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ROYAL MUSICAL ASSOCIATION

REPORT

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TOOK PLACE ON THURSDAY. 6TH NOVEMBER, 1947, AT THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC, YORK GATE, MARYLEBONE ROAD, N.W.I.

THE PRESIDENT IN THE CHAIR.

1. The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th November, 1946, having been read and confirmed, the President read the

2. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council has pleasure in presenting the Report of the seventy-third session. Eight papers were read: (1) "Don Giovanni: an estimate by the philosopher Kierkegaard" by the Rev. T. H. Croxall; (2) "The Musical Condition of Man" by Miss Katharine E. Eggar; (3) "The Nature of Opera as a Composite Art" by Mr. Inglis Gundry; (4) "Mozart's Duets for One Pianoforte" by Mr. Howard Ferguson, with illustrations played by the Lecturer and Mr. Denis Matthews; (5) "The Codex Canonici 213 of the Bodleian, Oxford "by Professor Charles van den Borren, of Brussels, with illustrations by the Group Pro Musica Antiqua of Brussels, led by Mr. Safford Cape; (6) "The Organ, its History and Development" by Mr. Henry Willis, with illustrations by the Lecturer; (7) "The Tonal Spectra of Wind Instruments" by Professor Bernard Hague, with lantern slides, and (8) "Music and Action" by Dr. Thomas Wood, with illustrations played by musicians from the Royal Navy, the Royal Marines and the Royal Horse Guards. The Council wishes most cordially to thank all the contributors as named above.

The Council records with regret the death of Sir Percy Buck, Sir Sydney Nicholson, Dr. Hely-Hutchinson, Mr. Samuel Chapman and Mr. Reginald Poole. Sir Percy Buck was elected a member in 1901, joined the Council in 1911 XX REPORT

and was President from 1935 to 1938. Sir Sydney Nicholson had been a member of the Association since 1903.

During the session twenty-two new members were elected and the losses in membership during the same period were ten. The total of members at the close of the session was 295, consisting of 5 Honorary Foreign, 54 Life Members and 236 Subscribing Members.

Eight meetings were held at the Trinity College of Music and at the Guildhall School of Music at which the attendances of members and guests remained consistently good.

Meetings of Council were held on 10th October, 1946, 27th May, 9th and 29th July, 1947, all at the Royal Academy of Music.

The Audited Accounts show a balance in hand as at 30th September of £77 7s. 6d.

- 3. Before the reading of the Minutes the Chairman had risen to announce the sudden death of the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Theodore Holland, during the past week. The Meeting then stood for a moment in silence.
- 4. The Secretary presented the Accounts which had not at that time been audited. He said it was hoped to arrange the audit very shortly, with the kind assistance of Mrs. Holland. The meeting sent a message of sympathy and of grateful thanks to Mrs. Holland and passed the accounts, subject to audit, on a motion by Mr. Watkins Shaw, seconded by Mr. Lawrence.
- 5. Nominations to Office.—The Chairman expressed regret that he must resign the office of President. The new President nominated by the Council was Mr. Frank Howes who was welcomed to the chair forthwith. Mr. Howes thanked the meeting and proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring President for all his invaluable services during his term of office. This the meeting endorsed with acclamation.

The list of Vice-Presidents was the same as that for last session. They were re-elected on a motion from Mr. Tobin, seconded by Sir James Swinburne.

Mr. Frederick Austin was re-elected Auditor on a motion by Mr. Oldman, seconded by Mr. Lawrence. The Chairman asked the members to leave the question of finding a REPORT X XI

new Honorary Treasurer in the hands of the Council who would take steps to discover some member willing to undertake these duties and would place a name before a General Meeting in the near future.

The five ordinary members of Council due to retire were Professor Abraham, Miss Eggar, Mr. Oldman, Mr. Sharp and Miss Scott. The election of Mr. Howes to the Presidential Chair had caused a further vacancy. Professor Abraham had intimated his inability to stand again on account of his appointment to Liverpool University. The following nominations had been made: Miss Eggar, Mr. Oldman, Mr. Sharp, Miss Scott and Dr. H. Lowery who were nominated by the Council and Mr. Eric Blom who was nominated by Mr. Oldman and Mr. Richard Capell. The Chairman declared those named to be duly elected.

6. Votes of thanks were passed to the Trinity College of Music and to the Guildhall School of Music for kind hospitality for ordinary meetings, proposed by Mr. Lawrence and seconded by Miss Scott. A vote of thanks to the Royal Academy of Music for hospitality for meetings of Council was passed on a motion by Mrs. Dale and Mrs. Erlebach. This terminated the business.

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	" Through Bank	116	0	0			
	" Arrears and in Advance	39	0	8			
	" 6 Life Subscriptions	63	0	0			
					319	3	8
	Annuities, October, 1946	5	13	5			
	" January, 1947	5	13	5			
	Savings Bonds "A," February, 1947	3	13	4			
	Annuities, April, 1947	5	13	5			
	" July, 1947	5	13	5			
	Savings Bonds "A," August, 1947	3	13	4			
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In accordance with the Companies Act of 1929, I certify that I have audited the above Accounts, with Vouchers, and in my opinion they are properly drawn up and exhibit a correct view of the Accounts of the Association.

(Signed) FREDERIC AUSTIN, Hon. Auditor.

22nd November, 1947.