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EDITORIAL NOTES

THE PRESIDENT.

The death of our President, Dr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, O.M., shadows all our thoughts. We have suffered a grievous loss, but our sorrow is mingled with pride and gratitude that we have been privileged to have this great and lovable man as our guide, counsellor and friend for so many years. A short biographical note together with appreciations by Professor Zoltán Kodály, Professor Danica S. Janković and Sir Steuart Wilson appear in the following pages.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Eleventh Annual Conference, the proceedings of which form the main body of the *Journal*, was attended by representatives from twenty-five countries. The Council is deeply indebted to the Collège des Bourgmestre et Echevins for their invitation to hold the Conference at the newly-built Palais des Congrès at Liège and also to the Commission du Folklore, including Monsieur Remouchamps and Professor Pinon, and to Dr. Marinus for their work in organising the Conference.

The Council also acknowledges its thanks to the members of the Preparatory Programme Committee: Dr. Marinus, Dr. Merriam, Professor Pinon, Mr. Tracey and Dr. Wachsmann.

TWELFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The 1959 Conference will be held from August 12th to 17th, at Sinaia, Rumania, by invitation of the Folklore Institute of Bucharest and the Rumanian National Commission for Unesco. It will be followed from August 18th to 19th by a visit to Bucharest to attend a festival of Rumanian folk song and dance, and from August 20th to 22nd members will have an opportunity of participating in an expedition to study the living folklore of the countryside. Further particulars can be obtained from the Secretary of the IFMC.

SOCIETY FOR ETHNOMUSICOLOGY.

We are happy to announce that an arrangement has been made with the Society for Ethnomusicology whereby as from January 1st, 1959, a member of the IFMC who is likewise a member of the SEM will be entitled to a joint subscription rate of \$7.50 (£2 10s.)—or \$8.50 (£2 17s.) for institutions. The new subscription rate for the IFMC, of which members have already been informed, is £1 10s. (\$4.50) and the individual subscription to the SEM is \$4.00. The joint subscription therefore represents a reduction of \$1.00.

The SEM, which was founded in the United States in 1953, publishes a journal which appears three times a year and is issued free to its members. Members of the IFMC who are, or who wish to become, members of the SEM are invited to send their joint subscription to the Secretary of the IFMC.

NEWSLETTER.

The Council is continuing its practice of publishing an annual Newsletter. The third number, which will be published as *Bulletin* No. XV, will be issued to members in April, 1959.

EDITORIAL BOARD.

The Editor acknowledges her indebtedness to the members of the Editorial Board—Dr. George Herzog and Dr. K. P. Wachsmann—for their assistance in the preparation of this issue of the *Journal*.

CONSTANTIN BRAILOIU.

As we go to press the grievous news of the sudden death of Constantin Brailoiu has reached us. An obituary notice will be included in the next issue of the *Journal*.
