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THE MALONE SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORT, 1921

SINCE the Society re-started work in 1920 three plays have been issued to members: *The Welsh Ambassador*, *Every Man Out of his Humour*, and *The Scottish History of James IV*. With the cost of production at its present level the Society's finances did not allow all three plays to be issued in return for a single guinea; consequently the former two, both expensive books, were allotted to 1920, and *James IV* reserved for 1921. The publications for the latter year will be completed by the issue within the next few months of Marston's two early plays *Antonio and Mellida* and *Antonio's Revenge*, both first printed in 1602. The publications for 1922 will consist of the bulky manuscript of Oxford revels known as *The Christmas Prince*, edited by Professor Boas, and, as a special issue, the General Editor's essay on *Elizabethan Dramatic Abridgements*. For 1923 it is proposed to issue Munday's *John a Kent and John a Cumber*, edited by Miss St. Clare Byrne from the manuscript kindly placed at the Society's disposal by Messrs. Quaritch, a part of *Collections* containing Professor Moore Smith's extracts from the accounts for Cambridge Colleges, and if possible a reprint of the only perfect copy of the earliest edition (1602) of the expanded version of *The Spanish Tragedy* which was accessible to the editors of Kyd.

A Committee appointed by the Council to consider the question of future publications recommended that as regards printed plays the Society should first deal with those of Elizabeth's reign which had not so far been reproduced in facsimile or facsimile-reprint, adding from time to time certain of the more interesting manuscript plays of a later date. Lists were drawn up showing

that the printed plays falling within this class are some fifty in number, and placing both them and the manuscript plays roughly in order of urgency. The Council propose to work steadily through these lists, which it is estimated will provide the Society with materials for the next twenty years.

In the past year nine new members have joined the Society and seven have retired; in addition to these latter twelve pre-war members, of whom nothing has been heard since 1914, and of whom some are probably dead, have been provisionally removed from the Roll. The effective membership, excluding Central and Eastern European countries, is 250.

The annual income, with the interest on investments and the sale of publications of past years, amounts to about £300, which at present rates is barely enough to finance the production of two volumes a year. To supplement this it is proposed to draw by degrees on the funds accumulated in past years, amounting to £250; but more members are needed, to provide funds for the work outlined above; and it is hoped that members will make the Society and its publications known to others.

*Statement of the Receipts and Payments of the Malone Society,
January 1 to December 31, 1921.*

	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank, January 1, 1921	194	18	8
184 Subscriptions for 1921	193	4	3
1 Balance of Subscription for 1921	0	11	0
2 Subscriptions for 1907	2	2	0
8 Subscriptions for 1908	8	8	0
5 Subscriptions for 1909	5	5	0
5 Subscriptions for 1910	5	5	0
4 Subscriptions for 1911	4	4	0
4 Subscriptions for 1912	4	4	0
4 Subscriptions for 1913	4	4	0
5 Subscriptions for 1914	5	5	0
69 Subscriptions for 1920	72	9	3
23 Subscriptions for 1922	24	3	0
10 Entrance Fees	10	10	0
By Sale of Publications	2	10	0
Interest on £250 5% War Stock, 1929-47	12	10	0
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	£549	13	2
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Printing, binding and packing of publications, circular and report	155	3	0
Photographs	10	18	6
Paper	69	16	3
Transcribing and collating	13	6	4
Stationery and addressing	1	19	0
Subscriptions returned, as sent in error	15	0	0
Insurance	0	6	0
Hon. Auditor's travelling expenses, 1921	1	15	11
Hon. Secretary's expenses, 1921	3	0	0
Hon. Treasurer's expenses, 1921	2	10	0
Bankers' charges	0	4	2
Agents' commissions, on 56 sub- scriptions	2	16	0
Remission of Subscriptions and Entrance Fee to Colleges	4	4	0
Balance at Bank, December 31, 1921	268	14	0
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	£549	13	2

Compared with books and vouchers and found correct,

HENRY R. TEDDER, Auditor.

January 23, 1922.



