

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Treasurer this year again presents to the membership an abridged statement of the Society's financial position, set up in a semi-informal narrative style. 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—indeed, our expenses exceeded our income by about \$3400, an overexpenditure of about  $1\frac{1}{2}\%$  of income.

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 the same as last year.

### I

#### A DESCRIPTION OF THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE SOCIETY AS OF MAY 31, 1956

The Society had Cash on deposit			
In the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co.....	\$ 49,960.99		
In various interest-bearing savings accounts.....	68,943.21		
In petty cash and drawing accounts in Providence and New Haven.....	1,050.00	\$119,954.20	
It had reserves invested until needed in Government bonds.....			54,606.09
There was owing to it			
By the United States Government.....	\$ 20,867.52		
By members, subscribers and others.....	15,025.51	35,893.03	
It had in stamps and in the postage meter.....			912.79
And had temporarily advanced to the Investment and other special accounts.....			2,662.86
Making a total of CURRENT ASSETS of.....			\$214,028.97
The Society also held cash for investment of.....			302.75
And investment securities valued at.....			349,129.00
(The market value, May 31, 1956 was \$450,765.53)			
TOTAL ASSETS, therefore, were.....			\$563,460.72

Offsetting these assets, the Society		
Owed members, subscribers and vendors. . .	\$3,287.35	
Held contributions designated for special purposes . . . . .	810.29	
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Making a total of Current Liabilities, money it might have to pay out on short notice, of . . . . .	\$ 4,097.64	
Held funds received from various special sources to support particular projects, such as the Summer Institute, the Register of Mathematicians, etc. . . . .	59,932.93	
Had advanced for recovery from future sales for various Society publications—Colloquium and Survey volumes, Birkhoff papers, Russian translations, etc. . . .	29,728.35	
And held in its General Fund, the result of 68 years of prudent operations, the sum of . . . . .	120,270.05	
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Thus accounting for all the CURRENT FUNDS . . . . .		\$214,028.97
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 . . . . .	72,380.11	
(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	
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A total of invested funds of . . . . .	\$347,506.58	
And this, together with cash due the current funds of . .	1,925.17	
Accounts for the total holding of investment securities of . . . . .		\$349,431.75
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TOTAL LIABILITIES, therefore, were . . . . .		\$563,460.72
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## II

AN ACCOUNT OF THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE SOCIETY  
DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1955-1956

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.....	\$59,963.00	
Less enlisted men's special discount..	403.00	\$59,560.00
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From dues of institutional members.....	25,212.50	
From investment and trusts.....	22,696.31	
From contracts, in payment of indirect costs.....	16,109.67	
From miscellaneous sources.....	2,686.46	
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Total General Receipts.....		\$126,264.94

These funds were EXPENDED

For general administrative and meeting expenses....	\$58,646.93	
To meet deficits in Society publications:		
Bulletin:		
(Total expense, \$20,530.61).....	\$14,590.10	
Proceedings:		
(Total expense, \$25,567.02).....	19,043.47	
Transactions:		
(Total expense, \$34,275.84).....	13,478.34	
Mathematical Reviews:		
(Total expense, \$92,598.35).....	16,776.54	\$63,888.45
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In subsidies to non-Society publications.....	2,556.57	
To cover the Society's share of the cost of such joint projects: the Policy Committee, the Combined List of Members, the Employment Register.....	4,284.10	
For miscellaneous expenses.....	284.11	
Total General Expenses.....		\$129,660.16
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Leaving an EXCESS of EXPENSES over INCOME of.....		\$ 3,395.22

Which was taken from moneys saved from previous years.

Respectfully submitted,  
ALBERT E. MEDER, JR.  
*Treasurer*

September 30, 1956