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THE GEORGE ELIOT FELLOWSHIPSTATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1985.Balance 1st. January 1985

Bank and Cash		743.99	
Anglia Building Society: No. 2 Account		1443.90	
High Income Bond		500.00	
High Income Bond (Flowers)		<u>250.00</u>	£2937.89

Income

Bequest from the late Mrs. G.M.K. Reeve			100.00
Subscriptions			688.00
Donations			<u>260.67</u>

Profits

Meetings:	A.G.M. Coffee	3.85	
	Birthday Luncheon	36.00	
	Christmas Party (and Raffle)	30.90	
	Study Group	3.50	
Outing:	Westminster Abbey	6.50	
Sales:	Books	43.67	
	Bookmarks	20.50	
	Writing Paper	15.70	
	Post Cards	3.40	
	George Eliot Heads	28.50	
	George Eliot Miniature Statues	<u>230.00</u>	422.52
Anglia Building Society Interest			<u>183.19</u>
			<u>£4592.27</u>

Expenditure

Postage (£404.30) & Stationery (£130.89)			535.19
Printing	Review		605.91
Expenses:	Hospitality: Wreath Laying, Westminster Abbey	2.00	
	The Parlour Performers	3.75	
	Birthday Luncheon	24.00	
	Gifts: for Retiring Dean, Westminster Abbey and for Nuneaton Hospital	36.78	
	Hire of Room	6.00	
	Starting the G.E.F. London Branch	27.00	
	Telephone Charges	<u>10.00</u>	109.53
Loss:	Annual Readings		93.93
Subscriptions:	Victorian Studies Bulletin	5.00	
	The Beaworth Society	5.00	
	Friends of the National Libraries	10.00	
	Friends of Highgate Cemetery	5.00	
	Nuneaton & Bedworth Joint Arts Association	<u>1.00</u>	26.00
Floral Tributes			9.00
Repayment of Study Group fees paid in 1984			<u>19.50</u>
			<u>£1399.06</u>

Balance 31st. December 1985

Bank and Cash		716.12	
Anglia Building Society: No. 2 Account		1727.09	
High Income Bond		500.00	
High Income Bond (Flowers)		<u>250.00</u>	£3193.21
			<u>£4592.27</u>

I have audited the above Income & Expenditure Accounts in respect of the year to 31st. December 1985, and in my opinion they are in accordance with the books and records which reflect a true and correct financial position.

C. Emery Auditor

28.1.86.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A. G. M. 7th March, 1986

You will see from the Statement that our finances are healthy despite high expenses last year. The loss of almost £94 on the Annual Readings was both unexpected and disappointing. For years we have benefited financially from Gabriel Woolf's Readings and we welcome his willingness to come again this year, when we hope to be able to show our appreciation of his continued support. We are fortunate to have many generous members, whose help has been invaluable. We had a bequest of £100 from the late Mrs. Reeve and donations of £260. 67p.

Dr. Ezell continues, at his own expense, to copy and send out newsletters to our American and Canadian members and we are grateful for all that he does for us.

We are also indebted to John Letts for his generous gift of George Eliot Miniature Statues.

We can congratulate ourselves on raising £8,000 for the George Eliot Statue, and by the date requested. When I made the final payment of £3,000 we had £6 left in the fund. It was decided that the account should not be closed and we now have £107. We hope that, in time, we shall be able to provide additional plaques for the plinth of the Statue.

I should like to apologise to any member who expected a receipt for a donation and did not get one. This was neither thoughtlessness nor lack of appreciation on my part. It was to ensure that all the money received would go towards the Statue and not be used for any other purpose. Our postage costs are always high and last year was no exception. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council helped us with postage of Statue correspondence as well as with typing and copying and we were very pleased to have their help.

1985 was a busy year, especially for the Secretary and Chairman and we thank them for all they have done. To Colin Emery, the Auditor, I offer my personal thanks as well as to all the members who have made it possible for me to keep a healthy credit balance.

The accounts, I hope, are self explanatory and need no further comment. George Eliot said, "Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact" and I have nothing more to say but - Thank you.

A. Reader
7 March 1986

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