

ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY: REPORT OF COUNCIL.

Session 1999–2000

Activities of the Society during the Year.

- The Society's website - www.rhs.ac.uk, set up with the kind co-operation of the Institute of Historical Research, is now fully operational. Details of the Society's activities, of its prizes and of its research support schemes (including application forms) can be found there, together with the constitution, the late Professor R.A. Humphrey's history of the Society from 1868 to 1968 and the List of Fellows, Corresponding Fellows, Associates and Members with their research interests.
- The Society has continued to be closely involved with archival issues of importance to historians. The Society's submissions to the Lords and Commons' committees on the freedom of information bill, noted in last year's report, appear to have produced a generally satisfactory response. The government has stated its intention to concede most of the points made by the Society. In particular, it has promised to ensure that the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Council continues to have a strong role.
- A Royal Historical Society Archives Group has been set up on the initiative of the Honorary Secretary in order to provide a regular forum for the Society's archival interests. The group has responded to new government initiatives in creating a national Museum, Libraries and Archives Council, now known as "Resource", and in encouraging the development of regional cultural policies. Representatives of the Society will serve on the new English Regional Archives Councils.
- The Society has also given advice on future archival policies in Scotland following devolution in response to a request from the National Archives of Scotland. Close co-operation continues between the Society and the Public Record Office. The Society responded to the consultation document for the disposition of deposited public records. The Society has accepted the Public Record Office's request to suggest names from time to time to review recommendations on the preservation or disposal of particular categories of recent records.
- A one-day colloquium on an especially important and sensitive

issue of archive policy, 'Privacy and Secrecy: The Historian's Interest', was organised by the Honorary Secretary at the Institute of Historical Research on 5 February 2000. A large audience heard a number of illuminating papers, both on current policy issues and on the history of concepts of secrecy and privacy.

- Other issues of importance to historians with which the Society has been concerned this year included two relating to teaching for first degrees in history. The Society provided a forum for discussions between the groups that were making bids for the new teaching centre in history, archaeology and classics and it has continued to monitor developments in the Quality Assurance Agency's benchmarking scheme in support of the report submitted by a group on which the Society was represented. Responses have been made to the British Academy's Review of Research Support, to the Quality Assurance Agency's proposals on postgraduate qualifications, to the ESRC's statement of its future policy for thematic priorities, to the consultation document on the working methods and criteria to be used by the history panel for the 2001 Research Assessment Exercise and to the Higher Education Funding Council for England's request for views on the future of the Research Assessment Exercise. The Society also responded to the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council's consultation document on the future funding of research in Scotland.
- While recognising that the problems facing history teaching in British schools are primarily the concern of the Historical Association, a body with which the Society enjoys the most cordial relations, Council has kept a close watch on developments. Excessive specialisation by A level students in a narrow range of modern topics is a cause of general concern throughout higher education in history. The Society joined with the Historical Association and with the History at the Universities Defence Group in making representations about the disappearance of any option on early medieval history at A level. One of the examination boards subsequently agreed to reinstate such an option. The Society was represented at a discussion of A level options at the Historical Association's education conference. We have been consulted by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority about the criteria for GCSE history and have decided to give a financial subvention to the Historical Association's campaign to persuade students to take history as a GCSE option. This subvention will replace the sum given in previous years to the Young Historian Scheme, which the Historical Association has decided to terminate.
- The annual volume of the Society's *Transactions* included papers from two conferences, 'Oral History, Memory and Written Tradition' and

‘Medieval Communities’. Four Camden Society volumes appeared this year: two scheduled for the current year and two due in the previous one. Michael Jones’s revision of the late Professor C.R. Cheney’s *A Handbook of Dates* was also published. Council agreed to a new policy whereby Fellows, Associates and Members would from the beginning of the financial year 2000/2001 be entitled under their subscriptions only to the annual volume of *Transactions*. Camden volumes together with *Guides and Handbooks* when available and, a most important innovation, volumes in the *Studies in History* series will be available on order at heavily discounted prices. The Society’s initial five-year contract with the Cambridge University Press expires on 31 December 2000. A new contract with revised terms to take effect thereafter has been signed with the Press. *Studies in History* continues to fulfill an urgent need in publishing high quality monographs, usually based on theses. Six volumes have appeared this year.

- Dr. Ian Archer has succeeded Dr. Julian Hoppit as general editor of the Society’s bibliographies. With a generous subvention from the Arts and Humanities Research Board, work continues on the revision of the *Royal Historical Society Bibliography on the History of Britain, Ireland and the British Overseas*. The first version of this appeared in 1998 on CD-ROM, listing some 250,000 items. The new version will be published in 2002, listing some 320,000 items. Negotiations are taking place to arrange on-line publication with the hope that it might be possible to provide free public access. The 1998 volume of the Society’s *Annual Bibliography* was published this year. It lists 6290 items. Dr. Austin Gee was again the general editor of the volume. As always, the appearance of this volume depends on the devoted services of the scholars who have undertaken to edit sections of it.
- In order to recognise the high quality of work now being produced at undergraduate level in the form of third-year dissertations, the Society has instituted, in association with *History Today* magazine, an annual prize for the best undergraduate dissertation. Departments have been asked to nominate annually their best dissertation and a joint committee of the Society and *History Today* will select in the autumn of 2000 the first national prizewinner from among these nominations. The prize also recognizes the Society’s close relations with *History Today* and the important role the magazine has played in disseminating scholarly research to a wider audience.
- The Society continues its close involvement with the British National Committee of the International Committee of Historical Sciences. The Committee provided financial support, which included a welcome grant of £6,000 from the British Academy, for 33 scholars

from Britain to attend the 19th Quinquennial Congress at Oslo, 6th–13th August 2000. It also gave a subvention this session to the 3rd Collaborative Anglo-Japanese Conference to be held at the Institute of Historical Research on 27th–29th September 2000.

Meetings of the Society.

- Five papers were given in London this year and two papers were read at locations outside London. Welcome invitations were extended to the Society to visit the history departments at the Universities of Huddersfield and Warwick. What has become an established pattern was followed on these visits; Members of Council meet with the departments to discuss issues of interest to historians before the paper is delivered. The Society always receives a warm welcome and generous hospitality from the universities that it visits and is very grateful to them for their kindness.
- The second Gresham lecture was given to a very large and appreciative audience by Lord Briggs at Gresham College on 'Exhibiting the Nation: 1851, 1951 and 2000'. These lectures will in future be entitled the Colin Matthew lectures for the Public Understanding of History in memory of the late Professor Colin Matthew, a former Literary Director and Vice-President of the Society whose sudden death in October 1999 came as a great shock and sadness to the whole community of historians.
- The Society held a joint conference in Belfast with the history department of the Queen's University and the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland from 9 to 11 September 1999 on the 'British-Irish Union of 1801'. An audience of some sixty people was attracted, primarily from Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic, to hear papers of high quality.
- From 16-18 September the Society joined with the British Society for the History of Science and the National Museum and Galleries on Merseyside as sponsors of a conference 'On Time'. This was a large international gathering with many and varied sessions.

Prizes

The Society's annual prizes were awarded as follows:

- The Alexander Prize, for an essay by a younger scholar, attracted fourteen entries. The Prize for 2000 was awarded to Dr. Helen Berry for her essay 'Rethinking Politeness in Eighteenth-Century England: Moll King's Coffee House and the Significance of Flash Talk' which was read to the Society on 7 April 2000.

Dr. Tim Thornton was declared *proxime accessit* for his essay ‘Fifteenth-Century Durham and the Problem of Provincial Liberties in England and the Wider Territories of the English Crown’.

- The David Berry Prize for an essay on any approved topic of Scottish history attracted three entries. The Prize for 1999 was awarded to Elizabeth Ewan for her essay:

‘Many injurious words: defamation and gender in late medieval Scotland’. An attractively written and carefully organised discussion drawing on a wide range of sources from burgh records to poetry, concludes that ‘verbal and physical violence can be very similar in their power to wound’. Women defamed other women as unchaste, or unfaithful, or as thieves; women defamed men as adulterers; men defamed other men of sexual misconduct, or theft, or heresy; and men defamed their rulers as corrupt and partial. In Elgin Megot Stuart called Ellen and Margaret Ternway ‘shabbit, clangorit carlis birdis [scabby syphilitic churl’s women]; Ellen countered by calling Megot a ‘schabit, bleit, clangorit carling [a scabbed, blear-eyed, syphilitic old women]’. And the poet William Dunbar, no stranger to scurrility himself, complained that the principal streets of Edunburgh were full not only of the stink of haddock but also of the ‘cyris of carlingis [old women]’ and ‘fowsum fyttingis of defame’ [foul and insulting defamation].

- The Whitfield Prize for a first book on British history attracted 27 entries. The generally high quality of the entries was commended by the assessors.

The Whitfield Prize 1999 was awarded to John Walter for his book, *Understanding Popular Violence in the English Revolution: The Colchester Plunderers*, published by Cambridge University Press.

Andy Wood’s book *The Politics of Social Conflict: The Peak Country, 1520-1770* [CUP] was declared *proxime accessit*.

The entry for the Whitfield prize was very strong, and the judges had an exceptionally difficult choice to make. Although they managed to whittle the short list down to two books, a final decision between two outstanding studies in early modern social history proved almost impossible. Both books had many strengths – one taking a particular event in Colchester in 1642 and analysing the context in impressive detail, the other taking the lead miners of the Peak over a long period of time. Both provide models of local history, the use of a sense of place in order to address large questions of social change. And both are published by Cambridge University Press. In the end, the judges decided that Andy Wood’s *The Politics of Social Conflict: The Peak Country, 1520-1770* should be the *proxime accessit*. This is an outstanding book, addressing many major questions from the civil war to the industrial revolution, from the history of custom and class, to the details of a major

industry in early modern England. But the judges decided to award the prize to John Walter for his *Understanding Popular Violence in the English Revolution: The Colchester Plunderers*. It is a story of Essex man, of Sir John Lucas who sneaked out of his house in 1642 to join Charles I, and was set upon by a crowd from Colchester, who wrecked his house and gardens, killed his deer and even broke into his family vault. John Walter effortlessly and elegantly explains the background to this event, weaving together the micro-politics of the attack on Lucas in terms of the local politics of Colchester with the high politics of the civil war. He teases out the motivations of the crowd, in terms of the tensions with the local cloth industry and their confessional allegiances. And the result is a book with major implications for the understanding of the civil war and of popular culture. Rather than class hostility, or a conservative use of custom, Walter shows how protest was contained by linking popular culture with parliamentary political culture in a way which legitimated attacks on the political, but not the social order. It is a work of mature and subtle scholarship, which tells a gripping story with elegance and style, and explains it with insight and acuity.

- Thanks to a continuing generous donation from The Gladstone Memorial Trust, the third Gladstone History Book Prize for a first book on a subject outside British history was awarded. There were 16 entries.

The Gladstone History Book Prize 1999 was awarded to Frances Stonor Saunders for her book, *Who Paid the Piper? The CIA and the Cultural Cold War* (Granta Books).

Matthew Kempshall's book *The Common Good in Late Medieval Political Thought* [OUP] was declared *proxime accessit*.

This year there were sixteen submissions from twelve publishers, covering a range of periods and topics. All were interesting; half a dozen were strong contenders; in the end, two stood out. Both were so good that we decided to designate one of them *proxime accessit*, signalling how close it came to the winner.

The book to which we have awarded the prize is Frances Stonor Saunders' *Who Paid the Piper? The CIA and the Cultural Cold War*, published by Granta. This is outstanding contemporary history, with a good use of interview material supplementing the available documentation; in many areas it is revelatory. Importantly, it is non-political – no mean achievement in an area of such continuing political and diplomatic relevance. The book is very well-written, and this, plus its topic, will ensure its appeal to a wide range of readers. It is a worthy winner.

Proxime accessit Matthew Kempshall's *The Common Good in Late-Medieval*

Political Thought (OUP 1999) deals with a perennially interesting question: how can the claims of the individual and the common good be squared? Kempshall shows how modern commentators have misrepresented later medieval responses, and underestimated the ongoing influences of Roman-legal, Ciceronian, and Augustinian conceptions of the common good. Attentive both to historical context and ideological tradition, Kempshall examines the ways thirteenth- and early fourteenth-century thinkers discussed key political issues. He concludes that the rediscovery of Aristotle did not secularise political thought; instead, a revised Augustinian relativism, along with the Bible, remained pervasive. This is a beautifully written book of intellectual distinction. It clarifies its medieval subject but also illuminates western political thinking from Antiquity to the present.

- Frampton and Beazley Prizes for A-level performances were awarded following nominations from the examining bodies:

Frampton Prizes

- The Associated Examining Board:
Emma Louise Teale, Oaklands College, Welwyn Garden City
- Edexcel Foundation incorporating the London Examination Board:
Robert E.J. Crumpton, Manchester Grammar School
- Northern Examinations and Assessment Board:
Naomi Law, Wellington Girls' School, Manchester
- Oxford and Cambridge School Examinations Board:
no candidate was nominated this year
- University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate:
no candidate was nominated this year
- University of Oxford Delegacy of Local Examinations:
no candidate was nominated this year
- Welsh Joint Education Committee:
Polly C.R. Canning, Ysgol Friars, Bangor

Beazley Prizes

- Northern Ireland Council for the Curriculum Examinations and Assessment: Elian M. McCorry, Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Belfast
 - Scottish Examination Board:
David A. Eynon, George Heriot's School, Edinburgh.
- The Royal Historical Society Centenary Fellowship for the academic year 1999-2000 was awarded to Helen Denham registered at Oxford University and working on a D.Phil. thesis entitled

‘Africa as a “Living Laboratory”’. The African Research Survey and the British Colonial Empire: Consolidating and applying Environmental, Medical and Anthropological Ideas, 1925-1945’. The Fellowship for the academic year 1998-1999 had been awarded to Marcella Simoni registered at University College London and working on a Ph.D. entitled ‘Welfare in British Palestine: Education and Health, 1929-1939’.

Publications

Transactions, Sixth Series, Volume 9 was published during the session, and *Transactions*, Sixth Series, Volume 10 went to press, to be published in November 2000.

In the Camden, Fifth Series, Fleet Street, Press Barons and Politics: The Journals of Collin Brooks, 1932-1940, ed. N.J. Crowson (Volume 11) and *Newsletters from the Archpresbyterate of George Birkhead, 1609-1614* ed. M.C. Questier (Volume 12) were published during the session, after some delays. Further volumes published in the Series were *The Journal of Thomas Juxon, 1644-1647*, ed. Keith Lindley and David Scott (No. 13) and *Parliament and Politics in the Age of Churchill and Attlee: The Headlam Diaries, 1935-1951*, ed. Stuart Ball (No. 14). *British Envoys to Germany, 1816-1866. Volume 1: 1816-1829*, ed. Sabine Freitag and Peter Wende (No. 15) and *An Appeasement Diary: A.L. Kennedy and The Times*, ed. Gordon Martel (No. 16) went to press during the year.

A revised edition of *A Handbook of Dates* edited by C.R. Cheney and Michael Jones was published in the *Guides and Handbooks* series (No. 20) by Cambridge University Press.

The Society’s *Annual Bibliography of British and Irish History, Publications of 1998*, was published by Oxford University Press during the session, and the *Annual Bibliography of British and Irish History, Publications of 1999* went to press, to be published in 2000.

The *Studies in History* second series continued to produce exciting volumes. As scheduled, the following volumes were published during the session, *Science, Religion and Politics in Restoration England: Richard Cumberland’s De Legibus Naturae* by Jonathan Parkin; *Artful Dodgers: Youth and Crime in Early Nineteenth-Century London* by Heather Shore; *Cornwall Politics in the Age of Reform, 1790-1885* by Edwin Jaggard; *Protection and Politics: Conservative Economic Discourse, 1815-1852* by Anna Gambles; *Patterns of Philanthropy: Charity and Society in Nineteenth-Century Bristol* by Martin Gorsky; and *Charity and the London Hospitals, 1850-1898* by Keir Waddington.

Massacre at the Champ de Mars: Popular Dissent and Political Culture in the French Revolution by David Andress was due to be published early in the next session. Also scheduled for publication were *Cheshire and the Tudor*

State, 1480–1560 by Tim Thornton; *French Exile Journalism and European Politics, 1792–1814* by Simon Burrows; *The Drawing Down of the Blinds: The Commemoration of the Great War in the City and East London, 1916–1939* by Mark Connelly and *The Practice of Penance, 900–1050* by Sarah Hamilton. These, together with *The Moravian Church's contribution to the Missionary Awakening in England, 1760 to c.1800* by John Cecil Strickland Mason, will all feature in a launch to be held after the Anniversary Meeting and Presidential Address on 24 November 2000. As in previous years, the membership of the Society will be invited to attend.

Papers Read

At the ordinary meetings of the Society the following papers were read:

- 'The divergence of England: economic and demographic growth in the seventeenth and eighteenth-centuries'
- Professor Sir Tony Wrigley (7 July 1999: Prothero Lecture)
- 'Regional Diversity in the Later Russian Empire'
- Dr. David Saunders (22 October 1999 at the University of Huddersfield)
- 'The Blues, the Folk and African-American History'
- Dr. Marybeth Hamilton (21 January 2000 at the University of Warwick)
- 'A Profane History of Early Modern Oaths'
- Dr. John Spurr (10 March 2000)
- 'Purity and Danger in Late Medieval Europe'
- Dr. Miri Rubin (19 May 2000)

At the Anniversary meeting on 26 November 1999, the President, Professor P.J. Marshall, delivered an address on 'Britain and the World in the Eighteenth Century: III. Britain and India'.

At the Conference entitled 'The British-Irish Union of 1801' held at The Queen's University of Belfast, on 9–11 September 1999, the following papers were read:

- 'The Union in a European context' Professor William Doyle
- 'The Union in British History' Professor J.G.A. Pocock
- 'Britain and the Union, 1797–1801' Professor Peter Jupp
- 'Alliances and Misalliances in the Politics of the Union' Professor L.M. Cullen
- 'The Catholics and the Union' Dr. Patrick Geoghegan
- 'Popular Politics in Ireland and the Act of Union' Dr. James Kelly
- 'The Irish Peerage and the Union, 1700–1971' Dr. A.P.W. Malcomson
- 'The Union and the Military, 1801–c.1830' Dr. Allan Blackstock
- 'Politics, Public Finance and The British-Irish Act of Union of 1801'
- Dr. Trevor McCavery
- 'Ireland, India and the Empire, 1780–1914' Professor C.A. Bayly
- 'Reconsidering the Irish Act of Union' Professor S.J. Connolly.

Finance

The Society continues to enjoy a healthy financial state overall, with the endowment increasing from £2,616,816 in June 1999 to £2,693,805 in June 2000, an increase of £76,989. Our net investment income has decreased from £109,673 to £90,389 during the same period, primarily as a result of three factors: first, the upheavals in the technology sector; secondly, the general slow-down in global economic growth; and thirdly, the timing of last year's modification of our investment strategy, which was to re-invest some of our investment income in growth stocks. Council continues to support a rigorous control of expenditure across the Society's activities, a goal facilitated by a change in our publishing policy. The Society this year had an operating deficit of £24,637, compared with an operating surplus for last year of £11,787. Council records with gratitude the benefactions made to the Society by:

Mr. L.C. Alexander
 The Reverend David Berry
 Professor Andrew Browning
 Professor C.D. Chandaman
 Professor G. Donaldson
 Professor Sir Geoffrey Elton
 Mr. E. J. Erith
 Mrs. W.M. Frampton
 Mr. A.E.J. Hollaender
 Professor C.J. Holdsworth
 Professor P.J. Marshall
 The Mercers' Company
 Mr. E.L.C. Mullins
 Sir George Prothero
 Professor T.F. Reddaway
 Miss E.M. Robinson
 The Scouloudi Foundation
 Professor A.S. Whitfield

Membership

Council was advised and recorded with regret the deaths of 9 Fellows, 3 Life Fellows, 12 Retired Fellows, 2 Corresponding Fellows, 2 Associates and 1 Member. These included Miss A. Armstrong, a former Librarian and Secretary, and Professor H.C.G. Matthew, former Literary Director and Vice-President.

77 Fellows, 15 Members and 1 Corresponding Fellow were elected. The

membership of the Society on 30 June 2000 numbered 2465, comprising 1745 Fellows, 395 Retired Fellows, 23 Life Fellows, 12 Honorary Vice-Presidents, 92 Corresponding Fellows, 104 Associates and 94 Members. The Society exchanged publications with 15 Societies, British and Foreign.

Officers and Council

At the Anniversary Meeting on 26 November 1999, Professor J.L. Nelson was elected to succeed Professor P.J. Marshall as President after the Anniversary Meeting on 24 November 2000; the remaining Officers of the Society were re-elected.

The Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Professor M.D. Biddiss and Dr. A.M.S. Prochaska. Professor J.A. Tosh and Mrs. S.J. Tyacke were elected to replace them.

The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor D. Bates, Dr. A.E. Curry, Professor J.A. Guy and Professor R.I. Moore. In accordance with By-law XXI, amended, Professor C.M. Andrew, Dr. J.E. Burton and Professor T.A. Reuter were elected in their place. Professor A.E. Goodman resigned as a Member of Council during the session.

MacIntyre and Company were appointed auditors for the year 1999–2000 under By-law XXXIX.

Representatives of the Society

The representation of the Society upon various bodies was as follows:

Mr. M. Roper, Professor P.H. Sawyer and Mr. C.P. Wormald on the Joint Committee of the Society and the British Academy established to prepare an edition of Anglo-Saxon charters;

Professor N.P. Brooks on a committee to promote the publication of photographic records of the more significant collections of British Coins;

Professor G.H. Martin on the Council of the British Records Association;

Professor M.R.D. Foot on the Committee to advise the publishers of *The Annual Register*;

Dr. G.W. Bernard on the History at the Universities Defence Group;

Professor C.J. Holdsworth on the Court of the University of Exeter;

Professor D. d'Avray on the Anthony Panizzi Foundation;

Professor M.C. Cross on the Council of the British Association for Local History; and on the British Sub-Commission of the Commission International d'Histoire Ecclesiastique Comparée;

Miss V. Cromwell on the Advisory Board of the Computers in

Teaching Initiative Centre for History; and on the Advisory Committee of the TLTP History Courseware Consortium;

Dr. A.M.S. Prochaska on the National Council on Archives; and on the Advisory Council of the reviewing committee on the Export of Works of Art;

Professor R.A. Griffiths on the Court of Governors of the University of Wales, Swansea;

Professor A.L. Brown on the University of Stirling Conference;

Professor W. Davies on the Court of the University of Birmingham;

Professor R.D. McKitterick on a committee to regulate British co-operation in the preparation of a new repertory of medieval sources to replace Potthast's *Bibliotheca Historica Medii Aevi*;

Professor J. Breuille on the steering committee of the proposed British Centre for Historical Research in Germany.

Council received reports from its representatives.

15 September 2000

RESEARCH SUPPORT COMMITTEE
AWARDS
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TRAINING BURSARIES

David Richard ADAMS, Pembroke College, Cambridge

The annual meeting of the North American Conference on British Studies at Pasadena, USA, on 13 – 15 October 2000.

Simon John BAALHAM, Oxford Brookes University

The Millennial Conference of the Social History Society on “Envisioning Futures”, at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge on 6 - 8 January 2000.

Cordelia BEATTIE, University of York

35th International Congress on Medieval Studies at Kalamazoo, USA, on 4 – 7 May 2000.

Ruth Margaret BLAKELY, University of Durham

International Medieval Congress at the University of Leeds on 10 – 13 July 2000.

Lucia DACOME, University of Cambridge

The Tenth International Congress on the Enlightenment in Dublin on 25 - 31 July 1999:

Alexis DE GREIFF, Centre for the History of Science, Imperial College, London

Workshop on American Philanthropic Foundations at Geneva on 24 – 26 May 2000.

Cristian Anton GAZDAC, Faculty of Literae Humaniores, University of Oxford
‘Limes XVIII - Roman Frontières’ Conference, in Amman, Jordan on 1 - 12 September 2000.

Carolyn GROHMANN, University of Stirling

Conference for the Society for the Study of French History at Sheffield on 18 – 19 April 2000.

Jason Lee HEPPELL, University of Sheffield

‘Class and Politics in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives’: 21st North

American Labor History Conference, held in Detroit, USA, on 21 - 23 October 1999.

Andrew Christopher KING, University of Durham
International Medieval Congress at the University of Leeds on 10 - 13 July 2000.

Ilaria MELICONI, Linacre College, Oxford
Society for the History of Technology 2000 in Munich on 17 - 20 August 2000.

Kornelis Jan Willem OOSTHOEK, University of Stirling
Conference 'Transitions Towards a Sustainable Europe; Ecology - Economy - Policy', at Vienna on 3 - 6 May 2000.

Andrew Duncan PETERSEN, Cardiff University
Colloquium on the History of the Ayyobids and Mamluks in Syria and Egypt, at Leuven, Belgium, on 11th - 12th May 2000.

Caterina PIZZIGONI, King's College London
Nahaute Summer Course at the Yale Summer Foreign Language Institute, Yale University, USA, on 5 June - 7 July 2000.

Glyn William POWELL, University College London
Conference 'New Methods in History' [Socrates Summer School], at the University of Bergen, Norway, on 10 - 19 September 1999.

Helen M.L. PUSSARD, University of Manchester
'The North American Conference on British Studies, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 19 - 21 November 1999.

Katherine Elizabeth QUINN, University College London
32nd Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians at Cayenne, French Guiana on 17 - 21 April 2000.

Stefka RITCHIE, University of Central England
Conference of the British Society for the Eighteenth Century, at the University of Aberdeen, on 10 - 14 August 2000.

Rhonda Anne SEMPLE, King's College London
Annual Meeting of the Association of Asian Studies, in San Diego, California, 9 - 12 March 2000.
and

Conference, ‘The Worlds of the East India Company, 1600–1834’, at the National Maritime Museum, London, on 13 – 15 July 2000.

Yuri Petrov STOYANOV, Warburg Institute, University of London
18th Quinquennial Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions, at Durban, South Africa on 5 – 12 August 2000.

Robin McGregor WARD, Birkbeck College, London
Conference of the Association for the History of the Northern Seas, at the Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada, on 8 - 15 August 1999:

RESEARCH FUND:

Research within the United Kingdom:

Marion Elizabeth ADDY, University of East Anglia
Visit to PRONI, Belfast.

Sara Anne BONADIO, Southampton University
Visits to Somerset Record Office and Norfolk Record Office.

Alison Margaret CATHCART, University of Aberdeen
Visit to the British Library and Public Record Office, London.

Kimberly Denise CHRISMAN, University of Aberdeen
Visit to archives at the University of Leeds and at Bakewell, Derbyshire.

Nicholas Martin COTT, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Visit to various archives in the United Kingdom.

Ulrike Carmen EHRET, King’s College London
Visits to various Catholic diocesan archives in the U.K.

Jonathan Andrew JOHNSTON, University of St. Andrews
Visit to the PRO and the British Library, London.

Stephen JOYCE, University of Nottingham
Visit to various record offices, etc. in England.

David Andrew James MACPHERSON, Birkbeck College, University of London
Visit to archives in Dublin.

Susan Kathryn PARKINSON, University of Lancaster
Visits to various archives in England.

Kirsten PEDERSEN, Queen's University of Belfast
Visit to archives in Armagh.

Jared Roger Matthew SIZER, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge
Visit to various archives, primarily in Edinburgh.

Kevin SORRENTINO, University of Nottingham
Visit to archives in London.

Frederick Carmack TAYLOR, University of Birmingham
Visit to the Northampton Record Office.

Elizabeth Parsonage THOMSON, University of Dundee
Visit to archives in Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Rodanthi TZANELLI, Lancaster University
Visit to the British Library, Newspaper Library, London.

Research outside the United Kingdom

Sarah BADCOCK, University of Durham
Visit to archives in Russia.

Rachel Elisabeth BELL, University of Reading
Visit to archives in San Francisco, USA.

Emma Louise CHRISTOPHER, University College London
Visit to various archives in the USA.

Adam DAVIS, University of Luton
Visit to archives in Auckland, New Zealand.

Kate DOSSETT, University of Warwick
Visit to archives in New York and Washington, USA.

Karl GALLE, Imperial College, London
Visits to archives in Austria and Germany.

Keimelo GIMA, Royal Holloway, University of London
Visit to various archives in Australia and Papua, New Guinea.

Janet GREENLEES, University of York
Visit to various archives in USA.

Zoe Ann GREER, University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne
Visit to various archives in the U.S.A.

Andrew Edward JOHNSTONE, University of Birmingham
Visits to various archives in the USA.

Lorna Louise KALS, University of Leeds
Visit to archives in the U.S.A.

Ralph Francis Sydney KINGSTON, University College London
Visit to archives in Paris, France.

Nikolas KOZLOFF, St. Anthony's College, Oxford
Visit to archives in Venezuela.

Stefania LONGO, University College London
Visit to archives in Rome.

Isaac Xerses MALKI, St. Antony's College, Oxford
Visit to the University of Accra, and Kumasi, Ghana, West Africa.

Anna Paola MASSAROTTO, Courtauld Institute of Art, London
Visit to archives in Italy.

James Richard Redmond McCONNEL, University of Durham
Visit to Trinity College Dublin.

Angela Margaret MONTFORD, University of St. Andrews
Visit to Archivio di Stato, Bologna, Italy.

Matthew MORAN, University of East Anglia
Visit to various libraries in Italy:

Jose Lingna NAFAFE, University of Birmingham
Visit to archives in Portugal:

Ruth PERCY, University College London
Visit to the Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, Cambridge, Massachusetts,
USA.

Nicola PIZZOLATO, University College London
Visit to various archives in the USA.

Rachel RICH, University of Essex
Visit to archives in Paris, France.

Giorgio RIELLO, University College London
 Visit to various archives in Paris
 and
 Visit to archives in France.

Camilla Elizabeth RUSSELL, Royal Holloway, University of London
 Visit to archives in Italy.

Lisa Wynne SMITH, University of Essex
 Visit to the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, France.

Paula Regina STILES, University of St. Andrews
 Visit to archives in Barcelona, Spain.

Urara TAGUCHI, Royal Holloway, University of London
 Visit to archives at Florence.

Wendy TOON, Keele University
 Visit to the National Archives at College Park, Maryland, USA.

David Colin WORTHINGTON, University of Aberdeen
 Visit to archives in Austria and the Czech Republic.

Jacob ZUMOFF, University College London
 Visit to the Archives of the Communist International [Comintern] in Moscow.

WORKSHOP FUND

Conference, 'Colonial Places, Convict Spaces: penal transportation in global context, c.1600-1940', at the University of Leicester, 9 - 10 December 1999 [Clare ANDERSON].

'The Burdens of the Past', the 14th Annual Conference of the SSFH, at the University of Sheffield, on 18 - 19 April 2000 [Timothy BAYCROFT].

Conference 'Strangers at home, Britons abroad: a conference on seventeenth-century intellectual history', at Wolfson College, Cambridge, on 12 - 13 January 2001 [Robin BUNCE].

'The Classics in British History', annual Neale lecture and colloquium, at University College London, on 3 - 4 March 2000 [Stephen CONWAY].

Fifteenth-Century Conference on the theme 'Social Mobility' at Queen Mary and Westfield College, University of London, on 7 - 9 September 2000 [Virginia DAVIS].

Conference, 'Black Perspectives on Post-War British History', at the Institute of

- Historical Research, London, on 21 October 2000 [Michael DAWSWELL].
- Conference, ‘The Kiss in History’, at the Institute of Historical Research, London, on 1 July 2000 [Karen HARVEY].
- ‘“From Strangers to Citizens”: Integration of Immigrant communities in Great Britain, Ireland and the Colonies, 1550-1750’ at The Dutch Church, London, EC2, on 5 - 7 April 2000 [Charles LITTLETON].
- Conference, ‘“Every Whole and Open”: The Reception of Vernacular Scripture in the Middle Ages’, at the University of Nottingham on 29 April 2000 [Richard MARSDEN].
- Reformation Studies Colloquium at the University of Warwick, 3 - 5 April 2000 [Peter MARSHALL].
- International Legal History Conference at the University of Exeter on 23 – 25 March 2000 [A.J. MUSSON].
- Conference, ‘Alfred the Great, London and Europe, a day colloquium to mark the 1100th anniversary of Alfred’s death on 26 October 899’, at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London, on 26 October 1999 [J. NELSON].
- European Reformation Research Group Annual Conference at the University of Birmingham on 31 August – 3 September 2000 [Alex RYRIE].
- Conference, ‘Beyond the Gaze: History, Gender and Self-Perception’, at the University of Essex on 17 June 2000 [Lisa SMITH].
- Conference, ‘James Cox Symposium’, at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, on 17 June 2000 [Roger SMITH].
- The 6th Annual St. Martin’s Postgraduate Conference at the University of Nottingham on 21 June 2000 [Kevin C. SORRENTINO].
- Postgraduate workshop, ‘New approaches to the history of retailing’, at the University of Wolverhampton on 24 May 2000 [Laura UGOLINI].
- Conference, ‘Transporting Gender: What difference has gender made to consideration of issues and questions in transport history and the history of travel’, at the National Railway Museum, York, on 6 and 7 October 2000 [Margaret WALSH].
- Conference, ‘England and Europe in the Reign of Henry III, 1216-1272’, at the University of Wales Swansea on 14 – 16 April 2000 [Bjørn WEILER].

British Rocketry Oral History Programme Annual Conference, at Charterhouse School, Surrey, on 5 – 6 April 2000 [David B. WRIGHT]. [20]

BURSARIES FOR HOLDERS OF ORS AWARDS

Helen Louise DENHAM, Wadham College, Oxford
Merav MACK, University of Cambridge.

CENTENARY FELLOWSHIP

Marcella SIMONI, UCL – 1998/1999
Helen Louise DENHAM, Wadham College, Oxford - 1999/2000

MERCERS' COMPANY AWARD

The Society gratefully acknowledges the receipt of a generous grant of £1,000 for the support of historical research from the Mercers' Company.

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

MacIntyre & Co
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
London

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Registered Office:	University College London Gower Street London WC1E 6BT
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The Honorary Secretary:	Professor P Mandler, MA, PhD
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Investment managers:	Cripps, Harries Hall 14 Buckingham Street London WC1N 6DF
Bankers:	Barclays Bank plc 27 Soho Square London WC1A 4WA

A full list of trustees is given in the Trustees' Report.

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

The members of Council present their report and audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE YEAR

The Society exists for the promotion and support of historical scholarship and its dissemination to historians and a wider public. This year, as in previous years, it has pursued this objective by an ambitious programme of publications – a volume of Transactions, two volumes of edited texts in the Camden Series and a volume in the Guides and Handbooks series, a new edition of a Handbook of Dates, have all appeared, by the holding of meetings in London and at universities outside London at which papers are delivered, by the sponsoring of the joint lecture for a wider public with Gresham College, by distributing over £20,000 in research support grants to 97 individuals, and by frequent representations to various official bodies where the interests of historical scholarship are involved. It is Council's intention that these activities should be sustained to the fullest extent in the future.

RESULTS

The Society continues to enjoy a healthy financial state overall, with total funds increasing from £2,616,816 in June 1999 to £2,693,805 in June 2000, an increase of £76,989.

Our net investment income has decreased from £109,673 to £90,389 during the same period, primarily as a result of three factors: first, the upheavals in the technology sector; secondly, the general slow-down in global economic growth; and thirdly, the timing of last year's modification of our investment strategy to a total return strategy, which has meant re-investing some of our investment income in growth stocks. The increase in net capital gains from £58,377 to £101,626 has more than compensated for the fall in income. In future years, under the Society's total return strategy some of these gains will be utilised to fund the Society's annual activities rather than relying solely on income.

The Council continues to support a rigorous control of expenditure across the Society's activities, a goal facilitated by a change in our publishing policy.

FIXED ASSETS

Information relating to changes in fixed assets is given in notes 2 and 3 to the accounts.

INVESTMENTS

The Society has adopted a "total return" approach to its investment policy. This means that the funds are invested solely on the basis of seeking to secure the best total level of economic return compatible with the duty to make safe investments, but regardless of the form the return takes.

The Society has adopted this approach to ensure even-handedness between current and future beneficiaries, as the focus of many investments moves away from producing income to producing capital gains. In the current investments climate, to maintain the level of income needed to fund the charity, would require an investment portfolio which would not achieve the optional overall return, so effectively penalising future beneficiaries.

The total return strategy does not make distinctions between income and capital returns. It lumps together all forms of return on investment – dividends, interest, and capital gains etc, to produce a "total return". Some of the total return is then used to meet the needs of present beneficiaries, while the remainder is added to the existing capital to help meet the needs of future beneficiaries.

RESERVES POLICY

The Council have reviewed the Society's need for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission. They believe that the Society requires approximately the current level of restricted general funds to generate sufficient total return, both income and capital, to cover the Society's expenditure in excess of the members' subscription income on an annual basis. The current level of unrestricted reserves of £2,467,587 is therefore necessary to ensure that the Society can run efficiently and meet the needs of current and future beneficiaries.

The Society restricted funds consist of a number of different funds where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds which are legally binding. The purpose of these funds are set out in note 1.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act of 1993 requires the Council to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Society and of its financial activities for that year. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Fund will continue in business.

The Council is responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Society and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the By-laws of the Society and the disclosure regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

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Professor M L Dockrill, MA, BSc(Econ), PhD	– Member of Council
Professor V I J Flint, MA, DPhil	– Member of Council
C R J Currie, MA, DPhil	– Member of Council
Professor A E Goodman, MA	– Member of Council
J P Martindale, MA, DPhil	– Member of Council
Professor J L Miller, MA, PhD	– Member of Council
W R Childs, MA, PhD	– Member of Council
Professor R H Trainor, MA, DPhil	– Member of Council
Professor C M Andrew, MA, PhD	– Member of Council
J E Burton, DPhil	– Member of Council
Professor T A Reuter, MA, DPhil	– Member of Council

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

At the Anniversary Meeting on 26th November 1999, Professor P. Mandler was elected to succeed Dr R E Quinault as Honorary Secretary, the remaining officers of the Society were re-elected.

The Vice-Presidents retiring under By-law XVII were Professor P Collinson and Professor R.D McKitterick. Professor D.N. Cannadine and Professor P.A. Stafford were elected to replace them.

The Members of Council retiring under By-law XX were Professor R.C. Bridges, Professor P.J. Corfield, Professor J.L. Nelson and Professor P.A. Stafford. Following a ballot of Fellows, W.R. Childs, Professor M.L. Dockrill, Professor V.I.J. Flint and Professor J.L. Miller were elected in their place.

STANDING COMMITTEES 2000

The Society was operated through the following Committees during 2000:—

Finance Committee:	Professor C. M. Andrew	
	Professor P. J. Hennessy	
	Mr. P. J. C. Firth	– non Council Member
	Professor R. M. Trainor	
	Professor P. Mathias	– non Council Member
	The seven Officers	

General Purposes Committee: Dr. I. W. Archer
Dr. G. W. Bernard
Dr. J. E. Burton
Professor A. J. Fletcher
Professor C. J. Wrigley
The seven Officers

Membership Committee: Dr. J. P. Martindale
Professor J. M. Black
Professor M. L. Dockrill
Professor P. A. Stafford
The six Officers

Publications Committee: Professor J. L. Miller
Professor M. J. Daunton
Dr W. R. Childs
Professor T. A. Reuter
Professor J. A. Tosh
Mrs S. J. Tyacke
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Research Support Committee: Professor V. I. J. Flint
Professor J. C. G. Binfield
Professor D. N. Cannadine
Dr. C. R. J. Currie
The seven Officers

Studies in History

Editorial Board: Professor M. J. Daunton (Convenor)
Dr. S. Gunn – non Council Member
Professor C. Jones – non Council Member
Professor P. Mandler
Dr. S. Walker – non Council Member
A Literary Director
The Honorary Treasurer

Election of Officers Subcommittee: Professor P. Stafford (Chairman)
(President) Professor M. J. Daunton
Professor J. C. G. Binfield
Literary Director
The Honorary Secretary

AUDITORS

MacIntyre and Company were appointed auditors for the year 1999–2000 under By-law XXXIX. A resolution to re-appoint Messrs MacIntyre & Co will be submitted to the Anniversary Meeting.

By Order of the Board

Honorary Secretary

15 September 2000

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS
TO THE MEMBERS OF ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have audited the accounts on pages 435 to 441 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of fixed asset investments, and the accounting policies set out on page 9.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES

As described on page 431 the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

BASIS OF OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Board of Trustees in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Society's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

OPINION

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Society's affairs as at 30 June 2000 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 1993.

MacIntyre & Co
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

28 Ely Place
London
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15 September 2000

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH JUNE 2000

	Notes	2000		1999	
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	2		2,810		3,848
Investments	3		<u>2,619,660</u>		<u>2,520,276</u>
			2,622,470		2,524,124
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	1(c)	29,340		30,917	
Debtors	4	42,115		46,104	
Cash at bank and in hand	5	<u>70,120</u>		<u>57,263</u>	
		141,575		134,284	
LESS: CREDITORS					
Amount due within one year	6		<u>(70,240)</u>		<u>(41,592)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>71,335</u>		<u>92,692</u>
NET ASSETS			<u><u>2,693,805</u></u>		<u><u>2,616,816</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY:					
Unrestricted – General Fund			2,467,587		2,402,475
Restricted – E. M. Robinson Bequest			116,678		105,974
Restricted – A.S. Whitfield Prize Fund			49,758		45,394
Restricted – BHB Andrew Mellon Fund			<u>59,782</u>		<u>62,973</u>
			<u><u>2,693,805</u></u>		<u><u>2,616,816</u></u>

Approved by the Council on 15 September 2000

President:

Honorary Treasurer:

The attached notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

	Unrestricted Funds	E. M. Robinson Request	Restricted Funds A. S. Whitfield Prize Fund	BHB/ Andrew Mellon Fund	2000 Total	1999 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Members' subscriptions	63,165	—	—	—	63,165	67,209
—tax recovered on Deeds of Covenant and Gift Aid	3,191	—	—	—	3,191	3,766
Donations and legacies	66,356	—	—	—	66,356	70,975
Total Voluntary Income	114,691	—	—	—	114,691	52,992
Royalties and reproduction fees	77,817	—	—	—	77,817	76,267
Total Income before investment income	48,197	—	—	—	48,197	59,138
Investment income	126,014	—	—	—	126,014	135,405
Gross Incoming Resources in the Year	86,439	2,217	738	995	90,389	109,673
	<u>£212,453</u>	<u>£2,217</u>	<u>£738</u>	<u>£995</u>	<u>£216,403</u>	<u>£245,078</u>
RESOURCES USED						
Grants and prizes payable	(34,175)	—	(1,000)	—	(35,175)	(30,485)
Direct charitable expenditure	(168,165)	—	—	(4,186)	(172,351)	(160,062)
Administration expenses	(33,514)	—	—	—	(33,514)	(32,844)
Total Resources used	(235,854)	—	(1,000)	(4,186)	(241,040)	(233,291)
Net Incoming/Outgoing Resources (Operating surplus)	(23,401)	2,217	(262)	(3,191)	(24,637)	11,787
Net Gains and Losses on Investment Assets	(88,513)	8,487	4,626	—	(101,626)	58,377
Net Movement in Resources in Year	65,112	10,704	4,364	(3,191)	76,989	70,164
Balance Brought Forward at 30 June 1999	£2,402,475	£1,05,974	£45,394	£62,973	£2,616,816	£2,546,652
Balance Carried Forward at 30 June 2000	£2,467,587	£1,16,678	£49,758	£59,782	£2,693,805	£2,616,816
Unrealised Surpluses included in above balances	£542,534	£49,016	£24,822	£—	£616,372	£741,656

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2000

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) *Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations October 1995, the Statements of Recommended Practice 'Accounting by Charities' and applicable accounting standards issued by UK accountancy bodies. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified to include fixed asset investments at market value.

(b) *Depreciation*

Depreciation is calculated by reference to the cost of fixed assets using a straight line basis at rates considered appropriate having regard to the expected lives of the fixed assets. The annual rates of depreciation in use are:

Furniture and equipment	10%
Computer equipment	25%

(c) *Stock*

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(d) *Library and archives*

The cost of additions to the library and archives is written off in the year of purchase.

(e) *Subscription Income*

Subscription Income is recognised in the year it became receivable with a provision against any subscription not received.

(f) *Investments*

Investments are stated at market value. Any surplus/deficit arising on revaluation is charged to the income and expenditure account. Dividend income is accounted for on a received basis.

(g) *Publication costs*

Publication costs are transferred in stock and released to the income and expenditure account as stocks are depleted.

(h) *E.M. Robinson bequest*

Income from the E.M. Robinson bequest is used to provide grants to the Dulwich Picture Gallery.

(i) *A.S. Whitfield Prize Fund*

The A.S. Whitfield Prize Fund is used to provide an annual prize for the best first monograph for British history published in the calendar year.

(j) *Donations and other voluntary income*

Donations are recognised on a received basis.

(k) *Grants payable*

Grants payable are recognised in the year in which they are paid.

(l) *Allocation of administration costs*

Administration costs are allocated between direct charitable expenditure and administration costs on the basis of the work done by the Executive Secretary.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment	Furniture and Equipment	Total
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<i>Cost</i>			
At 1st July 1999	28,179	1,173	29,352
Additions	1,563	—	1,563
At 30th June 2000	<u>29,742</u>	<u>1,173</u>	<u>30,915</u>
<i>Depreciation</i>			
At 1st July 1999	24,331	1,173	25,504
Charge for the year	2,601	—	2,601
At 30th June 2000	<u>26,932</u>	<u>1,173</u>	<u>28,105</u>
<i>Net book value</i>			
At 30th June 2000	<u>£2,810</u>	<u>£—</u>	<u>£2,810</u>
At 30th June 1999	<u>£3,848</u>	<u>£—</u>	<u>3,848</u>

All tangible fixed assets are used in the furtherance of the Society's objectives.

3. INVESTMENTS

	General Fund £	Robinson Bequest £	Whitfield Prize Fund £	Total £
Market value at 1st July 1999	2,181,241	99,864	37,767	2,318,872
Additions	619,726	—	—	619,726
Disposals	(317,284)	—	—	(317,284)
Unrealised (loss)/gain on investments	(138,397)	8,487	4,626	(125,284)
	<u>£2,345,286</u>	<u>£108,351</u>	<u>£42,393</u>	<u>£2,496,030</u>
Cash awaiting investment	<u>£93,060</u>	<u>19,199</u>	<u>11,371</u>	<u>123,630</u>
Market value at 30th June 2000	<u>£2,438,346</u>	<u>£127,550</u>	<u>£53,764</u>	<u>£2,619,660</u>
Cost at 30th June 2000	<u>£1,895,812</u>	<u>£78,534</u>	<u>£28,942</u>	<u>£2,003,288</u>

4. DEBTORS

	2000 £	1999 £
Trade debtors	29,320	33,763
Other debtors	6,931	6,540
Prepayments	5,804	5,891
	<u>£42,115</u>	<u>£46,104</u>

5. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	2000 £	1999 £
Deposit accounts	76,289	63,607
Current accounts	(6,169)	(6,344)
	<u>£70,120</u>	<u>£57,263</u>

6. CREDITORS: Amounts due within one year

	2000 £	1999 £
Trade creditors	48,724	28,616
Sundry creditors	5,829	6,300
Subscriptions received in advance	10,864	1,226
Accruals	4,823	5,450
	<u>£70,240</u>	<u>£41,592</u>

7. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2000 £	1999 £
A. Browning Royalties	137	128
G.R. Elton Bequest	6,689	2,733
Donations and sundry income	2,285	1,539
Conference fees and funding	2,350	892
	<u>£11,461</u>	<u>£5,292</u>

8. GRANT AND PRIZES PAYABLE	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2000	<i>Total</i> 1999
	£	£	£	£
Alexander Prize	1,583	—	1,583	570
Grants	100	—	100	1,300
Research support grants	21,178	—	21,178	15,940
Young Historian Scheme	4,039	—	4,039	2,000
Centenary fellowship	6,275	—	6,275	6,175
A Level prizes	600	—	600	900
A.S. Whitfield Prize	—	1,000	1,000	1,000
E.M. Robinson Bequest				
— Grant to Dulwich Picture Library	—	—	—	2,200
Gladstone prize	400	—	400	400
	<u>£34,175</u>	<u>£1,000</u>	<u>£35,175</u>	<u>£30,485</u>

9. DIRECT CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 1999	<i>Total</i> 1998
	£	£	£	£
Publishing costs (Note 15)	93,234	—	93,234	71,416
Purchase of books and publications	2,609	—	2,609	3,978
Binding	4,352	—	4,352	5,827
Prothero lecture	403	—	403	902
Studies in History				
— Executive editor's honorarium	4,875	—	4,875	4,500
— Executive editor's expenses	960	—	960	960
— Sundry expenses	1,628	—	1,628	1,606
Other publications (Note 16)	11,041	—	11,041	11,071
British Bibliographies	—	4,186	4,186	22,315
Salaries, pensions and social security	27,006	—	27,006	23,499
Computer consumables, printing and stationery	7,152	—	7,152	9,559
Meetings and travel	10,511	—	10,511	12,262
Conference costs	4,394	—	4,394	2,067
	<u>£168,165</u>	<u>£4,186</u>	<u>£172,351</u>	<u>£169,962</u>

10. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2000	<i>Total</i> 1999
	£	£	£	£
Salaries, pensions and social security	10,504	—	10,504	10,072
Postage and telephone	2,147	—	2,147	1,432
Bank charges	1,542	—	1,542	1,432
Audit and professional fees	6,265	—	6,265	4,723
Insurance	999	—	999	1,065
Depreciation	2,601	—	2,601	7,288
Circulation costs	9,456	—	9,456	6,832
	<u>£33,514</u>	<u>£—</u>	<u>£33,514</u>	<u>£32,844</u>

The average number of staff employed during the year was 1 (1999: 1)

11. INSURANCE POLICIES	2000	1999
	£	£
The Society was charged with the following amounts relating to committee and employees' liability:		
Employees liability	78	78
Public liability	78	78
	<u>156</u>	<u>£156</u>

12. COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES
 During the year travel expenses were reimbursed to 30 Councillors attending Council meetings at a cost of £6,207 (1999: £6,714).

13. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION					2000	1999
					£	£
Audit fee					4,400	4,400
Other services					1,857	323
					<u>6,257</u>	<u>4,723</u>
14. GRANTS PAID						
During the year the Society awarded grants to a value of £21,178 (1999: £15,940) to 97 (1999: 75) individuals.						
15. PUBLICATIONS						
	<i>Transactions</i>	<i>Camden</i>	<i>Guides and</i>			
	<i>Sixth</i>	<i>Fifth</i>	<i>Handbooks</i>	<i>Camden</i>		
	<i>Series</i>	<i>Series</i>	<i>Reprint</i>	<i>Classic</i>		
	<i>8</i>	<i>13, 14</i>	<i>Costs</i>	<i>Reprints</i>		<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£		£
Cambridge University Press						
Opening stock	2,067	—	22,343	6,507		30,917
Printing	14,875	24,586	—	—		39,461
Off prints	2,408	—	—	—		2,408
Carriage	426	1,116	101	—		1,643
Closing stock	(2,199)	(1,988)	(19,453)	(5,700)		(29,340)
	17,577	23,714	2,991	807		45,089
Society's costs	2,725	9,104	13,171	—		25,000
Paper						7,184
Sales commission						15,961
						<u>£93,234</u>
16. PUBLICATIONS					2000	1999
					£	£
Other publications cost						
Annual Bibliography					15,166	12,723
Less: royalties received					(4,125)	(1,652)
					<u>11,041</u>	<u>11,071</u>
17. LEASE COMMITMENTS						
The Society has the following annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases which expire:						
					2000	1999
					£	£
Within 1–2 years					—	2,517
Within 2–5 years					1,980	—
					<u>1,980</u>	<u>2,517</u>
18. LIFE MEMBERS						
The Society has ongoing commitments to provide membership services to 25 Life Members at a cost of approximately £32 each per year.						

19. UNCAPITALISED ASSETS

The Society owns a library the cost of which is written off to the income and expenditure account at the time of purchase.

This library is insured for £150,000 and is used for reference purposes by the membership of the Society.

20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	B.H.B. General Fund	E.M. Robinson Bequest Fund	A.S. Whitfield Prize Fund	Andrew Mellon Fund	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	—	—	—	2,810	2,810
Investments	2,438,346	127,550	53,764	—	2,619,660
	<u>2,438,346</u>	<u>127,550</u>	<u>53,764</u>	<u>2,810</u>	<u>2,622,470</u>
Current Assets					
Stocks	29,340	—	—	—	29,340
Debtors	42,115	—	—	—	42,115
Cash at bank and in hand	15,926	—	—	54,194	70,120
	<u>87,381</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>54,194</u>	<u>141,575</u>
Less: Creditors	(58,959)	(10,872)	(7,373)	6,964	(70,240)
Net Current Assets	<u>28,422</u>	<u>(10,872)</u>	<u>(7,373)</u>	<u>61,158</u>	<u>71,335</u>
Net Assets	<u>£2,466,768</u>	<u>£116,678</u>	<u>£46,391</u>	<u>£63,968</u>	<u>£2,693,805</u>

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE DAVID BERRY ESSAY TRUST

We have audited the accounts on page 442 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 442.

Respective responsibilities of the Council and Auditors

The Trustees are required to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Trust and of the surplus or deficit for that period.

In preparing the accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

As described above the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Trustees in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Trust's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Trust's affairs as at 30th June 2000 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

MACINTYRE & CO
Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors
London

15 September 2000