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The Harvard Travellers Club was organized in 1902, to promote intelligent travel and exploration. Members who have travelled somewhat off the beaten track may be elected by the Fellows to Fellowship. The management of the Club is under the direction of the Fellows, who govern through a Council. Membership is not limited to Harvard graduates and undergraduates. Application blanks for membership may be obtained from the Secretary. The regular meetings of the Club, to which members may invite their friends, are held in Boston and Cambridge on the last Friday of the months from October to April (December excepted). The annual meeting is held on the third Friday of May.

Every member is requested on receiving this catalogue, to see if his name and address is correctly given, and if an error be discovered to notify the Secretary promptly. Attention to this will insure the receipt of Club notices for the next season.

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COUNCIL REPORT

May 18, 1905.

To the members of the Harvard Travellers Club:-

The Council has the pleasure of submitting the following report, as accepted by the Fellows, for the third year of the Club's existence, and the first under a formal organization.

Membership. The membership is increasing in a gratifying way. A year ago there were 126 members, of whom 42 were Fellows. During the year 45 new members have been elected, and our list now stands as follows:—

Resident members,	106
Non-resident members,	25
Resident Fellows,	27
Non-resident Fellows,	14
Total membership,	172
Life members,	5
Honorary members,	1

Changes in membership during the year

Resigned,	2
Dropped according to rule,	3
Elected to Fellowship,	3
Resigned from Fellowship,	1
Elected to honorary membership,	1
Candidates elected to membership,	
but who have not as yet accepted.	8

It has been a satisfaction to the Council that nominations have been made by many members, and it is hoped that this manifestation of interest in the growth of the Club will be continued.

Meetings. Six meetings have been held, four

in Boston and two in Cambridge, with an average attendance of about forty persons. Through the courtesy of several members, five of these meetings have been held in private houses; it is believed that the interest and sociability of the meetings have been thereby increased. It has been an agreeable surprise to find so many speakers available for meetings; the supply seems to increase with the demand, and we already have some good papers promised for next winter.

Finances. The finances of the Club are in a very satisfactory condition. The balance brought over from last year was \$157.41. The receipts for annual dues of 1904, initiation fees, and five life membership fees of \$25 each have amounted to \$520, making a total of \$677.41. The expenditures for printing, stationery and postage, rent of hall, lantern and refreshments, sum up to \$162.41. After allowing \$92.62 for outstanding bills, we shall have a balance of \$422.38. From this amount \$125, received from life members, must be deducted. This, in accordance with the Constitution, has been invested as a permanent fund, the income only to be used. A trust committee, consisting of Messrs. Holmes, Curtiss, and the Treasurer, has been appointed to take charge of this fund.

At a recent meeting of the Fellows, in whose hands the general conduct of the affairs of the Club is placed, it was voted to establish a Club medal, to be given annually, and next year for the first time, to the North American traveller—preferably a young traveller—who shall be deemed most worthy of this distinction. Details concerning the medal and its award are now in consideration by the Council, and will be announced next autumn. It is thought that this method of spending part of the Club funds will commend itself especially to those members who, from residence elsewhere, are unable to attend our meetings.

The Club in its relation to other societies has been

recognized as a geographical society by certain geographical bodies and publications, although in its own opinion it is simply a Travellers Club, whose object is the encouragement of intelligent travel and exploration. It was asked to appoint one of its members to serve on the Committee of Organization of the Eighth International Geographic Congress, and to take part in the session of the Congress at Washington last September; it was invited to send a representative to the meeting of Section E, Geology and Geography, of the American Association for the Advancement of Science last winter; and the members generally were invited to attend the inauguration dinner of the Explorers Club of New York City.

For the Council, TOWNSEND W. THORNDIKE, Secretary.

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