

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer is this year presenting to the membership an abridged statement of the Society's financial position, set up in a semi-informal narrative style. It is believed that most members of the Society will find such a summary preferable to the more formal, but nevertheless abridged, report formerly printed in the Bulletin.

A copy of the complete Treasurer's Report as submitted to the Trustees and the Council will be sent to any member requesting it from the Treasurer at the Providence office. Moreover, the Treasurer will be happy to answer any questions members may wish to put to him concerning the Society's financial affairs.

In general, it may be said that the Society's finances continue satisfactory, although the margin between income and expense is very narrow—about 95% of our income was spent during the year under review.

Returns on invested funds this year have been at the rate of 4.8% computed on book value, after deduction of custodial expense. This is a small increase as compared with fiscal 1954.

### I

#### A DESCRIPTION OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE SOCIETY AS OF MAY 31, 1955

The Society had Cash on deposit		
In the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.....	\$ 47,178.84	
In various interest-bearing savings accounts.....	67,058.40	
In petty cash and drawing accounts in Providence and New Haven.....	1,050.00	\$115,287.24
It had reserves invested until needed in Government bonds.....		54,605.26
There was owing to it		
By the United States Government.....	\$ 21,992.52	
By members, subscribers and others.....	9,169.70	
By an insurance company, to settle a claim.....	12.00	31,174.22
It had in stamps and in the postage meter.....		519.55
And had temporarily advanced to the Investment Account.....		1,187.99
Making a total of CURRENT ASSETS of.....		\$202,774.26
The Society also held investment securities valued at.....		319,039.83
(The market value, May 31, 1955 was \$415,901.01)		
TOTAL ASSETS, therefore, were.....		\$521,814.09

Offsetting these assets, the Society

Owed members, subscribers and vendors . . .	\$3,047.70
Held contributions designated for special purposes . . . . .	1,153.29
Had credited in advance uncollected income of . . . . .	38.91

Making a total of Current Liabilities, money it might have to pay out on short notice, of . . . . . \$ 4,239.90

Held funds received from various special sources to support particular projects, such as the Summer Institute, the Register of Mathematicians, etc. . . . . 38,843.01

Had advanced for recovery from future sales for various Society publications—Colloquium and Survey volumes, Birkhoff papers, Russian translations, etc. . . . . 35,072.88

And held in its General Fund, the result of 67 years of prudent operations, the sum of . . . . . 124,618.47

Thus accounting for all the CURRENT FUNDS . . . . . \$202,774.26

The Invested Funds represent the following:

- (1) The Endowment Fund, largely the gift of members about thirty years ago . . . . . \$ 94,000.00
- (2) The Library Proceeds Fund, derived from the sale of the Society's Library in 1950 . . . . . 66,000.00
- (3) The Prize Funds—Bôcher, Cole, Moore . . . . . 6,575.00
- (4) The Mathematical Reviews Fund, a gift of the Rockefeller Foundation to make possible the establishment of the Reviews in 1940 . . . . . 80,000.00
- (5) Reserves established by the Trustees to protect the life memberships and life subscriptions formerly available, and as a "hedge" against investment losses . . . . . 42,725.37
- (6) Other funds, derived mainly from bequests to the Society by members which the Trustees were either required to invest or which they have invested at their option—the income being used for the general purposes of the Society . . . . . 28,551.47

A total of invested funds of . . . . . \$317,851.84

And this, together with the cash due the current funds (see above) of . . . . . 1,187.99

Accounts for the total holding of investment securities of . . . . . \$319,039.83

TOTAL LIABILITIES, therefore, were . . . . . \$521,814.09

## II

AN ACCOUNT OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY  
DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1954-1955

The Society has two types of receipts—funds for special purposes and projects, and the General Fund, from which are met the general operating expenses of the organization, including the publication of the Bulletin, the Proceedings and the Transactions. Income from sales of and subscriptions to these journals is placed in the General Fund, but in practice is allocated to the expenses of the journals themselves, as though such income were in fact special. It is so treated in the following presentation.

To meet its GENERAL obligations, the Society RECEIVED:

From dues and contributions of individual members.....	\$57,629.25	
Less enlisted men's special discount..	507.00	\$57,122.25
From dues of institutional members.....		21,075.00
From investments and trusts.....		21,386.87
From contracts, in payment of indirect costs.....		14,419.62
From miscellaneous sources.....		2,136.60
Total General Receipts.....		\$116,140.34

These funds were EXPENDED

For general administrative expenses.....		\$59,098.63
(Includes maintenance of financial records and accounts, mailing lists and other membership records, office supplies and equipment, telephone, stationery and printing, programs and other expenses of meetings)		
To meet deficits in Society publications:		
Bulletin: \$16,366.20—\$6,047.66 (income).....	\$10,318.54	
Proceedings: \$22,182.14—\$6,308.71 (income).....	15,873.43	
Transactions: \$23,929.63—\$19,296.16 (income).....	4,633.47	
Mathematical Reviews: \$77,865.40—\$75,748.66 (income).....	2,116.74	32,942.18
In subsidies to non-Society publications.....		7,889.81
To repay the balance of the debt incurred in moving Society offices to Providence.....		7,884.17
To cover the Society's share of the cost of certain joint projects with other organizations: the Policy Committee, the Combined List of Members, the Employment Register.....		1,209.47
For miscellaneous expenses.....		1,050.96
Total General Expenses.....		\$110,075.22

Leaving an EXCESS of INCOME over EXPENSES of..... \$ 6,065.12

Which has been retained in the General Fund for future contingencies.

The nature of the Special Funds is generally indicated in the statement of Liabilities given above in Part I.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Treasurer*

August 8, 1955