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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1919, AT MESSRS. NOVELLO'S,
160 WARDOUR STREET, W.I.

Sir FREDERICK BRIDGE in the Chair.

The following REPORT of the Council was read by the Secretary :—

The Council beg to present their Report on the 45th Session, together with the audited Balance Sheet.

During the Session, the following Papers have been read :—
(1) "Songs of the Hebrides," by Mrs. Kennedy Fraser, with illustrations by the lecturer, Miss Patuffa Kennedy Fraser and Miss Margaret Kennedy; (2) "Provincial Memories," by Mr. Louis N. Parker; (3) "Mental Processes in Music," by Mr. James Swinburne; (4) "The Point of Perfection in XVIth century Music," by Miss Sylvia Townsend Warner; (5) "John Merbecke," by Dr. R. R. Terry, with illustrations by a small choir; (6) "Music Libraries and Catalogues," by Mr. W. Barclay Squire.; (7) "The Modern Spirit in Music!" by Mr. Philip Heseltine; and (8) "Sir Hubert Parry," by Sir W. H. Hadow, illustrated by a choir from the Royal College of Music under the direction of Prof. H. P. Allen. The warmest thanks of the Council are hereby accorded to the lecturers and to all who assisted them with their papers.

In connection with Mr. Barclay Squire's paper on "Music Libraries and Catalogues," the meeting at which it was read passed a recommendation to the Council to consider the appointment of a Committee to deal with the question of cataloguing the music in all Cathedral and other Libraries. This the Council have acted upon and the Committee con-

sisting of the Rev. Dr. E. H. Fellowes, Mr. G. E. P. Arkwright, Mr. Edward J. Dent, Dr. Harford Lloyd, Dr. R. R. Terry and Mr. Barclay Squire will in due course report to the Council.

Twenty-four new members have been elected in the course of the session, a particularly gratifying feature being that some of them are Americans. This is not only evidence of the high esteem in which the Association is held abroad, but may also, the Council trust, be regarded as an augury of closer union between English-speaking musicians on both sides of the Atlantic. The membership of all classes, stood at 181 on 30th June, 1919.

In their Report last year, the Council drew attention to the situation which had arisen in consequence of the extremely serious increase in the cost of producing the annual volume of Proceedings. Putting aside that in the 44th Session, which for various reasons was abnormally expensive, it may be taken that the book now costs at least thrice as much as before the war, even after every possible economy has been effected. It seems certain that it will be years—if ever—before any material reduction can be looked for.

In order to meet this liability, it may be necessary for the Council to sell out some of their invested funds, though at the present price of the stock, this means a considerable loss, but what will remain cannot long provide for a recurring deficit. The Council have decided that for the present, the number of meetings shall be reduced to six, the Session ending in April, and it is hoped to effect other savings. Nevertheless, these economies cannot adequately meet the position. Suggestions have been made at the Council to ask for a voluntary levy, or to raise the subscription. They have decided not to recommend either, but to ask for such a strengthening of the membership as shall place the work of the Association out of danger. They therefore beg the present members who have so loyally supported it through the anxious period of the last five years, to take a personal interest in this matter, and by active propaganda and influence, to induce others to join the Association. The Council ask for at least 120 new members in the course of the next six months.

It is with deep regret that the Council record the deaths of Lord Rayleigh, a Vice-President, and a man eminent in science and musical research; Mr. Franklin Taylor, the distinguished pianist and teacher; Miss E. A. Chamberlayne; Mr. B. Cleaver-Howard; Mr. H. O. Yeatman, and Dr. Harford Lloyd, whose interest in the Association was largely in evidence at all times.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Novello & Co., and their staff for permission to hold the meetings at 160 Wardour Street, and for the efficient arrangements in connection therewith.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the President, the Vice-Presidents and five ordinary members of Council—Dr. J. E. Borland, Mr. Arthur M. Fox, Dr. F. G. Shinn, Mr. J. F. R. Stainer, and Dr. Yorke Trotter—retire from office. The members have already received a list of the nominations which the Council have put forward for the vacant offices.

Mr. Swinburne moved that the Report be adopted. This was seconded by Mr. Graham and carried unanimously.

The Hon. Treasurer presented the audited Balance Sheet, which was passed unanimously on the proposition of Mr. Scholes, seconded by Mrs. Stansfield Prior.

The Chairman declared the list of nominees for office submitted to the Council to be duly elected, no other nominations having been sent in.

The Meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Officers for their services during the year, to Messrs. Novello & Co., for accommodation for the meetings, and to the Chairman for presiding.

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Income and Expenditure from

Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand (nominal), Oct., 1918		70 16 8
.. Subscriptions:—		
.. 1918-19 (114)	119 14 0	
.. paid through Bank (33)	34 13 0	
.. Arrears and in advance	9 9 0	
	<hr/>	163 16 0
.. Dividends—Oct., 1918	4 1 3	
.. Jan., 1919	4 1 3	
.. April, „	4 1 3	
.. July, „	4 1 3	
	<hr/>	16 5 0
.. Sale of Proceedings:—		
Novello & Co. (less commission)	2 13 6	
Stevens & Brown	2 2 0	
Sotheran & Co. (less commission)	0 16 9	
Birmingham Library	0 4 0	
Mr. Winter	0 5 0	
	<hr/>	6 1 3
.. I.M.G. Subscriptions paid through Bank		1 0 0
.. Balance Deficit*		8 0 7
		<hr/> <hr/>
		£265 19 6

* To this must be added the estimated cost of Proceedings for 1918-19.

ASSETS.	£ s. d.
£650 of 2½ per cent. Annuities, at 47	305 10 0
Stock of Volumes of Proceedings	5 0 0
Stationery and Plates	1 0 0
Nest of Drawers	4 0 0
Blackboard and Easel	1 0 0
Ballot Box	0 10 0
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	£317 0 0

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October 1, 1918, to September 30, 1919.

Cr.			
By Printing and Stationery :—		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Novello & Co.—Proceedings, etc. (1917-18)	185	17	6
„ Postage of Proceedings ..	3	11	7
New Receipt Book	1	1	0
Fraser—General Printing	5	10	3
		—————	196 0 4
„ Expenses of Session :—			
Hire of Chairs	8	0	0
Reporting	8	8	0
„ (extra for Session 1917-18) ..	2	2	0
		—————	18 10 0
„ Secretary's Salary			42 0 0
„ Secretary's Postages and Petty Cash	8	7	4
„ Hon. Treasurer's Postages	1	0	6
		—————	9 7 10
„ Bank Charges			0 1 4
			—————
			<u>£265 19 6</u>

ARTHUR M. FOX, *Hon. Treasurer.*

In accordance with the Companies Act of 1900, we certify that we have audited these Accounts, and in our opinion they are properly drawn up and exhibit a correct view of the Accounts of the Association.

Oct. 29th, 1919.

D. J. BLAIKLEY, } *Hon. Auditors.*
ALGERNON ROSE, }