THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF HELLENIC STUDIES

50 BEDFORD SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.I.

REPORT FOR THE SESSION 1955-56.

THE Council beg to submit their report for the session:---

There has been one important development in connection with 50 Bedford Square.

In view of the delay in providing accommodation for the Societies in the new building in Gordon Square, the University has generously agreed to assume full financial responsibility in connection with the tenancy of 50 Bedford Square, including the responsibility for carrying out repairs and improvements. In return, the Societies have agreed, when they leave 50 Bedford Square, to forgo any profit which might accrue from the disposal of the remainder of their agreement with the Bedford Estate. Under this arrangement the University has refunded to the Societies the cost of redecorations and improvements carried out since November 1954.

This relieves the Societies of some financial anxiety, but it has been decided to maintain in being the Sinking Fund, which has been accumulated for the purpose of meeting any unforeseen expenses.

Work began on the new building in Gordon Square before the end of 1955, and is fairly well up to schedule. The completion date is still November 1957, and it is hoped that the premises will be ready early in 1958.

Finance.

The year's accounts showed a surplus of $\pounds 335$, as compared with $\pounds 890$ in the preceding year.

This decrease is partly accounted for by the fact that $\pounds 250$ has been set aside for a publications fund to enable the Society to publish occasional papers which, by reason of their length, are unsuitable for the *Journal*. There are also the increased costs of printing and maintenance. The Institute of Classical Studies is now making a fixed charge for maintenance based on an analysis of six months' costs.

The sales of the Journal, including back

numbers and other publications (£597), continue to make a substantial contribution to the Society's income, but this cannot be expected to continue indefinitely.

With the rise in salaries and costs, and with the production of an extra volume of the *Journal* (The Ross Volume), little or no surplus can be expected in 1956, and a small deficit is more likely. The Council has therefore decided to recommend to the Annual General Meeting that Rule 26 be amended, and that all members, irrespective of the date of election, should be liable to pay the full subscription rate of $\pounds 2$.

Recoveries under deeds of covenant amounted to \pounds_{209} for 1955.

Membership figures as at December 31st, 1955, are shown below, with comparable figures for past years:—

	Members.	Life Members.	Student Associates.	Libraries.	Total.
1939	1,003	141	222	325	1,699
1951	991	123	174	376	1,664
1952	1,014	123	197	376	1,710
1953	1,004	124	165	385	1,678
1954	1,023	124	147	402	1,696
1955	1,087	125	139	426	1,777
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Obituary.

The Council record with great regret the deaths of Mrs. E. B. Culley, Miss Helen Farquhar, Mr. G. M. Gillespie, Professor S. R. K. Glanville, Mr. C. S. Gulbenkian, Miss N. M. Holley, Sir Douglas Orme Malcolm, Dr. Lauri Tudeer; and also of two honorary members, Fr. W. Freiherr von Bissing and Professor Ludwig Curtius.

Mrs. Culley, for many years, gave valuable voluntary help to the Library, to which she has bequeathed her collection of classical books.

Journal of Hellenic Studies.

Members are reminded that, in addition to the normal *Journal* of 1956, there will be a special fascicule of approximately 130 pages in honour of Sir David Ross. This will, it is hoped, be published in December this year or January 1957, and will form Fascicule (i) of Volume 77 (1957). In response to an appeal, $\pounds 295$ has been contributed towards the additional cost by members and others.

In addition, the Society has been fortunate to receive, through the British Academy, a grant of $\pounds 400$ awarded by the Nuffield Foundation from a fund for the subvention of selected central publications relating to the humane sciences.

This will help the Society to meet the cost of the Sir David Ross Fascicule, and to publish as a separate paper an article by Mr. John White on *Perspective in Ancient Drawing and Painting.* This, it is hoped, will be published in the autumn of this year.

The Gilbert Murray 90th Birthday Fund.

To celebrate Dr. Gilbert Murray's birthday an appeal for funds was made.

The purpose of the Fund was commended to the public in a letter published in October 1955, to which the Society's President, Professor D. Tarrant, was one of the fourteen signatories. The Fund will be applied in equal proportions to the two objects to which Dr. Murray has devoted his life and genius, under a Trust deed, the main operative clause of which is as follows :—

'The Trustees of the Fund . . . declare that they hold or will hold such funds for the following purposes :---

' (a) to promote the study of ancient Greek literature and thought and the propagation of Hellenic culture;

(b) to promote with the help of travelling fellowships, scholarships, grants or other means, the study of the purposes and work of the United Nations;

'(c) to take such action as they may think fit for the collection of further funds to carry out the purposes set out in (a) and (b) above.'

The thirteen Trustees include the Hon. Treasurer of the Hellenic Society, Sir T. St. Quintin Hill, K.C.M.G., as well as the following members: Professor Dodds, Professor Page, and Professor Webster.

The amount of the Fund, which remains open, stands at approximately £9,000.

International Congresses.

Fédération Internationale des Associations d'Etudes Classiques. The Society's representative at the Meeting at Copenhagen in 1955 was Professor A. W. Gomme, F.B.A.

Meetings.

The following communications have been made at Meetings of the Society during the Session:-

November 11th, 1955. G. S. Kirk on 'Pherecydes of Syros'.

November 22nd, 1955 (in conjunction with the Roman Society). R. G. Goodchild on 'The New Excavations at Cyrene'.

February 17th, 1956. Professor H. Ll. Hudson-Williams on 'Plato's Phaedrus and Menexenus'.

May 4th, 1956. P. E. Corbett on 'A New Arrangement of the Sculptured Frieze from the Temple of Apollo at Bassae' (slides).

June 22nd, 1956. A. G. Woodhead on 'Cleon, Son of Cleaenetus'.

Provincial Meetings.

Meetings were arranged outside London in collaboration with local associations during the Session 1955-56:---

At Sheffield: J. M. Cook on 'East Aegean Model Cities' (slides).

At Exeter: Professor C. M. Robertson on 'Architecture and Sculpture and their Relation in Ancient Greece' (slides).

At Manchester: R. M. Cook on 'Ancient Sculpture and Modern Taste' (slides).

At Newcastle-upon-Tyne: Professor R. P. Winnington-Ingram on 'Phaedra in the Hippolytus'.

At Reading: A. G. Woodhead on 'The Use and Abuse of Inscriptions'.

At Northampton: Professor C. M. Robertson on 'Architecture and Sculpture and their Relation in Ancient Greece'.

At Nottingham: J. S. Morrison on 'Socrates'.

At Hull: Professor J. B. Skemp on 'Early Christian Platonism'.

At Leeds: A. G. Woodhead on 'Transport in the Ancient World'.

At Edinburgh: E. V. Rieu on 'On Translating Homer'.

At University College of North Staffordshire: Professor J. B. Skemp on 'Early Christian Platonism'.

At Southampton: Professor H. D. Kitto on 'Hamlet and Greek Tragedy'.

At Birmingham: J. S. Morrison on 'Aristophanes'.

At Northampton: Dr. F. H. Stubbings on 'Who were the Mycenaeans?'

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Administration.

The Council is grateful to Messrs. Denham, Betts and Co., who have once again acted as Honorary Auditors to the Society's Accounts.

Dr. J. P. L. Kent (Dept. of Coins and Medals, British Museum) has accepted appointment as Assistant Editor of the *Journal of Hellenic Studies*.

The ten members of Council who retire in rotation under Rule 19 are: Prof. J. M. T. Charlton, Prof. R. J. Hopper, Mr. G. S. Kirk, Mr. R. Meiggs, Prof. H. W. Parke, Prof. J. B. Skemp, Mr. J. A. Spranger, Prof. H. T. Wade-Gery, Mr. A. G. Woodhead, Prof. R. E. Wycherley.

In their place the Council have nominated the following for election: Prof. K. J. Dover, Dr. A. J. Gossage, Mr. G. T. Griffith, Mr. N. G. L. Hammond, Mr. G. T. W. Hooker, Mr. G. K. Jenkins, Mr. H. Lloyd-Jones, Mr. F. H. Sandbach, Mrs. A. D. Ure, Prof. H. D. Westlake.

The Joint Library.

The following figures show the work of the Library during the last three years :---

	1953-54.	1954-55.	1955-56.
Books added	450	486	480
Books borrowed	4,584	4,453	4,237
Borrowers	611	604	619
Slides borrowed	4,800	4,876	4,035

It will be noted that while the number of borrowers has increased, the number of books borrowed has declined slightly. This may be accounted for by the confining to the Library of the books which now belong to the Institute of Classical Studies. Every effort is being made to provide borrowable copies of books, where their confining is observed to cause hardship. The confined Loeb, Budé, and Oxford texts have already been duplicated. Further measures being taken with a view to meeting the needs of members outside London include the compiling of a list showing where there are borrowable copies in other Libraries of confined archaeological books. Where no other copy is readily available, microfilms or photostats will be made for the use of members.

The Institute of Classical Studies added 182 books in the 'primary' category during the year, including a complete set of the Greek Commentaries on Aristotle.

The Joint Library now takes 200 periodicals, 172 by exchange. These include, in addition to British and Commonwealth publications, periodicals from Austria (6), Belgium (7), Bulgaria (2), Czecho-Slovakia (1), Denmark (2), France (21), Germany (22), Greece (8), Holland (3), Hungary (4), Italy (23), Norway (1), Poland (3), Portugal (1), Rumania (1), Spain (6), Sweden (2), Switzerland (1), USSR (4), Yugo-Slavia (2), N. Africa (2), Argentina (1), Egypt (2), Syria (3), Turkey (1), and the U.S.A (17).

A Kodagraph MPE Microfilm Reader, which was bought by the Institute of Classical Studies, can now be made available for readers.

Much time and thought is being devoted to the planning of the new Library in Gordon Square, which will accommodate 55,000 books. Meanwhile, since the Library must remain in its present quarters for about two years, its chief problem in the immediate future is how to offer the greatest possible facilities to members without any major expenditure or reorganisation. The new steel shelves in the Seminar Room will hold about 3,000 books, and will make it possible to find shelf space for the new books coming into the Library during this interim period.

The Councils of the Hellenic and Roman Societies wish to thank Mr. R. Schwarz for the gift of thirty-eight colour slides of Greece, which have been added to the Societies' Collection. A new set of slides by Mr. P. E. Corbett, 'Greek Gods and Heroes', has also been added.

The Councils of the Hellenic and Roman Societies wish to express their thanks for gifts of books from the following: Prof. E. Akurgal, Lt.-Col. P. B. S. Andrews, Dr. A. Balil Ilanna, Mr. R. D. Barnett, Dr. E. Bielefeld, Mr. R. Browning, Mr. A. R. Burn, Mr. T. Burton Brown, Dr. A. W. Byvanck, Prof. G. Calogero, Rev. C. Creed, Mr. A. Deman, Dr. E. Dyggve, Dr. V. L. Ehrenberg, Mr. R. A. H. Farrar, Prof. L. Ferrero, Mr. S. S. Frere, Dr. D. Hamilton, Dr. J. Heller, Dr. E. Hulshoff Pol, Mr. D. K. Kanatsoulis, Dr. J. H. C. Kern, Dr. G. Klaffenbach, Prof. S. P. Kyriakides, Prof. A. Lesky, Miss E. Loeffler, Prof. W. S. Maguinness, Dr. W. Peek, Mr. E. D. Phillips, Prof. L. Robert, Prof. C. M. Robertson, Mr. A. Rowe, Dr. D. Schlumberger, Prof. P. M. Schuhl, Messrs. B. A. Seaby Ltd., Mr. H. S. Shield, Prof. O. Skutsch, Lord Strabolgi, Miss M. V. Taylor, Prof. E. G. Turner, Dr. O. Veh, Mr. C. C. Vermeule, Mr. J. B. Ward Perkins, Mr. G. Webster, Prof. T. B. L. Webster, the British School at Athens, the British School at Rome, Northampton Public Libraries.

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1. LIST OF THE WRITINGS OF J. D. BEAZLEY. Oxford. 1951. Price 15s.

2. Supplementary Papers :

- No. I.
- EXCAVATIONS AT MEGALOPOLIS (1890-91) By E. A. Gardner, W. Loring, G. C. Richards, and W. J. Woodhouse with an architectural description by R. W. Schultz. Folio. London. 1892.
- ECCLESIASTICAL SITES IN ISAURIA (Cilicia Trachea). By A. C. Headlam. Folio. London. 1893. Price £1 1s. for both volumes. No. II
- No. VI. CORINNA By Denys L. Page. 88 pages. Demy 8vo. Price 12/6.
- No. VII. PERSPECTIVE IN ANCIENT DRAWING AND PAINTING By John White. 100 pages approx. Demy 8vo. Price 16/6.

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