on Original Value.....	8.7%
Bond Premiums are Amortized	

## REGULAR SECTION--CONTINUED

	Approximate		Estimated annual income	
	Price	Value	Rate	Amount
<b>Bonds:</b>				
19,000. U. S. A. Treasury C/I B-1960 4 5/15/60.....	\$100	\$19,000		\$760
10,000. U. S. A. Treasury Notes A-1961 4 8/1/61.....	99	9,900		400
10,000. Virginia Ry. 1st Lien & Ref. B 3 5/1/95.....	71	7,100		300
20,000. Aluminum Co. of America Deb. 3 1/8 2 1/6.....	96	19,200		625
10,000. Dow Chemical Co. Deb. 3 7/1/82.....	190	19,000		300
10,000. Scott Paper Co. Deb. 3 3/1/71.....	110	11,000		300
10,000. Commercial Credit Notes 3 1/4 6/15/61.....	96	9,600		325
Total bonds.....		\$94,800		\$3,010
<b>Preferred Stocks:</b>				
100 Cons. Edison of New York \$5 Pfd.....	101	10,100	\$5.00	500
100 E. I. Du Pont De Nemours \$4.50 Pfd.....	101	10,100	4.50	450
70 U. S. Rubber 8 1/2 N-2M 1st Pfd.....	150	10,500	8.00	560
100 U. S. Steel 7 1/2 Pfd.....	144	14,400	7.00	700
Total preferred stocks.....		\$45,100		\$2,210
<b>Common Stocks:</b>				
550 Marine Midland.....	26	14,300	1.00	550
120 Insurance Co. of North America.....	132	15,840	3.00	360
545 Cincinnati Gas & Electric.....	32	17,440	1.50	818
480 Cleveland Electric Illuminating.....	51	24,480	1.80	864
400 Texas Utilities.....	73	29,200	1.76	704
560 El Paso Natural Gas.....	32	17,920	1.30	728
533 Oklahoma Natural Gas.....	28	14,924	1.24	661
400 United Gas.....	36	14,400	1.50	600
442 Eastman Kodak.....	91	40,222	1.48	654
300 American Can.....	44	13,200	2.00	600
400 American Cyanamid.....	60	24,000	1.60	640
200 E. I. Du Pont De Nemours.....	268	53,600	6.00	1,200
200 Union Carbide.....	143	28,600	3.60	720
400 Continental Oil.....	55	22,000	1.60	640
605 Standard Oil of New Jersey.....	51	30,855	2.25	1,361
600 General Electric.....	82	49,200	2.00	1,200
250 Westinghouse Electric.....	94	23,500	2.00	500
180 Ingersoll Rand.....	88	15,840	4.00	720
400 Aluminum Ltd.....	34	13,600	.50	200
100 Kennecott Copper.....	100	10,000	6.00	600
580 Canadian Pacific Ry.....	28	16,240	1.50	870
Total common stocks.....		\$489,361		\$15,190
Securities value.....		\$629,291		
Principal cash overinvested.....		897		
Total account.....		\$628,364		
Estimated annual income.....				\$20,410

Statement of transactions during the period from September 1, 1958 through August 31, 1959

Date	PURCHASES	Price	Principal
11/13/58.....	\$10,000. Scott Paper Co. Deb. 3 3/4 due 3/1/71.....	109	\$10,925.00
5/15/59.....	\$19,000. U. S. A. Treasury C/I B-1960 4 5/15/60.....	100 3/32 net	19,017.81
5/15/59.....	400 Shs. Aluminum Ltd.....	27 7/8	11,281.76
	<b>SALES</b>		\$41,224.57
11/13/58.....	\$7,000. U. S. A. Treasury C/I C-1959 1 5/8 Due 8/1/59.....	99 7/32 net	\$6,945.31
1/21/59.....	1/3 Shr. Oklahoma Natural Gas order form void 1/8/59.....		9.50
5/15/59.....	\$31,000. U. S. A. Treasury C/I C-1959 1 5/8 Due 8/1/59.....	99 21/32 net	30,893.44
5/21/59.....	550 Rts. Marine Midland void 6/1/59.....	7/64	54.38
	Total sales.....		\$37,902.63



SECURITIES RECEIVED BY EXCHANGE

4/ 7/59..... 580 Shs. Canadian Pacific Ry. received for \$20,000. Canadian Pacific Ry. Cv. Coll. Tr. 3 1/2% due 10/1/66

SECURITIES DISTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

12/11/58..... 133 1/3 Shs. Oklahoma Natural Gas representing A 33 1/3% stock distribution on 400 Shs. to holders of record 12/3/58  
 4/13/59..... 221 Shs. Eastman Kodak representing a 100% stock distribution on 221 Shs. to holders of record 3/9/59

RIGHTS RECEIVED AND SOLD

5/14/59..... 550 Rts. Marine Midland, rights to subscribe to 27 10/20 Shs. @ \$22. per share, to holders of record 5/12/59. Void 6/1/59. Sold 5/21/59.

MATTESON FUNDVALUE OF ORIGINAL AND PRESENT HOLDINGS

Original Value.....	\$73,501.00
Present Value.....	109,655.00
Estimated Annual Income.....	4,361.00
Return on Current Market Value.....	4.0%
Return on Original Value.....	5.9%
Bond premiums are amortized	

	Approximate		Estimated annual income	
	Price	Value	Rate	Amount
<b>Bonds:</b>				
33,000. U. S. A. Treasury C/I B-1960 4 1/2% 5/15/60.....	\$100	\$33,000		\$1,320
6,000. U. S. A. Treasury Notes A-1961 4 1/2% 8/1/61.....	99	5,940		240
5,000. Union Pacific RR Deb. 2 7/8% 2/1/76.....	79	3,950		144
5,000. Scott Paper Cv. Deb. 3 3/4% 3/1/71.....	110	5,500		150
5,000. Standard Oil N. J. Deb. 2 3/4% 7/15/74.....	82	4,100		138
Total Bonds.....		\$52,490		\$1,992
<b>Common Stocks:</b>				
100 American Electric Power.....	50	5,000	\$1.68	168
450 American Telephone & Telegraph.....	80	36,000	3.30	1,485
318 Standard Oil of New Jersey.....	51	16,218	2.25	716
Total common stocks.....		\$57,218		\$2,369
Securities value.....		\$109,708		
Principal cash overinvested.....		53		
Total account.....		\$109,655		
Estimated annual income.....				\$4,361

Statement of transactions during the period from September 1, 1958 through August 31, 1959

Date	PURCHASES	Price	Principal
11/13/58.....	\$5,000. Scott Paper Cv. Deb. 3 3/4% due 3/1/71.....	109 3/4	\$5,500.00
5/15/59.....	\$33,000. U. S. A. Treasury C/I B-1960 4 1/2% due 5/15/60.....	100 3/32 net	33,030.94
5/15/59.....	100 Shs. American Electric Power.....	53 1/4	5,369.33
	<u>SALES</u>		<u>\$43,900.27</u>
11/13/58.....	\$4,000. U. S. A. Treasury C/I C-1959 1 5/8% due 8/1/59.....	99 7/32 net	\$3,968.75
5/15/59.....	\$3,000. U. S. A. Treasury C/I C-1959 1 5/8% due 8/1/59.....	99 21/32 net	2,989.69
5/15/59.....	47 Shs. American Telephone & Telegraph.....	245 1/4	11,472.34
5/15/59.....	100 Shs. American Telephone & Telegraph.....	245 1/2	24,473.95
	Total Sales.....		\$42,904.73

SECURITIES DISTRIBUTION RECEIVED

6/1/59..... 300 Shs. American Telephone & Telegraph representing A 200% stock distribution on 150 Shs. to holders of record 4/24/59

The holdings of the American Historical Association as of Aug. 31, 1959, compare with its holdings of Aug. 31, 1958, as follows:

	Value of principal	Estimated income		Value of principal	Estimated income
REGULAR SECTION			MATTESON FUND		
Aug. 31, 1958.....	\$545,244.00	\$19,163.00	Aug. 31, 1958.....	\$95,091.00	\$4,009.00
Aug. 31, 1959.....	628,364.00	20,410.00	Aug. 31, 1959.....	109,655.00	4,361.00

As will be noted from the foregoing figures, the market value of the securities held in the Regular Section for the Association increased (owing to the general stock market situation) from a total of \$545,244.00 on Aug. 31, 1958, to \$628,364.00 on Aug. 31, 1959. The estimated income basis, as figured as of the same two dates, increased from \$19,163.00 to \$20,410.00. During the year, the value of securities in the Matteson Fund increased from \$95,091.00 to \$109,655.00. The estimated income was \$4,361.00 as against \$4,009.00 a year ago.

Charges made by the Fiduciary Trust Co. for management of securities as well as brokerage charges on purchases and sales amounted to \$2,428.00 for the Regular Section and \$423.00 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, 1959-60, 1960-61

## UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

(Submitted to the Finance Committee and the Council, December, 1959, and approved by the Council December 27, 1959.)

	Actual income and expenditure 1958/59	Original proposed budget 1959/60	Proposed revised budget 1959/60	Proposed tentative budget 1960/61
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Annual dues.....	\$50,072.48	\$48,000	\$52,000	\$52,000
Registration fees.....	3,172.01	3,000	3,000	3,600
Interest.....	19,869.68	16,500	17,000	17,000
Advertising and exhibit space (annual meeting).....	6,216.76	6,500	7,200	7,500
Royalties, publications and miscellaneous.....	1,053.32	500	500	500
<u>American Historical Review</u> Macmillan, editorial expense.....	2,400.00	2,400	2,400	2,400
Share of receipts.....	8,755.88	8,000	8,500	8,500
Administration of, services to, and housing of special grant projects.....	15,847.00	5,000	13,000	7,800
	<u>\$107,387.13</u>	<u>\$89,900</u>	<u>\$103,600</u>	<u>\$99,300</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
Payments to the Macmillan Co. for copies of the <u>Review</u> supplied to members.....	<u>\$23,374.40</u>	<u>\$23,500</u>	<u>\$24,500</u>	<u>\$25,000</u>
<b>General Administration</b>				
Salaries				
Exec. Sec. & Editor.....	\$15,000.00	\$16,000	\$16,000	\$16,000
Asst. Exec. Sec. (part time).....	.....	.....	2,500	3,000
Asst. Exec. Sec. & Ed.....	7,833.00	8,500	.....	.....
Asst. Editor.....	.....	.....	5,000	5,250
Bookkeeper.....	4,375.01	4,600	4,500	4,700
Editorial Asst. ....	3,830.00	4,000	3,800	4,000
Sec. to Exec. Sec. ....	3,800.00	4,000	4,200	4,500
Sec. to Asst. Exec. Sec. & Ed. ....	3,292.87	3,800	.....	.....
Clerical Asst. ....	.....	.....	.....	3,750
Clerical Asst. ....	3,450.00	3,600	3,700	3,900
Clerical Asst. ....	.....	.....	3,600	3,900
Janitor (part time).....	858.00	860	925	975
Annuity for Exec. Sec.....	1,200.00	1,280	1,280	1,280
Retirement Pay - Miss Washington.....	600.00	600	600	600
Bonding Bookkeeper.....	103.75	25	110	110
Auditing.....	1,232.50	1,250	1,800	1,500
Travel.....	917.09	1,000	1,250	1,250
Social Security for Office Staff.....	767.29	775	821	850
Life Insurance.....	359.84	.....	254	254
Contribution toward hospitalization insurance of staff.....	96.53	166	110	110
Contingent & Miscellaneous.....	1,435.51	2,000	2,500	2,500
Legal Counsel.....	.....	100	100	100
Office Expense: (Stationery, supplies, printing, postage, telephone & telegraph).....	4,561.64	5,000	6,000	5,000
Housing operating expense: (Gas, water, trash, electricity, insurance, supplies & minor replacements, etc.).....	1,147.49	1,800	2,000	2,000
Office furniture & equipment.....	852.54	1,500	1,800	1,500
Notes contributed to the <u>Review</u> .....	861.00	750	875	875
Payment Review articles.....	.....	.....	200	1,800
Doctoral Dissertation List.....	.....	.....	100	200
House sinking fund.....	452.45	600	600	600
	<u>\$57,026.51</u>	<u>\$62,206</u>	<u>\$64,625</u>	<u>\$70,504</u>
<b>Historical Activities</b>				
Pacific Coast Branch.....	\$300.00	\$300	\$300	\$300
Council and Committees.....	1,952.80	3,600	4,000	4,000
Special Project Committees.....	2,223.65	3,000	4,000	2,500
Annual meeting:				
Program Printing & Mailing.....	2,432.90	2,500	3,000	3,000
1958 Program Committee.....	341.25	.....	.....	.....
1959.....	.....	250	350	.....
1960.....	.....	.....	.....	350
Local Arrangements Committee.....	45.82	500	500	500
Ballot (printing).....	247.47	250	250	250

## DRAFT BUDGETS, 1959-60, 1960-61--Continued

	Actual income and expenditure 1958/59	Original proposed budget 1959/60	Proposed revised budget 1959/60	Proposed tentative budget 1960/61
Dues in AHS.....	100.00	100	100	100
Intl. Comm. of Hist. Sciences (membership dues).....	115.75	120	275	275
National Trust for Historical Preservation.....	100.00	100	100	100
Herbert Baxter Adams Prize.....	300.00	.....	.....	325
	<u>\$8,159.64</u>	<u>\$10,720</u>	<u>\$12,875</u>	<u>\$11,700</u>
Investments, unrestricted funds.....	.....	.....	\$15,000	.....

Summary of Disbursements

Macmillan Co. for copies of <u>Review</u> to members.....	\$23,374.40	\$23,500	\$24,500	\$25,000
General Administration.....	57,026.51	62,206	64,625	70,504
Historical Activities.....	8,159.64	10,720	12,875	11,700
Investments.....	.....	.....	15,000	.....
	<u>\$88,560.55</u>	<u>\$96,426</u>	<u>\$117,000</u>	<u>\$107,204</u>

Balance Sheet, 1959/61, estimated and computed

Balance on hand, Sept. 1, 1959 (actual).....	\$72,879.17
Receipts, 1959/60 (estimated).....	<u>103,600.00</u>
Total available, 1959/60 (computed).....	176,479.17
Expenditures, 1959/60 (estimated).....	<u>117,000.00</u>
Balance, Sept. 1, 1960 (computed).....	59,479.17
Receipts, 1960/61 (estimated).....	<u>99,300.00</u>
Total available, 1960/61 (computed).....	158,779.17
Expenditures, 1960/61 (estimated).....	<u>107,204.00</u>
Balance, Sept. 1, 1961 (computed).....	<u>\$51,575.17</u>

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

December 15, 1959

## I. GENERAL

Total Membership:		
Individuals - Honorary.....	15	
Life.....	383	
Annual.....	7,422	
Fifty years and over.....	26	
Trustees.....	4	
Institutions.....	377	8,226
Total paid membership, including life members.....		7,639
Delinquent.....		542
Loss: Deaths: Honorary.....	1	
Life.....	11	
Annual.....	25	37
Resignations.....	52	
Dropped.....	384	473
Gain: Life.....	16	
Annual.....	1,126	1,142
Net gain.....		669
Membership, December 19, 1958.....		7,642
New members and renewals.....	1,142	
Losses.....	473	
Adjustment for duplications and recalculations of previous statistics.....	(45)	
Net gain.....		624
		8,226

## II. BY REGIONS

New England: Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.....	899
North Atlantic: N.Y., N.J., Pa., Md., Del., D.C.....	2,779
South Atlantic: Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla.....	628
North Central: Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis.....	1,425
South Central: Ala., Miss., Tenn., Ky., W.Va.....	286
West Central: Minn., Iowa, Mo., Ark., La., N.Dak., S.Dak., Nebr., Kan., Okla., Tex.....	914
Pacific Coast: Mont., Wyo., Colo., N.Mex., Idaho, Utah, Nev., Ariz., Wash., Ore., Calif., Alaska, Hawaii.....	1,036
Territories and dependencies: Canal Zone, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands.....	13
Other countries.....	246
Total membership.....	8,226

## III. BY STATES, TERRITORIES AND DEPENDENCIES

	Total membership	New members and renewals		Total membership	New members and renewals
Alabama.....	53	7	Nevada.....	4	...
Alaska.....	5	1	New Hampshire.....	45	6
Arizona.....	38	9	New Jersey.....	281	38
Arkansas.....	23	2	New Mexico.....	37	6
California.....	672	96	New York.....	1,345	199
Canal Zone.....	1	1	North Carolina.....	156	18
Colorado.....	68	13	North Dakota.....	19	5
Connecticut.....	222	33	Ohio.....	330	44
Delaware.....	23	4	Oklahoma.....	58	8
District of Columbia.....	323	42	Oregon.....	62	13
Florida.....	84	10	Pennsylvania.....	518	58
Georgia.....	69	8	Puerto Rico.....	11	...
Hawaii.....	13	1	Rhode Island.....	52	11
Idaho.....	16	3	South Carolina.....	53	8
Illinois.....	440	73	South Dakota.....	22	4
Indiana.....	214	36	Tennessee.....	83	15
Iowa.....	101	18	Texas.....	233	46
Kansas.....	72	15	Utah.....	17	1
Kentucky.....	75	7	Vermont.....	35	1
Louisiana.....	56	18	Virgin Islands.....	1	1
Maine.....	39	6	Virginia.....	266	21
Maryland.....	289	40	Washington.....	79	14
Massachusetts.....	506	57	West Virginia.....	50	7
Michigan.....	275	29	Wisconsin.....	166	31
Minnesota.....	138	11	Wyoming.....	9	...
Mississippi.....	25	1	Other Countries.....	246	26
Missouri.....	141	25			
Montana.....	16	3			
Nebraska.....	51	6	Total.....	8,226	1,155

\* This includes new members and renewals.

## Membership Statistics, December 15, 1959--Continued

## IV. DEATHS REPORTED SINCE DECEMBER 19, 1958

<u>Honorary members:</u>		<u>Date of Death</u>
Georges Lefebvre, Boulogne-sur-Seine, France.....		1959
<u>Life members:</u>		
Taraknath Das, New York, N.Y.....		Dec. 22, 1958
Louis Henry Diehlman, Baltimore, Md.....		Mar. 8, 1959
Rev. Robert Fortenbaugh, Gettysburg, Pa.....		Mar. 16, 1959
Arthur May Hyde, Gummison, Colo.....		Aug. 25, 1957
James Hazen Hyde, New York, N.Y.....		July 26, 1959
Elizabeth Kidder, Mendville, Pa.....		July, 1951
Herman S. Lovejoy, New Haven, Conn.....		1957
Col. Dorrance Reynolds, Dallas, Pa.....		Oct. 31, 1959
Vladimir G. Slachovitch, New York, N.Y.....		Dec. 10, 1959
Anson Phelps Stokes, Lenox, Mass.....		Aug. 3, 1959
E. J. Uihlein, Chicago, Ill.....		Oct. 1, 1956
<u>Annual members:</u>		
Sinclair W. Armstrong, Providence, R.I.....		Mar. 20, 1959
William Milton Boden, Hopkinsville, Ky.....		Oct. 1, 1959
Eather C. Brunauer, Evanston, Ill.....		June 26, 1959
Webster H. Burke, Evanston, Ill.....		Sept. 12, 1959
George S. Crandall, Elmira, N.Y.....		Aug. 15, 1959
Bernard F. Donovan, Cambridge, Mass.....		Jan. 24, 1959
Fernham P. Griffiths, San Francisco, Calif.....		June 30, 1959
Roland Dennis Hussey, Los Angeles, Calif.....		Oct. 1959
J. S. Jackson, Waukesha, Wis.....		Jan. 17, 1959
Michael Karpovich, Cambridge, Mass.....		Nov. 7, 1959
M. L. W. Lalstner, Ithaca, N.Y.....		Dec. 10, 1959
Oscar Doane Lambert, Morgantown, W.Va.....		June 1, 1959
Maurice Longo, Hicksville, Long Island, N.Y.....		1959
Richard Blaine McCormack, Hanover, N.H.....		1959
Donald H. McGill, Los Angeles, Calif.....		Mar. 1, 1959
Donald Cope McKay, Amherst, Mass.....		Apr. 3, 1959
John A. Murray, Rochester, N.Y.....		1959
Thomas I. Parkinson, New York, N.Y.....		June 17, 1959
Frederick A. Rice, Berkeley, Calif.....		June 8, 1959
William J. Schmidt, Chapel Hill, N.C.....		Sept. 29, 1959
Sister Mary Borgia Palm, S.N.D., S. Euclid, Ohio.....		1955
Wayne Edson Stevens, Hanover, N.H.....		July 20, 1959
Arthur Pryor Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.....		Aug. 30, 1959
Rev. Frederick E. Welfle, S.J., Cleveland, Ohio.....		1958
Flaud C. Wooten, Los Angeles, Calif.....		Feb. 15, 1959
Frank H. Yost, Washington, D.C.....		Nov. 1958

## COMMITTEE REPORTS FOR 1959

## THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It is an instructive experience to serve on the Nominating Committee of the American Historical Association. The organization which most American historians place first in professional activities only succeeded in getting roughly one member out of ten to return ballots after long and careful work by its Nominating Committee. The number of suggestions made to the Nominating Committee was smaller still. Yet it is clear that some members are deeply concerned about our election procedure and its results in recent years. Some members from the West, particularly the Far West, seem to feel that their section is underrepresented in offices, in committees, and on programs of the Association, though none of them to my knowledge has made any study to determine whether this alleged underrepresentation in these spots is out of line with sectional distribution of membership. One person who stressed this apparent neglect of the Far West and stated his conviction that members from his area might find it desirable to give their support to a rival society proceeded to nominate an eastern man for Vice President, a mid-western man for the Council and no one for the Nominating Committee, the key appointment in this instance. He did, however, suggest a West Coast person for the Council. Still another member of the Association from the West Coast, who felt his section was not getting its proper share of the plums, nominated a West Coast member for the Vice-President and made no suggestions for the Council or the Nominating Committee. A third

West Coast member offered nine names, all but one of which were of westerners. The last suggestion blank that is worthy of note provided only one nomination and that name had the same initials as were on the envelope.

Turning now to the results of the election of officers and committee members, I take great pleasure in presenting the following nominations for officers of the Association:

For President----Bernadotte E. Schmitt  
 For Vice-President----Samuel Flagg Bemis  
 For Treasurer----Elmer Louis Kayser

No petitions for other nominations, as provided for in our constitution, have been received. I therefore move on behalf of the Nominating Committee that the Secretary be instructed to cast a ballot for this slate.

For election to the two vacancies on the Council and the two on the Nominating Committee a total of 669 ballots were received through December 15. Instructions concerning the time when the ballot should be mailed and received were somewhat ambiguous; in the letter of the Committee it is stated that the ballots "must reach the chairman...not later than December 15...to be counted," but on the ballot itself it is stated that it is "to be mailed before December 15...." The Chairman, badgered by a departmental secretary who sticks to the letter of the law, has tabulated the ballots which came through December 15 and those which were mailed before December 15 but arrived a number of days later and found that the result is precisely the same whether or not the late ballots are counted. The total of ballots received through December 17 is 691.

The following are declared elected:

to the Council--W. Clement Eaton of the University of Kentucky and Gaines Post  
 of the University of Wisconsin  
 to the Nominating Committee--Kenneth Stampp of the University of California  
 and Gordon Craig of Princeton University

I trust that the brethren will feel that due regard has been paid to sectional and field representation.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 1960 is Professor Stuart Hughes of Harvard University. The other continuing members are Catherine E. Boyd of Carleton College and Arthur S. Link, presently of Northwestern University. It is in the rotation of membership on the Committee on Nominations that new blood and the aid of younger men in the profession are assured. The Chairman believes firmly in this principle of rotation with short terms and from suggestions that have come to him while serving on this Committee is convinced that many would like to have the principle of rotation with short terms applied throughout the activities of the Association.

December 18, 1959.

PAUL W. GATES, Chairman.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTARY REPRODUCTION

The following, the annual report of the Committee on Documentary Reproduction of the American Historical Association, is respectively submitted:-

1. Committee Personnel.--The Chairmen of the Sub-Committees with one exception remain as reported in the last annual report. Dr. C. Easton Rothwell resigned in January, 1959, because of other commitments. His resignation was accepted with great regret. His advice and his aid in finding manuscripts on World War I and in discovering indexes of archives in Austria made him an outstanding member of this Committee. Dr. Rothwell has not been replaced.

It is suggested that the present membership of the Committee remain unchanged. The members have signified their willingness to serve another year.

Until funds are forthcoming for a renewal of the Committee's microfilm program in cooperation with the Library of Congress there seems little point in seeking replacements or new members. During the forthcoming twelve months, however, the Chairman will stress the necessity for each of the Committee members to send him information and to attempt some active organization of projects for microfilming, or to give advice and counsel on new programs. The members are in touch with the world of scholarship and its needs in microfilming. They cannot, however, initiate programs or put forward suggestions without funds to support their projects.

2. Committee Activities.--(A) During the past year the Committee has aided, by writing letters of recommendation, the applications of Dr. Vincent Haldi of the University of Massachusetts and Dr. Oliver Dunn, Assistant Librarian of Purdue University, for Fulbright scholarships. Dr. Haldi's scholarship enabled him to study in Verona and Milan, Italy, where he has found that considerable bodies of Italian medieval manuscripts are available for microfilming. Lack of funds has prevented giving Dr. Haldi the aid he has asked for.

(B) Dr. Edgar Erickson, a member of this Committee, was instrumental in organizing and in carrying forward an application, with the approval of this Committee and the Executive Secretary, to the Ford Foundation for support for microfilming a collection of newspapers in the Swedish language now in the archives of Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois. The Ford Foundation did not support the application.

(C) Two applications in the name of the Committee and the Association were made to the Lilly Foundation, Indianapolis, Indiana, and the Old Dominion Fund, of New York. The sum of \$15,000.00 was requested in order to carry forward another three-year program of microfilming in cooperation with the Library of Congress. Both foundations failed to make a grant.

(D) In April the Chairman of the Committee with the Chairman of the Sub-Committee for Western Europe met with a group of interested experts in the field of microfilming and brought forward a suggestion for a new program for microfilming European archives. Representatives of University Microfilm, the Library of Congress, and the Philadelphia Bibliographical Center, were present. It was proposed that this Committee ask the Executive Secretary to suggest to the Council on Library Resources, Washington, D. C., that the Association of Research Libraries, and the American Council of Learned Societies appoint a study group. This group would write a report on the needs of scholars in the field of social science and the humanities. The information would then be collated and an application for funds would be made in order that these materials would be microfilmed and deposited ultimately in the Library of Congress for the use of scholars. At the time of the writing nothing has been done either by the Association of Research Libraries or the American Council of Learned Societies to implement this project. The Council on Library Resources through its President, Verner W. Clapp, has indicated willingness to respond to an application, however. The Executive Secretary has urged that this project be carried forward at the earliest opportunity. After initiating the project it seems a pity not to carry it forward, particularly in the light of the fact that funds for its support may be available.

(E) By all odds the most important activity of the Committee has been the promotion and carrying forward of the Guide to Photocopied Historical Materials in the United States and Canada. This project promises to be completed and the manuscript in the hands of the printer, the Cornell University Press, sometime early in 1960.

During the twelve-month period three meetings of the Advisory Committee were held. Two meetings on November 1, 1958, and June 2, 1959, in Washington, D. C., and a third and final meeting on October 28, 1959, in the offices of the Guide in Boston, Massachusetts. The advisers supervised and helped with the editing of the manuscript and the problems of cataloging. Messrs. Eckles, Shafer, Leisinger, Born, and Lamb at one time or another made trips to the office and there worked with the Editor and his staff in solving problems of preparation. The offices of the Guide were moved from 84 Exeter Street to 112 Newberry Street in June, 1959.



A total of \$60,500 for the project was granted by the Council on Library Resources. All but approximately \$5,000 were expended over a period of two years, with an extension of thirty days in 1959, for salaries, travel, and editorial and consulting work.

(F) During the Annual Meeting of the Association in Washington, D. C., December 28-30, 1958, the Committee met and approved, December 29, the new statement of its functions and purposes. This new statement was discussed in the Committee's last annual report.

(G) During the Annual Meeting the Committee held a well-attended session on the problems of handling microfilming for scholars. Papers describing the Guide and the problems of an archivist were read by Messrs. R. W. Hale, Jr., and W. Kaye Lamb, Dominion Archivist, Ottawa, Canada. Dr. Verner W. Clapp commented on the papers and discussed problems of microreproduction. A criticism was written by Dr. Charles W. David, Longwood Museum, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

3. Suggestions for Future Action and Policy Implementation.--It would seem clear as a result of experiences in making applications to foundations for support that it is now a policy of great foundations to withhold funds from projects for microfilming such as this Committee has supported in the past. It might be well for this Committee to (a) continue applications in hopes that some funds may be found, (b) promote self-liquidating projects. In this connection the success of Professors Black and MacKinney in organizing and promoting self-liquidating projects for Slavic and medieval studies indicates that this is highly desirable and feasible. Professors Black and MacKinney are to be congratulated upon their successful diligence in their work and the success that has followed their efforts. (c) It seems advisable to the Chairman that the Executive Secretary and he work together to make a diligent search for funds to support projects by making applications directly to industrial or business firms that might be interested in supporting projects. Making direct applications instead of going through foundations might prove successful. Indications that this might be a good procedure have been given to the Chairman by representatives of one or two firms during the past year.

In concluding this report the Chairman wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to the Executive Secretary and his staff for their encouragement and friendly guidance. As always it has been a pleasure to work with them.

November 10, 1959.

ROBERT B. ECKLES, Chairman.

#### COMMITTEE ON THE GUIDE TO HISTORICAL LITERATURE

In behalf of this Committee, I submit a Chairman's interim report on the progress of work on the new Guide to Historical Literature.

The Committee has been obliged to accept another deferment of the date when copy can go to the printer's in meticulously edited form. We had expected to get it to them early enough to achieve publication during the present academic year. We have found it doubtful that we can achieve publication during the year 1960. The material is all in hand; it has been edited down to the last group of Sections, and should be typed for the printer by next February.

The costs have been less than the Committee originally estimated. Although substantial costs remain to be met for indexing, proofreading, and supplementary typing, there will be a balance to return, as agreed, to the Rockefeller Foundation.

I recommend that the Committee be reappointed in order that it may see the job through to completion. When the project is over, I intend to submit an account of its inception and conduct for the Association's archives.

It may be an appropriate time to remind you that the Macmillan Company is to receive a subsidy (to be refunded from sales) from funds of the Association other than the Rockefeller Foundation's liberal grant, which was for the costs of preparing the manuscript only.

November 23, 1959.

GEORGE F. HOWE, Chairman.

## THE COMMITTEE ON GRADUATE EDUCATION IN HISTORY

The Committee on Graduate Education in History was created in 1958 under the chairmanship of Professor Dexter Perkins, University of Rochester and Cornell University. Other members are: Jacques Barzun, Provost, Columbia University; Fred Harvey Harrington, Vice President, University of Wisconsin; Edward C. Kirkland, Bowdoin College and Thetford Center, Vermont; Leonard Krieger, Yale University; and Boyd C. Shafer, Executive Secretary of the American Historical Association. John L. Snell, Tulane University, was appointed Director of the Study in September, 1958.

The work of the Committee is expected to extend over a two-year period, 1958-1960, and is to result in a published study which will appear sometime in the latter half of 1960. The work of the Committee is financed by the American Historical Association through a grant to that organization from the Carnegie Corporation of New York City.

The Committee has collected data and opinions in the following ways.

1. Professor Snell worked full time traveling from coast to coast for interviews with about 220 colleagues in eighteen institutions during the spring semester of 1958-1959, and returned to full-time work for the Committee after two months of other work on August 15, 1959; he will continue to give full time to it until about June 15, 1960.

2. Our basic questionnaire was sent to all departments of history in the United States which offer the Ph.D. degree. It has been returned by seventy-seven out of eighty-one departments, 95.1 per cent. It is designed to find out about the numbers of Ph.D.'s graduated in the various fields of history, 1955-1958, and the requirements, operations, and philosophies of the Ph.D.-training departments in conducting graduate studies.

3. A questionnaire was sent to 187 selected liberal arts colleges and others offering undergraduate history courses. This was designed to find out about the needs in coming years for Ph.D.'s in various fields of history, and the degree of satisfaction or dissatisfaction with existing Ph.D. training in the undergraduate colleges. This questionnaire was returned by 67.4 per cent of the departments to which it was sent.

4. A somewhat briefer questionnaire was sent for much the same purposes as in three above to about six hundred other colleges. On these we received about 66 per cent returns (375 usable questionnaires are in hand).

5. We have fifty-one questionnaires from junior colleges, coast to coast, through which we hope to find out the quantitative needs of these colleges for Ph.D.'s in history and their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with existing Ph.D. programs.

6. We have 182 usable questionnaires (twenty-two pages each in length) from persons who completed the Ph.D. degree in history in 1958. We mailed 284 of these questionnaires, one to each of the Ph.D.'s in history whose names we were given by the deans of the graduate schools. Though we asked for 1958 Ph.D.'s, five of the questionnaires returned proved to be from 1959 or 1957 graduates and are not included in our usable sample of 182. Through this questionnaire we hope to find out how satisfactory the existing Ph.D. programs are in preparing a college teacher for his first occupational functioning, and we also hope in this way to find out more about the conditions of teaching in smaller colleges.

7. We sent out about three hundred copies of a special questionnaire on the master's degree in history. This went to colleges in all states and is designed to do two things: (1) to find out which colleges offer the master's degree in history (in contradistinction to those which offer the master's in education, e.g.); and (2) the requirements and typical features of such master's programs.

8. We sent a questionnaire to the editors of fourteen university presses or scholarly journals in an attempt to find out how well the graduate schools are training Ph.D. candidates in research and writing.

9. We sent a letter to 184 college presidents asking them to tell us (1) how important proof or promise of good teaching is to them in appointing new faculty members and (2) how they evaluate teaching ability of candidates and new appointees.

10. A one-page questionnaire was sent to the placement officers of all institutions which grant the Ph.D. degree, asking for information about trends in the relationship between supply and demand of college teachers of history in junior colleges, colleges, and universities.

11. In addition to our own questionnaires, questionnaires sent out by an independent research organization to graduate students in history in 1958 are yielding information which we will be able to incorporate in our study. Some three hundred graduate students in history were included in that survey in the school year 1958-1959. The data provided us by this independent organization is especially helpful on the financial conditions of graduate study in history.

What are we trying to find out? Principally we want to know whether the national Ph.D. program in history is the best possible, whether it makes the most economical use of time, and how many college teachers of history we are likely to need during the next five to ten years. The Committee is also especially interested in two things: (1) The improvement of preparation of Ph.D. candidates as teachers of history; and (2) acceleration of the Ph.D. program in ways that will not diminish the quality of the training.

November 16, 1959

DEXTER PERKINS, Chairman.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON THE HARMSWORTH PROFESSORSHIP

The Committee on the Harmsworth Professorship is pleased to report that two of its recommendations have been accepted and that the Harmsworth Professors for 1960-1961 and for 1961-1962 have been appointed and accepted.

October 9, 1959.

C. VANN WOODWARD, Chairman.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY MEMBERS

Your Committee first took account of the present honorary members which we understood to be the following:

1. Federico Chabod (Italy)
2. Pieter Geyl (The Netherlands)
3. George Peabody Gooch (England)
4. Halvdan Koht (Norway)
5. Mehmed Fuad Koprulu (Turkey)
6. Sir Lewis Namier (England)
7. Frederick Maurice Powicke (England)
8. Pierre Renouvin (Paris)
9. Franz Schnabel (Germany)
10. Hu Shih (China)
11. Alfonso de Escagnolle Taunay (Brazil)
12. George Macauley Trevelyan (England)
13. Sir Charles Kingsley Webster (England)
14. Silvio Zavala (Mexico)
15. Costi Zurayk (Constantine Kaysar) (Syria)

It is our understanding that honorary membership is granted for (1) scholarship, (2) teaching, (3) historical activities. Some regard has usually been given also to geographical location.

Your Committee operated on the understanding that there was no obligation to nominate anyone. We acted, moreover, on the principle that nominations be suggested only in cases where the Committee was unanimous.

In one way or another six names of possible nominees were brought to the Committee's attention.

The Committee was asked to ballot on these six names during September on the principle of unanimity stated above.

The results of this ballot being inconclusive, the Committee was asked to vote a second time on the three names which did not appear to be completely eliminated by the first ballot.

As a result of the second ballot, held in October, I as Chairman of the Committee, recommend the nomination of Gerhard Ritter, indicating at the same time that the Executive Secretary and I have refrained from voting in all the ballots.

A brief statement of Ritter's career follows:

RITTER, Gerhard, (Prof. Dr.) historian; born Bad Sooden, March 6, 1888. Educ.: Univers. of Munich, Leipzig, Berlin, Heidelberg. Career: Prof. of Modern History, Freiburg Univ. Publ.: Stein, Politische Biographie, (2 vols., 1931); Die Dämmerung der macht (transl. in Eng., Jap. 1948); Staatskunst und Kriegshandwerk, vol. 1, 1954; awards: Dr. theol. h.c., Dr. jur. h.c. Address: Freiburg. From: Who's Who in Germany, 1956).

November 1, 1959.

PAUL H. CLYDE, Chairman.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

Since the report for 1958 was filed, this Committee has held two meetings, on December 30, 1958, and October 17, 1959, both in Washington, D.C.

The first of these two meetings was devoted mainly to a discussion of (1) the recent visit of the Bureau of the International Committee of Historical Sciences to the United States and (2) preparations for the Eleventh International Congress of Historical Sciences, to be held at Stockholm in August, 1960. Neither topic need be discussed here since the Bureau's visit is described in the report for 1958 and the preparations for Stockholm have subsequently developed well beyond the stage discussed at that time. Special mention should be made, however, of the fact that at the December, 1958, meeting Dr. Waldo G. Leland announced his retirement from the chairmanship of the Committee, which he had held since its creation in 1951. The Committee received the announcement with the greatest regret for its loss of his distinguished leadership.

At its meeting on October 17, 1959, the Committee reviewed developments since the previous meeting and planned future activities. It took note of the death of one of its most valued members, Donald C. McKay, who was also a member of the Bureau of the International Committee of Historical Sciences, and adopted a resolution for transmission to his widow and for publication in the American Historical Review. In this connection the Committee was informed by the Executive Secretary of the American Historical Association that vacancies in the Bureau are filled by that body in conjunction with the General Assembly, but that after consultation with the Chairman of this Committee, Bernadotte E. Schmitt had been sent as an observer to the meeting of the Bureau at Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, in September, 1959. The Executive Secretary also stated that the Executive Committee of the American Historical Association Council had appointed the Chairman of this Committee to fill out Professor McKay's term as one of the two United States delegates to the General Assembly, the other delegate being the Executive Secretary.

Professor Schmitt reported fully on the Bureau meeting at Dubrovnik. Items of special interest to the United States, and so to this Committee, were (1) that the program for the Stockholm Congress was virtually completed by the appointment of session chairmen, three of whom are American historians (Hans Kohn, William L. Langer, and Bernadotte Schmitt), and (2) that our request for \$1,500 from the Bureau's UNESCO grant for travel expenses to Stockholm was put on record.

Progress on other aspects of the preparations for Stockholm was reported by the Executive Secretary. He gave details regarding the program (reports and papers) which showed that the United States would be well represented and would indeed have

a slightly larger proportion of participants than its population warranted. As regards grants in aid of travel, he repeated the statement, made at the previous meeting, that about forty-four such grants would be available, at least thirty-six through the Social Science Research Council and eight through the American Council of Learned Societies. It was expected that the additional \$1,500 requested of the Bureau might also be available. Accordingly, the Committee established a table of priorities in the allocation of grants and empowered the Executive Secretary and the Chairman to settle any questions arising out of the application of these priorities to individual cases. Since the funds available for travel grants are much greater than ever before, the Committee anticipated that the United States would be well represented at the Stockholm Congress.

At the same time, all those present were of the opinion that both the International Committee of Historical Sciences and other international historical organizations and activities within the purview of this Committee need to be made better known to the members of the American Historical Association. With a view to meeting this need economically, it was agreed that an eight-page article might be prepared for early publication in the American Historical Review. This would include a background statement about the International Committee of Historical Sciences to be prepared by Professor Schmitt.

Further consideration was also given to the preparation of a book exhibit for the Stockholm Congress. It was agreed that for this purpose the cooperation of the American Scandinavian Foundation, the Association of University Presses, and other organizations should be sought.

The other international historical activities of the year that have occupied the attention of the Committee lie mainly in the Latin American field. In January, 1959, the Commission on History of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History held its fourth consultation at Cuenca, Ecuador, at which the voting member for the United States was its national member, Professor Robert N. Burr of the University of California, Los Angeles. It was reported at this meeting that the Commission's major project of recent years, a study of the history of America, was virtually complete and would soon be ready for publication. During the course of the year the American Historical Association office, in consultation with the Department of State, set up a committee to advise the Department and Dr. Burr on historical matters coming before the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History. As finally constituted in November, 1959, the advisory committee consists of Howard F. Cline, Charles C. Griffin, Stanley Stein, Father Antonine Tibesar, and Arthur P. Whitaker.

November 21, 1959.

ARTHUR P. WHITAKER, Chairman.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON THE LITTLETON-GRISWOLD FUND

The present composition of this Committee is as follows; Edward Dumbauld, Court of Common Pleas, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Chairman; John J. Biggs, Jr., United States Court of Appeals, Wilmington, Delaware; 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, Richmond, Virginia; Richard L. Morton, College of William and Mary; and Joseph Smith, New York City.

A volume of Court Records of Kent County, Delaware, edited by Leon deValinger, Jr., State Archivist of Delaware, with a preface by Judge Biggs, is in press, and will be published in the near future. Other projects are under consideration but not yet approaching the publication stage.

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

November 1, 1959.

EDWARD DUMBAULD, Chairman.

## LITTLETON-GRISWOLD FUND

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, Sept. 1, 1958, to Aug. 31, 1959

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$10,483.32	
Interest - Investments.....	\$1,225.00	
Savings.....	307.16	1,532.16
Proceeds on Sale of American Legal Records:		
Vol. I, <u>Maryland Court of Appeals, 1695-1729</u> .....	\$15.00	
Vol. II, <u>Select Cases of the Mayor's Court of New York City, 1674-1784</u> .....	22.50	
Vol. VI, <u>Records of the Court of Chancery of South Carolina, 1671-1799</u> .....	19.50	
Vol. VII, <u>County Court Records of Accomack-Norhampton Virginia, 1632-1640</u> .....	58.50	115.50
Committee expenses.....		\$96.59
Editorial and publication expenses.....		250.00
Membership dues of contributor.....		7.50
	\$12,130.98	\$354.09
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		11,776.89
	<u>\$12,130.98</u>	<u>\$12,130.98</u>

## THE COMMITTEE ON SOUTH ASIAN HISTORY

The Committee's program of bringing distinguished foreign scholars in the field of South Asian history to the United States was brought into full operation during the year. Professor R. C. Majumdar, the distinguished authority on ancient India, completed his stay in this country with a most successful semester (September, 1958-February, 1959) at the University of Pennsylvania. We were unable to persuade him to remain for the second semester because of the necessity of his returning to Calcutta to fulfill prior commitments. Professor B. B. Misra of Bihar University, Patna, an authority on modern Indian economic history, came to the University of Wisconsin for the second semester of 1958-1959. He taught both undergraduates and graduates, and was highly regarded by both students and colleagues. After returning to his research fellowship in London for the summer, he came to the University of Pennsylvania for the first semester of 1959-1960. He participated in the South Asia seminar on economic development and gave a course on Indian history from the Mogul period to 1857. He will return to India in late January, 1960. He has been most effective in stimulating discussion among students.

Professor K. A. Nilakanta Sastri of Madras University, a scholar distinguished for his work on the history of southern India, lectured at the University of Chicago during the spring and summer quarters of 1959. Despite his age and the unfortunate necessity of undergoing an operation while in this country, Dr. Sastri missed very few classes. His stay here was of great benefit to his students and to himself, and he has written the Chairman enthusiastically about his visit. He had many qualms about undertaking the adventure, as he called it, and we are particularly glad that it has worked out so well.

Under the arrangements previously made, Professor B. G. Gokhale of the University of Bombay, and Professor S. P. Sen of the University of Calcutta arrived in September, 1959, to spend the whole academic year, 1959-1960. Professor Gokhale is introducing Indian history at the University of Washington (Seattle). The Committee thought him particularly fitted for this task because of his previous experience at Bowdoin and Oberlin some years ago. His special interest is the history of India's external relations in recent times. Professor S. P. Sen, one of the very few young Indian scholars interested in French contact with India, is associated with the South Asia program at the University of Michigan.

With respect to the future, arrangements have already been made for the visit of Dr. S. Gopal at the University of California (Berkeley) for the academic year 1960-1961. Dr. Gopal has written biographies of two viceroys, Ripon and Irwin, and is one of the best-known young Indian scholars. He is a son of India's philosopher Vice

President Radhakrishnan. He should be a very successful teacher of American undergraduates. Plans are also being made for the visit of the young Danish economic historian of Asia, Dr. Kristof Glamann, during the year 1960-1961, and the deferred visit of Dr. Kenneth Ballhatchet of the London School of Oriental and African Studies, which is now scheduled for the second semester of 1960-1961 at the University of Pennsylvania. It is expected that Dr. Glamann will be at Pennsylvania for the first semester of 1960-1961, and at Wisconsin for the second semester. We look forward to the visit of Professor A. L. Basham, one of the most eminent British authorities on ancient India in the spring and summer of 1962. We are also planning for visits by a young Pakistani scholar, Dr. Zafar-ul-Islam, recently a fellow at the London School, and Dr. S. Arasaratnam of the University of Ceylon.

We continue to feel that this program is accomplishing the results for which it was intended. At its October, 1959, meeting the Committee recommended that the Association request a grant of \$2,500 from the Asia Foundation to facilitate attendance by Asian scholars in the United States at learned society meetings in the United States, in accordance with the Asia Foundation's letter to Dr. Shafer of July 14, 1959. Interest in South Asian history is steadily increasing throughout the country. Minnesota is further developing its program. Michigan has expanded its activities in the field. Professor H. R. Tinker of the London School, a specialist on Burma, under arrangements quite independent of our Committee, spent the spring semester of 1958-1959 at Cornell. Wisconsin has appointed Thomas R. Metcalf (an Amherst graduate, trained at Cambridge University, and at Harvard in British and Indian history) to its staff. Northwestern plans further developments in Asian history. The Conference on British Studies program at the Association's Chicago meeting will be devoted to Indian history.

No recommendations for change in Committee membership are made at this time.

November 9, 1959.

HOLDEN FURBER, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR DOCUMENTS

### I. General Remarks.

This is the fourth annual report made by the Committee for the Study of War Documents to the Council of the American Historical Association. It has been a notably successful year, although not devoid of difficulties and problems. The Committee was especially gratified by the announcement that grants to the American Historical Association of \$29,000 from the Avalon Foundation and \$30,000 from the Ford Foundation would assure completion of the microfilming project at the World War II Records Center at Alexandria, Virginia. What seemed doubtful of achievement when this undertaking was launched in 1955-1956 has now been brought within sight of completion.

Warmly welcomed also was the notification that Mr. Frank Altschul of New York City has made a grant of \$5,000 for a special filming project of nonbiographic materials in the Berlin Documents Center. These records supplement many of the record groups that have been filmed at Alexandria. Utilization of this grant has been delayed pending the outcome of negotiations for a comprehensive project now being conducted by the Historical Policy Division, Department of State, with German government agencies.

The Committee's operations at Whaddon Hall, where the German Foreign Ministry records were located, have been brought to successful conclusion. Professor Howard M. Ehrmann, who was responsible for the production of records and publication of the guide to the Foreign Ministry microfilms, deserves warmest praise for his achievements. Acknowledgments from institutions receiving the guide to microfilms, published by Oxford University Press, have been gratifyingly appreciative.

Since the beginning of the operation at Alexandria, approximately 6,000,000 document frames have been filmed from the German record collections. Of these 2,500,000 were produced in the year 1958-1959. Scheduling the work to conform to the filming

contracts placed by the National Archives put exceptionally heavy burdens on the project staff. Dr. Fritz T. Epstein, chairman of the subcommittee on microfilming, has given generously of his time to the supervision and direction of the project. Dr. Gerhard L. Weinberg, as consultant, and Dr. Dagmar H. Perman, former director of the project, also deserve special mention and sincere thanks. The Committee is aware that the magnitude and complexity of the enterprise have added substantially to the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Secretary of the Association, Dr. Boyd C. Shafer. The Committee therefore wishes to acknowledge the support and general supervision which he has given to the project, especially with regard to the administration of the grants made available to the Committee. Since the Alexandria project has become, in effect, a joint enterprise with the National Archives, which has assumed the technical costs of reproduction as well as logistic support, this contribution and cooperation merit sincere acknowledgment. For excellent cooperation we are especially indebted to Mr. Sherrod East, Chief Archivist of the World War II Federal Records Center, and Dr. Robert H. Bahmer, Deputy Archivist of the United States.

While there is some overlapping in the expenditure of grants for the war documents project, the Alexandria operations were supported during the current year mainly by a grant of \$31,000 from the Lilly Endowment. The project staff was therefore greatly pleased by the visit, on June 11, of the Associate Director of the Lilly Endowment, Mr. Manning M. Pattillo.

## II. Publications.

With regard to publications this has been a noteworthy year and the Committee is proud to report the appearance of the following major items:

1. A Catalogue of Files and Microfilms of the German Foreign Ministry Archives, 1867-1920 (Oxford University Press, 1959. Pp. 1290). Prepared under the direction of Dr. Ehrmann, five hundred copies were printed and distributed to the major libraries, research centers, and interested government agencies in Europe and America. It is the indispensable key to all microfilms of German diplomatic documents for the years indicated. This major guide was financed by an allocation of approximately \$8,000 from the original grant made by the Ford Foundation in 1956.
2. Supplement to the Guide to Captured German Documents (Published and distributed by the National Archives. Pp. 69). The work of Dr. Gerhard L. Weinberg, this publication supplements the Guide to Captured German Documents, prepared in 1952 by Dr. Weinberg and the War Documentation Staff, under the direction of Dr. Fritz T. Epstein. This is a valuable addition to the original Guide in that it lists, locates, and describes collections which were not included in the original publication.
3. Guides to German Records Microfilmed at Alexandria, Va. Under this summary title eight installments of the mimeographed catalogues to the Alexandria documents were published during the year. These are reproduced and distributed by the National Archives. Owing to requests for these guides, the number of copies printed was increased from five hundred to seven hundred. The specific items issued were:
  - No. 6. Records of Nazi Cultural and Research Institutions and Records Pertaining to Axis Relations and Interests in the Far East.
  - No. 7. Records of Headquarters, German Armed Forces High Command (OKW), Part I.
  - No. 8. Miscellaneous German Records Collection, Part II.
  - No. 9. Records of Private German Individuals.



- No. 10. Records of the Reich Ministry for Armaments and War Production.
- No. 11. Fragmentary Records of Miscellaneous Reich Ministries and Offices.
- No. 12. Records of Headquarters of the German Army High Command (OKH), Part I.
- No. 13. Records of the Reich Air Ministry.

### III. Microfilming of Records.

Microfilming of the Foreign Ministry records at Whaddon Hall ceased in September, 1958. At that time 510 reels had been produced and the necessary guides published. This was accomplished under the original allocation of \$24,000 from the Ford grant, supplemented by \$4,500 from the Old Dominion Foundation grant.

As noted above, 2,500,000 frames were produced at Alexandria during the year. The principal record groups filmed, or in process of filming, are:

Record Group 1010: Records of the Reich Leader of the SS, Chief of the German Police and the Waffen SS. These files are from the organizations and agencies under Himmler's control. They measure one thousand linear feet and filming is still in progress.

Record Group 1026: Records of the Oberkommando der Wehrmacht. Among the largest group of records within the OKW collections is the files of the OKW Office for War Economy and Armaments. This record group has been completed.

Record Group 1027: Records of the Oberkommando des Heeres. This collection has been processed and filmed.

Record Group 1028: Records of the Oberkommando der Luftwaffe. One of the smaller collections, it has been processed and filmed.

Record Group 1032: Field and technical manuals. Selected items were filmed to complete the printed holdings of these materials.

Record Group 1035: This Group includes records of German student organizations, both before and after 1933, records of the Deutsches Ausland-Institut, and files of Reichskommissar für die Festigung Deutschen Volkstums.

Record Group 1040: Files of German business and industrial firms, including files of the I.G. Farbenindustrie, Hermann Göring Werke, and Krupp A.G.

Record Group 1043: Records of former German and Japanese embassies and consulates, containing various types of administrative records of German missions in the Far East.

Record Group 1030: Field Command Records. These are the operational records of the German field armies upon which preliminary work has begun. Their nature and organization is such that a minimum of time is required to prepare them for filming.

Record Group 1031: Wehrkreise Records. This is a large collection and will be filmed selectively.

### IV. Operations.

During the year there was considerable turnover in staff personnel at Alexandria. A serious loss resulted from the resignation of the Director, Dr. Perman, on September 1, for personal reasons. She retains her deep interest in the project and is fortunately available for consultation. Mr. James McDowell, who joined the staff in March, 1959, has been appointed Acting Director. Miss Helen Liebel, who became a member of the staff in November, 1958, resigned in September to accept a teaching position at Brooklyn College. Miss Beate Ruhm von Oppen, editor of the Documents on Germany under Occupation, 1945-1954, published by the Royal Institute of International Affairs, joined the staff in January, 1959; and Mrs. Berenice Carroll, who has been with the project almost since its beginning, resigned in September to accompany her husband to France. Mrs.

Miriam Haskett was employed in August to replace Mrs. Carroll. At the present time to maintain the necessary output we need to add another researcher. The staff operates with two clerk-typists, making a total of five persons presently employed. We were fortunate to have the services of Dr. Weinberg for three months during the summer, especially at the time when the change in Directors occurred.

#### V. Committee Activity.

The Committee held one full meeting during the year, in Washington, on December 30, 1958. The Chairman attended several conferences with Drs. Shafer, Epstein, and Perman to consider administrative and personnel matters and visited the Alexandria project four times during the year. The membership of the Committee remained the same as in 1957-1958: Walter L. Dorn, Columbia University; Reginald H. Phelps, Harvard University; Howard M. Ehrmann, University of Michigan; Lynn M. Case, University of Pennsylvania; Hans W. Gatzke, Johns Hopkins University; Fritz T. Epstein, Library of Congress; Oron J. Hale, Chairman, University of Virginia; and Boyd C. Shafer, ex officio.

November 10, 1959.

ORON J. HALE, Chairman.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON TEACHING (SERVICE CENTER)

The Committee on Teaching met October 10 to review the program of the Service Center and the terms of the new Ford Foundation Grant. In June the Association received a grant for a three-year term to continue operation of the Service Center.

The most successful of the Service Center's activities has been the publication of its series of pamphlets. Twenty-three of these had been issued to June, 1959, and to October, 1959, approximately 225,000 had been distributed. Numbers twenty-four and twenty-five in the series are being issued in the fall. Distribution of pamphlets is currently on a sale basis at prices intended to cover only printing and mailing cost.

Some measure of the impact which the Service Center has had on the teaching of history in secondary schools may be the growing number of requests it receives from institutions which wish to participate in the various activities sponsored by it. The Service Center has continued to experiment with ways of bringing college and secondary school history teachers together. Pilot projects to arrange programs for history teachers in individual school systems have also been sponsored; the Service Center's purpose has been to encourage study and help teachers improve their familiarity with recent historical work.

New members of the Committee are: Margareta Faissler, Roland Park Country School, Baltimore, Maryland; Gilbert Fite, University of Oklahoma; Stanley J. Idzerda, Michigan State University; Hazel C. Wolf, Manual Training High School, Peoria, Illinois; Walker Wyman, Wisconsin State College, River Falls, Wisconsin, replacing: Clement Eaton, Erling M. Hunt, Francis Keppel, Sidney Painter, and Edith E. Starratt.

November 25, 1959.

JOSEPH R. STRAYER, Chairman.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON THE HERBERT BAXTER ADAMS PRIZE

Since the Herbert Baxter Adams Prize is awarded only in the even years, the Committee has had relatively few duties during 1959. In December, 1958, Professor Richard Brace of Northwestern University succeeded the retiring Chairman and accordingly the Committee has been composed of Professor Brace, Professor John Hall Stewart of Western Reserve University, and the undersigned as Chairman. Since the present biennium will not be completed until December, 1960, there appears to be little need for any personnel change until that time.

This year the Committee was asked, in accordance with a suggestion of Professor Harold Grimm, to study the question of clarifying the terms of the Herbert Baxter Adams award. After a fairly extensive exchange of ideas, of which the Executive Secretary of the Association was kept apprised, a new statement has been proposed for adoption by the Council. Its major changes are (1) that it restricts eligibility to an author's first or second book; (2) that it provides that no person is eligible to receive the prize more than once, and (3) that no entry will be accepted after June 1 of the year of the award. This last provision is needed if some forty to fifty books (the average number of applications is in that order of magnitude) are to be fairly and competently read by early autumn. The Committee has also drafted, for its own use, a suggested application form to be circulated if the Council approves the changes suggested in the terms of the award.

October 19, 1959.

HENRY R. WINKLER, Chairman.

#### THE GEORGE LOUIS BEER PRIZE COMMITTEE

The George Louis Beer Prize Committee would like to propose as the winner for 1959 Ernest R. May for his book, The World and American Isolation, 1914-1917. If honorable mention is possible, this should be given to Arno J. Mayer for The Political Origins of the New Diplomacy.

November 16, 1959.

CARL E. SCHORSKE, Chairman.

#### THE COMMITTEE ON THE ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE AWARD

The Committee operated this year much as it has in the past. As before, the announcements of the competition were mailed early in the year to the chairmen of history departments and directors of graduate study in American history whose names were on the Committee's large mailing list. In May nine manuscripts were submitted, exactly the same number as last year. They were of relatively high caliber and this seems to indicate, as did the showing last year, the benefit of including the statement in the announcement of the competition that: "manuscripts exceeding 150,000 words will not be considered," and the advice that candidates "submit only manuscripts that have been carefully edited and revised with a view toward publication." The relatively small number of manuscripts submitted suggests, however, that wider publicity should be given to the award. Possibly the editors of university presses and commercial publications should be notified about the prize.

On November 7 the Committee met at the American Historical Association headquarters. It decided on a dual award. The two best manuscripts, both of excellent quality, were quite different in scope and approach. Comparison was difficult. The Committee, therefore, recommends to the Council that the award be given to both Arnold M. Paul, "Conservative Crisis and the Rule of Law: Attitudes of Bar and Bench, 1887-1895," and to Nathan Miller, "The Enterprise of a Free People: Canals and the Canal Fund in the New York Economy, 1792-1838." Each author would receive \$500 and no honorable mention would be given.

The Committee also recommends adding the following phrase to the paragraph in the application form for the award that comes just before the applicant's signature: "There are to my knowledge no restrictions or limitations of any kind placed on the publication of this manuscript." The insertion of such a phrase seems necessary because of certain limitations placed on the publication of last year's honorable mention winner, Howard Zinn, "La Guardia in Congress."

The Committee recommends the appointment of the following men to serve for the coming year:

Professor Richard N. Current  
Woman's College of the  
University of North Carolina  
Chairman

Professor Glyndon G. Van Deusen  
University of Rochester

Professor Charles Gibson  
State University of Iowa

Professor Bernard Bailyn  
Harvard University

Professor Hugh Aitken  
University of California at Riverside  
(presently Research Professor at Queens University, Kingston, Ontario)

All but Professor Aitken served on this year's Committee.

November 9, 1959.

ALFRED D. CHANDLER, Jr., Chairman.

ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE AWARD

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements Sept. 1, 1958, to Aug. 31, 1959

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on hand, Sept. 1, 1958.....	\$10,332.82	
Interest - Investments.....	\$3,675.00	
Savings Account.....	150.04	3,825.04
Royalties:		
Kirby, George Keith.....	\$1.60	
Diamond, Letters of James Gillespie Birney.....	5.33	
Perkins, Northern Editorials on Secession.....	47.97	
Wilk, Steam Power on the American Farm.....	72.00	
Ver Steeg, Robert Morris.....	58.00	
Van Deusen, Horace Greeley.....	70.50	
Twyman, A History of Marshall Field.....	28.00	
Bentley, A History of the Freedmen's Bureau.....	91.00	
Perkins, The First Reapproachment.....	86.38	
Hyman, Era of the Oath.....	30.00	
McNall, Agricultural History of the Genesee Valley.....	8.00	
Brown, Middle-Class Democracy and the American Revolution in Massachusetts.....	240.00	
Graham, Colonists from Scotland.....	127.95	
Johnson, Development of American Petroleum Pipelines.....	61.90	
Smith, Professors and Public Ethics.....	100.80	
Schroeder, The Axis Alliance and Japanese-American Relations, 1941.....	875.54	
Hofstadter, Social Darwinism.....	303.83	
Spence, British Investments and the American Mining Frontier.....	469.60	
Castel, A Frontier State at War, Kansas.....	866.69	
Fletcher, Rail, Mines, and Progress.....	548.14	\$4,093.23
Publications and editorial expenses:		
Castel, A Frontier State at War, Kansas.....		\$2,836.92
Spence, British Investments and the American Mining Frontier.....		3,466.01
Fletcher, Rail, Mines, and Progress.....		2,787.64
Membership dues.....		247.60
Committee expenses.....		658.46
Albert J. Beveridge Award.....		1,500.00
	\$18,251.09	\$11,496.53
Balance, Aug. 31, 1959.....		6,754.56
	<u>\$18,251.09</u>	<u>\$18,251.09</u>

# THE COMMITTEE ON THE JOHN H. DUNNING PRIZE

Since the John H. Dunning Prize is not to be awarded in 1959, Committee activity has been confined to publicizing the 1960 competition.

October 12, 1959.

CHARLES GRIER SELLERS, Jr., Chairman.

# THE COMMITTEE ON THE ROBERT LIVINGSTON SCHUYLER PRIZE

The Committee has not been able to have more than one meeting, from which Professor Costigan was absent but on which the Chairman reported to him. We have corresponded about a few books.

November 24, 1959.

HELEN TAFT MANNING, Chairman.

# THE COMMITTEE ON THE MOSES COIT TYLER PRIZE

The Committee on the Moses Coit Tyler Prize in American Intellectual History, composed of Drs. John Higham, Stow Persons, and Fred Rudolph, and myself recommends that the manuscript entitled Pioneer: A History of the Johns Hopkins University, 1874-1889, by Hugh Hawkins of the Amherst College faculty be given the award.

The judges were unanimous. I should explain that because Dr. Hawkins was my own graduate student, I disqualified myself as judge in his case. I agree with the decision.

Nine manuscripts were submitted, of which we returned one to the author, as not being appropriate for the competition. Two were proposed for honorable mention, but the judges were too far from agreement to make such a recommendation. Several of the others we think of as publishable.

September 28, 1959.

CHARLES A. BARKER, Chairman.

# THE COMMITTEE ON THE WATUMULL PRIZE

During the current year, the Committee has had no official duties to perform. Its Chairman, however, has had two matters in hand. The first is a proposed reconsideration of the terms of reference in the award, so as to broaden their scope to cover meritorious titles in fields other than history. The Chairman has circulated the Committee for expressions of opinion on the subject and expects to modify the present terms of reference slightly on the basis of the opinions of Committee members. The second matter, raised by Mrs. Watumull, refers to the possibility of changing the nature of the award so as to include a substantially different sort of title. In this matter the Chairman has advised Mrs. Watumull against such a change. During 1960 the Committee will again undertake review of titles recently published in order to make a nomination for the prize.

October 6, 1959.

ROBERT I. CRANE, Chairman.

## OTHER REPORTS

### REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

The American Council of Learned Societies has had an active year, supporting scholarship and research to the extent of half a million dollars, of which one half was for awards and grants to individual scholars, and the remainder mainly for conferences,

congresses, and publication projects. The year saw the publication of the report of the ACLS Committee on Scholarly Publications, and the book by Howard Mumford Jones, One Great Society, written by him when he was chairman of the Board of the ACLS, as a statement of aims in the humanities. A conference was held on the history of religions, and another on policy in the grant of subsidies for research. A historian, Gordon B. Turner, formerly of Princeton University, has joined the ACLS as Staff Associate.

November 5, 1959.

R. R. PALMER.

#### REPORT OF THE DELEGATE TO THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION

The membership of the Commission remained unchanged except for the appointment by the President of the Senate of Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts to succeed Senator Wallace F. Bennett of Utah, whose term had expired. Dr. Rudolph A. Winnacker, representing the Department of Defense; Dr. G. Bernard Noble, representing the Department of State; and Justice Felix Frankfurter, representing the Supreme Court of the United States, were reappointed for four-year terms. Congressman George P. Miller of California was reappointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for a two-year term.

The Commission held one meeting during the year--June 24, 1959.

Substantial progress was made with the compilation for the Commission, by Dr. James R. Masterson as editor, of three volumes of the Writings on American History. The index for the 1953 volume was completed and the volume is expected to be issued by the Government Printing Office by the end of the year. All copy for the 1954 volume, exclusive of index, was sent to press and is expected to be published during 1960. Progress was made also in compiling the 1955 volume. A careful study has been undertaken by the Commission's Executive Director to determine whether certain changes in policy may not be made that will insure more expeditious compilation of volumes without seriously decreasing their value to students of history.

Considerable progress was made by Dr. Robert E. Cushman and his assistants on the Commission's project for the publication of a series of volumes constituting a documentary history of the ratification of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Substantial quantities of photographic copies of pertinent documents were obtained from libraries in New York, North Carolina, and Virginia, and a few hundred pages of copy were prepared for the printer; but it will be at least two or three years before the first volumes can be published.

With the encouragement and cooperation of the Commission, at least four projects for the publication of historical documents were formally established:

- (1) Papers of Robert E. Lee, sponsored by the Virginia Civil War Commission, to consist of one volume of selected official and personal correspondence of Lee during the period of the Civil War.
- (2) Papers of John Jay, sponsored by Columbia University, to collect copies of all known papers of Jay and publish a small number of volumes of these papers.
- (3) Papers of Admiral Samuel Francis du Pont, sponsored by the Longwood Library, to publish in three volumes the Civil War papers of Admiral du Pont.
- (4) Papers of John Dickinson, sponsored by the Delaware Public Archives Commission, to collect copies of all known Dickinson papers and publish a comprehensive edition of them.

The Commission's staff took part in the consideration of plans for the publication of a comprehensive and scholarly edition of the papers of John Marshall, but a project for this purpose has not yet been formally established. Some advice and information were given in support of tentative plans for editions of the papers of Albert Gallatin and Daniel Webster, but in neither instance has a project yet been formally established.

The year saw the publication of the first volumes produced by several major projects that for a number of years have been engaged in the work of collecting and editing documents for publication:

(1) Late in 1958 a three-volume edition of the Journal and Letters of Francis Asbury, sponsored by the Association of Methodist Historical Societies, was published by the Abingdon Press.

(2) In the summer of 1959 two volumes entitled Teach the Freeman: The Correspondence of Rutherford B. Hayes and the Slater Fund for Negro Education, 1881-1893, sponsored by the Rutherford B. Hayes and Lucy Webb Hayes Foundation, were published by the Louisiana State University Press.

(3) In October 1959 the first volume of a projected fifteen-volume edition of The Papers of John C. Calhoun, sponsored by the South Carolina Archives Department and the University of South Carolina, was published by the University of South Carolina Press.

(4) In November 1959 the first volume of a projected forty-volume edition of The Papers of Benjamin Franklin, sponsored by Yale University and the American Philosophical Society, will be released by the Yale University Press.

(5) In December 1959 the first volume of a projected ten-volume edition of The Papers of Henry Clay, sponsored by the University of Kentucky, is scheduled for publication by the University of Kentucky Press.

During the year three volumes of the Public Papers of the Presidents, covering the years 1955, 1956, and 1958, were published by the Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Service. This series was established on the recommendation of the National Historical Publications Commission and the Commission, at its meeting in June, recommended that the series be extended back to cover not only earlier years of President Eisenhower's administrations but all the years of President Truman's. This recommendation has been approved.

The microfilm publication by the National Archives of the Papers of the Continental Congress, which was strongly recommended by the NHPC some years ago, is nearing completion; the last of the estimated 204 rolls of film is expected to be finished by the end of January, 1960.

On December 29, 1958, a conference of editors of documentary history publications, with representatives of sixteen projects attending, was held under the auspices of the Commission at the Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C. A summary of the proceedings at the conference was published in the July, 1959 issue of The American Archivist.

November 4, 1959.

JULIAN P. BOYD.

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

The first six issues of this year's Social Education continue to maintain the journal's traditional standards of excellence. Several splendid articles on straight historical subjects and a number of ingenious pieces on methods make it clear that Dr. Todd again deserves the warm congratulations of the American Historical Association.

October 26, 1959.

HERMAN AUSUBEL.

REPORT OF THE SENIOR DELEGATE TO THE SOCIAL SCIENCE  
RESEARCH COUNCIL

I have to report that my own activity as a delegate, besides participation in the semi-annual meetings (attended also by Vann Woodward and David Potter), consists principally of my duties as chairman of the SSRC Committee on Historical Analysis. The latest published report of that Committee is given in Items, Vol. XII, No. 3, pp. 25-27. Potter is a member of that committee and Woodward attends regularly ex officio as a historian member of the SSRC. The Committee on Historical Analysis begins, though only vaguely as yet, to see its way toward a definitive report, perhaps in 1960.

November 5, 1959.

LOUIS GOTTSCHALK.

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

The Clarendon Press published in July, 1959 the second edition of Conyers Read, Bibliography of British History: Tudor Period, 1485-1603, a volume containing 6,543 main entries and 624 pages as compared with the first edition of 4,321 entries and 467 pages.

Professor Edgar B. Graves reports for the medieval volume that he has completed preliminary drafts of the sections down to the Anglo-Saxon period, and that they are considerably fuller than those of Gross. He has expanded the chapter on Auxiliaries, and those of pre-historic and Roman Britain. The chapters on Anglo-Saxon England are partly typed, a few sections for the period subsequent to 1066, the entire section on local history, and the section on Scotland (which the editor wished to revise) have been typed. He has accumulated so many references for the period 1066 to 1485 that probably not more than a third of them can be included. He hopes that he will have a completed manuscript ready for criticism within another year.

Dean Mary Frear Keeler reports for the Stuart period volume that the work has moved forward steadily in Washington, though more slowly than in the year when Joan Kennedy was her assistant. The section on social history is nearly finished; the very large cultural history section is ready to be looked over by specialists. Professor Thorne is organizing the section on legal history. Materials on Scotland, Ireland, Wales, foreign affairs, and economic history are ready to be shipped to specialists in England for criticism. The English historians at Yale will be asked shortly for their comments and corrections on other sections. Mrs. Keeler works under difficulties, for she must commute from Frederick to the office provided at the Folger Library for her and her assistants.

The two young historians at University College, London, Ian R. Christie and A. J. Taylor, are now moving ahead more rapidly; their assistant, Mrs. Alman, working four days a week upon the bibliography from 1789 to 1852. No previous bibliographies being available for their period, they must start from scratch. They are now comparing the first year of the Edinburgh Review with other reviewing periodicals, to gain some idea of the number and nature of titles yielded, before combing the reviews systematically.

The joint Anglo-American Committee has not yet succeeded in finding a satisfactory editor for the 1852-1914 period.

The Royal Historical Society Committee on Writings on British History, 1901-1933 reports that it has worked through all but one of the English catalogues, has searched two-thirds of the American periodicals, and has assembled most of the continental material. This includes Portuguese, Italian, Scandinavian, Russian, French, and what remains of Spanish material. Visits to Heidelberg and The Hague yielded a large proportion of German and Dutch material not available in England, and an attempt will be made to fill gaps in Russian material through the National Central Library. American serials and books not traced in London have been supplied in Washington, and 120 new American titles were found. The School of Oriental and African Studies will assist in discovering titles published in the East and not in either the English Catalogue or the British Museum Subject Index.

October 30, 1959.

STANLEY PARGELLIS.



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REPORT  
of the  
PACIFIC COAST BRANCH  
OF THE AMERICAN  
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The fifty-second meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association was held at the University of Utah and the Utah State Historical Society on September 10-12, 1959. One hundred fifty-nine historians registered for the sessions. In charge of local arrangements were David E. Miller, Chairman, Leland Creer, and Philip C. Sturges, and A. R. Mortensen was convention host at the Utah State Historical Society. The program was put together by C. Bickford O'Brien, Chairman, W. L. Davis, S. J., Paul S. Dull, Austin E. Hutcheson, A. R. Mortensen, Josiah C. Russell, James H. Shideler, Milton I. Vanger, Eugen J. Weber, and Gordon Wright.

This 1959 meeting broke with tradition in many ways, changing not only the place of meeting, but also the time of the year. Not since the 1920's, when meetings were appropriately held at Thanksgiving, has the time been shifted from the Christmas-New Year schedule. The experiment was made in response to the wishes of a persistent, die-hard corps of members who have desired a change in the meeting time. The Utah gathering also held a series of tours, to the Mormon Church Archives and to various points of historical significance in the region surrounding Salt Lake City.

The first of the sixteen sessions of the program met at the Utah State Historical Society where John D. Hicks, substituting for Senator Gale W. McGee, read a paper analyzing the historical trends of the 1920's and 1930's. Following the paper and discussion, members of the Branch were treated to a buffet dinner and a tour of the rambling mansion, once the official residence of Utah governors.

The remaining sessions were held on the University of Utah's campus. The usual meetings in western, diplomatic, colonial, and Civil War history were presented by the American historians, while the European specialists were treated to sessions on medieval Europe, the age of Louis XIV, and Germany. Two special sessions were devoted to legal history and the conservation of historic sites. At first Reed R. Stout of the California bar presided over discussions of various aspects of legal history by Lawrence A. Harper, Moffatt Hancock, J. Allan Crockett, Dello G. Dayton, and Francis D. Wormuth. They concluded that legal records were unusually rich and rewarding for researchers, providing that lawyers and historians could jointly undertake the research projects. C. Gregory Crampton chaired the session on conservation in which federal, state, and local responsibility for preservation of resources was examined in historical perspective. The speakers were John O. Littleton, Chief, National Park Service, C. J. Olsen, Director, Utah State Parks, and Clifford L. Lord, Dean, School of General Studies, Columbia University.

For the first time in Branch history, the Executive Secretary of the American Historical Association, Boyd C. Shafer, attended a meeting and spoke to its members. The title of his address was appropriately "History, Not Art, Not Science, But History"--a plea for the flesh and blood of history without apology.

At the annual dinner President Raymond J. Sontag, introduced by former President Max Saville, spoke philosophically on the underlying movements in European history since 1900 that have brought decay and disruption to culture and politics in Western Europe.

The annual business meeting, with President Sontag in the chair, convened at 9:00 a.m. Saturday. Reports from the Secretary-Treasurer revealed the continued healthful progress of the Branch in 1959. The accumulated surplus was slightly over fifteen hundred dollars. This surplus was almost entirely due to the generosity of the University of California, Davis, Whittier College, and the University of Utah, which kept expenses connected with the preparation of the 1958 and 1959 programs to a minimum. Subsidies for postage and travel from participating colleges proved to be a substantial benefit to Branch activities; without them the Branch could not have operated in the black. The remarkable growth of Branch membership continued. In the decade since 1948 it had increased 125 per cent, with those members living in California representing over two-thirds of the total membership.

The editor of the Pacific Historical Review noted the flourishing condition of the Review, with a modest backlog of good articles for three or four issues. He encouraged the audience to increase subscriptions by acquainting seminar students in their universities with the special rate of two dollars. As always, he reported that the University of California made the Review's publication possible by its heavy subsidy for editing, editorial help, and printing.

Following these reports, the President announced several decisions by the Council. The 1960 meeting will be held at the University of Washington on September 7-9. The Council decided to experiment for still another year with the change in time of the meeting, feeling that the Utah meeting was not a good test of its advisability. The Council also approved as policy the practice begun in 1958 of paying the meeting expenses of the Program Chairman. Invitations for hosting Branch conventions in 1960 were received from San Jose State College, Loyola University of Los Angeles, and the University of Arizona.

The Committee on Resolutions chaired by Max Savelle, with Charles Larsen and Harris I. Martin as members, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Be it resolved, and it is hereby resolved, that the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association wishes to express to the University of Utah, to its President, Dr. A. Ray Olpin, and to the department of history of that University, its sense of deep gratitude for their hospitality in entertaining this, the fifty-second annual meeting of the Branch.

Be it resolved, also, and it is so resolved, that the Branch hereby express its sincere thanks to the Utah State Historical Society for its hospitality and for its munificent contribution to the intellectual and social fare provided for the Branch at this very enjoyable and profitable session.

Be it resolved, further, and it is so resolved, that the Branch express its thanks to Professor David Miller, as Chairman of the Committee for Local Arrangements, and to the other members of that Committee, for the yeoman service they and their assistants performed for the Branch in making our stay here so comfortable and otherwise enjoyable.

Be it resolved, also, and it is so resolved, that the Branch express its appreciation to the local chapter of Phi Alpha Theta and its members for their assistance to the Branch in the business of transporting members of the Branch to and from the various locales of the meetings of this session, and for their many other services.

Chairman Arthur R. Kooker of the Committee on Nominations submitted the report of his colleagues, John W. Caughey, Russell Elliott, David Harris, and Richard H. Trame, S. J.. The following officers, councilors, and committeemen were elected unanimously: Thomas A. Bailey, President; Francis Herrick, Vice President; John A. Schutz, Secretary-Treasurer; and for three-year terms on the Council: David Harris, Earl Pomroy, and William Steckel. Three new members of the Pacific Historical Review's Board of Editors were also elected: Leonard J. Arrington, Edwin R. Bingham, and Rodman W. Paul. The Board of Editors reelected John W. Caughey as managing editor of the Review and August Frugé as its business manager. Father William L. Davis was chosen a member of the Committee on Awards.

The 1959 award of the Branch for the best book published by a younger member was given to W. J. Eccles of his Frontenac: The Courtier Governor. The Louis Knott Koontz Memorial Award for 1959 was shared by Robert Seager II for his "Some Denominational Reactions to Chinese Immigration to California, 1856-1892" (February issue of the Review) and Doyce B. Nunis, Jr., for his "The Enigma of the Sublette Overland Party, 1845" (November issue).

The Program Chairman for 1960 is Armin Rappaport of the University of California, Berkeley. The members of his Committee are: Quirinus Breen, Robert P. Browder, Robert Burr, Francis Herrick, Jackson Main, Henry C. Meyer, Thomas Smith, Frederick Soward, Richard Van Alstyne, and Gerald White. The Chairman of Local Arrangements is Donald E. Emerson of the University of Washington.

February 1, 1960.

JOHN A. SCHUTZ, Secretary-Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1959

Balance, Jan. 1, 1959.....	\$1,314.91
Income:	
American Historical Association subvention.....	300.00
Publicity.....	25.00
1959 Convention at the University of Utah.....	301.80

\*Total..... \$1,941.71

Expenditures:

Printing.....	\$111.28	
Program mailing.....	62.00	
Secretarial expense.....	35.00	
Insurance.....	5.00	
Travel.....	30.00	
Misc. stamps, telegrams.....	19.00	
Program expense, incidental.....	28.25	
Award.....	100.00	
Awards program expense.....	3.75	
Additional costs for 1958 convention.....	22.50	416.78

Balance, Dec. 31, 1959..... \$1,524.93

The Louis Knott Koontz Fund

Balance, Jan. 1, 1959.....	\$1,626.96
Income: Interest.....	116.57

\*\*Total..... \$1,743.53

Expenditures:

Award for 1959.....	\$100.00	100.00
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Balance, Dec. 31, 1959..... \$1,643.53

February 1, 1960.

JOHN A. SCHUTZ, Secretary-Treasurer.

\*Branch funds are deposited in the Lincoln Savings and Loan Association, Los Angeles, and California Bank, Spring and Second Street Branch.

\*\*Interest from all funds in Lincoln Savings credited to Koontz Fund.