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# ROYAL MUSICAL ASSOCIATION

## REPORT

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, 17TH NOVEMBER, 1949, at the ROYAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC, YORK GATE, MARYLEBONE ROAD, N.W.1

1. The Minutes of the Seventy-fourth Annual General Meeting and of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 12th May, 1949, having been read and confirmed, Mr. Hyatt King read the

#### 2. REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council has pleasure in presenting the Report of the seventy-fifth session. The following papers were read: (1) "Electrotonic Music" by Mr. Alan Douglas, with illustrations on the Compton Electrone and on gramophone records: (2) "Prokofiev's piano sonatas" by Mr. Frank Merrick, with illustrations by the lecturer; (3) "The tonality of woodwind instruments" by Mr. Eric Halfpenny, the lecturer exhibiting a number of wind instruments ranging from the eighteenth century to the present day; (4) "The recorder and its music" by Mr. Edgar Hunt, with illustrations played by Mrs. Carl Dolmetsch, Miss Freda Dinn, Mr. Max Champion, Dr. Bergman and the lecturer; (5) "A study in Handelian thought" by Dr. Percy Young, with illustrations by singers from the music department of the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire Technical College; and (6) "Modern research on Schumann" by Professor Gerald Abraham. The Council desires to thank all the above ladies and gentlemen for their valuable contributions.

During the session six meetings were held, three at the Royal Academy of Music, two at the Trinity College of Music and one at the Guildhall School of Music. The attendance of the members and guests was increasingly good.

The Council regrets to record the deaths of Lord Palmer, Sir Stanley Marchant, Dr. Ernest Walker, Dr. R. O. Morris, Mr. A. W. Fitzsimmons, Dr. Edward Stainer, Canon T. H. Davis, Miss Dorothea Webb, Mr. Malcolm Davidson, Miss Frances Souper and Mr. Arthur T. Cummings. Lord Palmer (then Sir Ernest) joined in 1920 and was elected a Vice-President in 1923. Sir Stanley Marchant became a member in

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1932 and a Vice President in 1936. Mr. Arthur Cummings had been Honorary Solicitor for over fifty years and had carried through the legal formalities in connection with the incorporation of the Association in 1904. Dr. Ernest Walker and Dr. R. O. Morris both joined the Association in 1935. Dr. Edward Stainer was the last surviving child of Sir John Stainer, one of the founders of the Association. Losses in membership during the session were twenty; twenty-three new members were elected. Out of a total membership of 313, five were Honorary Foreign, 59 Life Members and 249 subscribing members.

At an Extraordinary General Meeting on May 12th, two

Special Resolutions were passed.

(1.) To add to the Memorandum of Association, section 3 (e) the words,

"... and to publish English music derived from non-"copyright sources earlier than the twentieth century "which has not been made available to the public by

"commercial publishers in order to make it available

" for study and performance."

This was done in order to enable the Association to undertake a scheme of publication of English music, of which the first volumes would be published in connection with the Festival of Britain, 1951.

(2.) To increase the annual subscription to a sum not exceeding two guineas. A resolution of the Council at their meeting on May 28th fixed the rate at one guinea and a half for the time being.

Meetings of Council were held at the Royal College of Music on 19th October, 1948, at the Trinity College on 14th December, 1948, at the Royal Academy of Music on 10th February, 1949, and at the Musicians Benevolent Fund, St. Cecilia House on 29th January, 5th March and 28th May, 1949.

The audited accounts shewed a balance in hand on 30th September, 1949 of £178 11s. 6d.

The Report was adopted on a motion from Mr. Marshall Johnson, seconded by Dr. Schofield.

- 3. The Hon. Treasurer presented the Balance Sheet and Accounts. They were passed on a motion from Mr. Frank Walker and Col. Somerville.
- 4. Election of Officers. Dr. Thatcher said that he was compelled to relinquish the office of Treasurer on account of his duties as Principal of the Royal Academy of Music.

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His resignation was received with great regret and the Chairman thanked him for his services to the Association during the past two sessions. Dr. Allt proposed and Miss Scott seconded his nomination as a Vice President. He was elected unanimously. The list of President and Vice Presidents was in other respects the same as that for the previous session.

The Chairman said he was pleased to announce that Mr. Cedric Glover had consented to stand for election to fill the vacant office of Treasurer. Professor Westrup warmly supported this nomination and Mr. Glover was elected unani-

mously.

The five Ordinary Members of Council due to retire were,—Mr. Blom, Professor Lewis, Dr. Lowery, Miss Scott and Mr. Sharp. To fill these five vacancies six nominations had been received. As the result of a ballot the following were elected,—Mr. Blom, Professor Lewis, Dr. Lowery, Miss Scott and Miss Scott a

Seymour Whinyates.

The full list of Council and Officers elected was,—President, Mr. Frank Howes; Vice Presidents, Professor Dent, Dr. Fellowes, Dr. Allt, Mr. Cundell, Sir George Dyson, Professor Hadley, Mr. Oldman, Dr. Roper, Dr. Thatcher, Professor Trend, Dr. Vaughan Williams and Professor Westrup. Ordinary Members of the Council; Mr. Blom, Professor Lewis, Dr. Lowery, Miss Scott and Miss Whinyates. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Cedric Glover; Hon. Auditor, Mr. Frederic Austin and Hon. Editor, Miss Marion Scott.

5. Mr. Marshall Johnson proposed a vote of thanks to the President and Council for their services to the Association

during the past session.

The Chairman thanked the Meeting and went on to say that he had pleasure in announcing that Brig. H.' A. F. Crewdson had kindly consented to act as Hon. Solicitor to the Association in succession to Mr. Cummings. Members expressed great appreciation and the Secretary was asked to send a letter to Mr. Crewdson from the Meeting.

6. Dr. Schofield moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Austin, the Hon. Auditor; and the Chairman warmly thanked the Hon. Editor for ably carrying through her arduous duties once more. The Chairman also thanked the Principals of the Royal Academy of Music, the Trinity College of Music and the Guildhall School of Music for hospitality for meetings and also the Committee of the Musicians Benevolent Fund for kindly lending their room for Meetings of Council.

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(Signed) R. S. Thatcher, Hon. Treasurer.

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In accordance with the Companies Acts of 1929 and 1948, 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) Frederick Austin, Hon. Auditor.

October, 1949.