

recognize such birds as the Pacific Loon, Mexican Grebe, Audubon's Caracara, Louisiana Heron, Eastern Bluebird and Arkansas Goldfinch.

In spite of the shortcomings mentioned, "Birds of Mexico," while not completely satisfactory as a field guide, represents a major ornithological achievement and is an indispensable book to anyone interested in the avifauna of Mexico.—DWAIN W. WARNER.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

BY PHILLIPS B. STREET, SECRETARY

The Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Wilson Ornithological Club was held at Cape May, New Jersey, from Friday, June 11, to Monday, June 14, 1954. It was sponsored by the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, the New Jersey Audubon Society, and the Urner Ornithological Club.

There were four sessions devoted to papers, two evening motion pictures, "Beacons Along the Flyway," by Frank W. McLaughlin and "Machias Seal Island," by John M. Jubon, and two business meetings. A meeting of the Executive Council was held on Friday evening, June 11. The Annual Dinner was held at the Colonial Hotel on Saturday, June 12, President Walter J. Breckenridge delivering the traditional address. Following motion pictures, the host societies entertained at an informal reception.

Early morning field trips to nearby points of interest were held on Saturday and Sunday mornings. On Sunday evening, a picnic supper was held at the Stone Harbor heronry. On Monday, departure day, some eighty members took a boat trip north from Cape May through the inland waterways to Stone Harbor and return. Another group journeyed north to the Tuckerton Meadows and Beach Haven Inlet, while a third group made an extended field trip which covered the Fortescue area, on Delaware Bay, Bass River State Forest, a portion of the pine barrens, the Tuckerton Meadows, and Beach Haven Inlet.

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

President Breckenridge called to order the meeting at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, June 12. Hon. Samuel Eldridge, Mayor of Cape May, welcomed the Club, and President Breckenridge responded. The minutes of the 34th Annual Meeting were approved as published in *The Wilson Bulletin* for September, 1953.

Secretary's Report

The secretary, Phillips B. Street, summarized the principal actions of the previous evening's Executive Council meeting as follows:

1. Council accepted the invitation of Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and the Oklahoma Ornithological Society to hold the 36th Annual Meeting at Stillwater, Oklahoma, from Thursday evening, April 7, to Sunday, April 10, 1955.
2. The resignation of Harrison B. Tordoff as editor of *The Wilson Bulletin*, effective at the completion of the present volume, was reluctantly accepted.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer, Leonard C. Brecher reported on the finances of the club. The report, already approved by an auditing committee consisting of Burt L. Monroe, chairman, Mrs. Frederick W. Stamm and Harvey B. Lovell, follows:

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1953

Balance as shown by last report, dated December 31, 1952 \$ 2,095.99

GENERAL FUND

RECEIPTS

Dues:

Active	\$ 4,039.00	
Sustaining	1,410.00	\$ 5,449.00
Subscriptions to <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>		467.25
Sale of back issues and reprints of <i>The Wilson Bulletin</i>		65.90
Gifts: Color Plate Fund	\$ 32.00	
Library Book Fund	87.00	
Miscellaneous	123.48	242.48
Transferred from Endowment Fund for Research Grant (not awarded)		100.00
Miscellaneous Income from Annual Meeting, Exchange, etc.	149.64	6,474.27
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Total Receipts		\$ 8,570.26

DISBURSEMENTS

"The Wilson Bulletin"—printing, engraving and mailing	\$ 4,988.69
Editor's Expense—printing, postage, clerical aid, etc.	197.00
Secretary's Expense—printing, postage, etc.	10.00
Treasurer's Expense—printing, postage, supplies	152.96
Committee Expense—printing, postage, supplies	21.40
Purchase of books from Book Fund	37.90
Bank charges, corporation papers, miscellaneous expenses	42.01
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Total Disbursements	\$ 5,449.96
Balance on hand in Citizens Fidelity Bank & Trust Co. Louisville, Kentucky, December 31, 1953	\$ 3,120.30

ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance in Savings Account as shown by last report,
dated December 31, 1952 \$ 85.29

Receipts

Interest on Investments & Savings Account	262.99
Life Membership payments	700.75
Gifts to Research Fund	500.00
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	\$ 1,463.74

Total Receipts \$ 1,549.03

Disbursements

Transferred to General Account for Research Grant	\$ 100.00
State Tax on Bank Deposits	1.32
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Total Disbursements \$ 101.32

Balance in Savings Account, Citizens Fidelity Bank & Trust Co.,
Louisville, Kentucky, December 31, 1953 \$ 1,447.71

*Securities Owned**

U.S. Postal Savings Coupon Bonds, dated July 1, 1935	\$ 780.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated September 1, 1943 (maturity value \$1,000.00)	979.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated September 20, 1944 (maturity value \$1,500.00)	1,459.50
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated June 1, 1945 (maturity value \$500.00)	485.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated July 1, 1945 (maturity value \$900.00)	873.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "G", dated October 1, 1945 (maturity value \$1400.00)	1,353.80
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "F", dated February 1, 1947 (maturity value \$2,000.00)	1,644.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "F", dated April 1, 1948 (maturity value \$2,000.00)	1,618.00
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "F", dated October 1, 1948 (maturity value \$1,450.00)	1,155.64
U.S. Savings Bonds, Series "F", dated April 1, 1950 (maturity value \$1,000.00)	767.00
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Total of Government Bonds	\$11,114.94
Massachusetts Investors Trust (116 shares at \$20.75 per share)	2,407.00
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Total Securities Owned**	\$13,521.94
Total Endowment Fund	14,969.65

*Bonds carried at redeemable value December 31, 1953
(appreciation during the year \$149.94)

**In Reserve:

Louis Agassiz Fuertes Research Grant Fund (special gifts)	\$ 525.00
S. Morris Pell Fund (special gift)	75.00

Respectfully submitted,
Leonard C. Brecher, Treasurer

Membership Committee

Ralph M. Edeburn, chairman, reported that the names of 146 prospective members enrolled since the 1953 Annual Meeting were posted for the inspection of members and election by vote at the final business session. On December 31, 1953, the Club had 87 life, 280 sustaining and 1338 active members, a total of 1705. Since January 1, 1954, 88 new members have been added. There has been an 11 per cent gain in life memberships, a 21 per cent gain in sustaining and an overall gain of 1 per cent. On December 31, 1953, there were 151 institutional subscriptions to the *Bulletin* and 73 exchanges. The membership seems to be stabilized near the 1800 mark.

Research Grant Committee

In the absence of Ernst Mayr, chairman, Dr. Breckenridge reported that William C. Dilger of Cornell University had been selected after lengthy discussion as recipient of this year's research grant of \$100.00 for his work on "The Isolating Mechanisms and Relationships of the Thrush Genus *Hylocichla*."

Library Committee

George J. Wallace, chairman, reported that accessions to the library since last year's report until March this year totalled 745 items, comprised of 81 books, 465 reprints, 117 magazines, and 82 pamphlets, an appreciable gain in most departments over previous reports, particularly in books. The record donation of books was largely stimulated by the publication of the (then) complete book list in the September, 1952, *Bulletin*, which gave members a chance to know our desiderata. Two members also contributed generously to the Book Purchase Fund, enabling the purchase of special books which filled a long-needed gap. The remarkable growth of the library may be seen from the following tabulation, although the listings are not strictly comparable, since some cover four quarters and some only three.

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	Totals
Books	61	44	44	36	81	266
Reprints	1104	278	365	361	465	2573
Magazines	78	140	78	273	117	686
Pamphlets	6	27	34	58	82	207
Totals	1249	489	521	728	745	3732

You are again reminded to send copies of your own and other publications to the Wilson Ornithological Club Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and advised that this is your library both to maintain and to use.

Temporary Committees

The following temporary committees were appointed:

Auditing Committee: Previously appointed.

Resolutions Committee: Seth H. Low, Chairman; Theodora Nelson; Julian K. Potter.

Nominating Committee: Fred T. Hall, Chairman; S. Charles Kendeigh; Herbert L. Stoddard.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution

The Secretary, at the recommendation of the Executive Council, presented an Amendment to the Constitution revising Article I, Section 1, to read: "The organization shall be known as the Wilson Ornithological Society."

Such a revision will be voted upon at the 1955 Annual Meeting. Thinking behind the suggested change was that the recommended name more truly describes our stature in the ornithological world and might facilitate the professional ornithologist in obtaining leave time for the attendance of our annual meetings.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

The second and final business session was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 13.

The applicants for membership, whose names were posted, were elected to membership.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

WHEREAS the Wilson Ornithological Club at its Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting, held June 11-14, 1954, at Cape May, New Jersey, has had a most enjoyable and worthwhile meeting, therefore BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilson Ornithological Club express its sincere appreciation to:

1. Our hosts and sponsors of this meeting, the Delaware Valley Ornithological Club, the New Jersey Audubon Society, and the Urner Ornithological Club, and in particular to Mr. Phillips B. Street and his local committee for organizing the program, Mr. John M. Jubon, for arrangements in the auditorium, Mr. Joseph Jehl, Jr., for projection of the slides and films, and to all other members of the sponsoring groups who have so ably assisted.

2. The City of Cape May, Mayor Samuel Eldridge and its other officials, for the hospitality of the city and the use of this splendid Convention Hall.

3. The Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Rex Thomas, Secretary, for their enthusiastic assistance throughout the preparations for the meeting, and

4. Mr. Ray Fite, manager of the Colonial Hotel, and his staff for providing fine accommodations for our headquarters and delightful vocal entertainment in the person of Luther Saxon.

WHEREAS in his annual address President Breckenridge ably pointed out the need for more emphasis on the recreational and aesthetical values of birds, and WHEREAS we are meeting in an area where, in recent years, these values have already been recognized as community assets, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wilson Ornithological Club commends the local government and civic associations in Cape May for sponsoring and encouraging bird-watching and for preserving for the birds and the bird-watcher, notably at Stone Harbor's heronry, tracts which might otherwise be highly commercialized, and

FURTHER, the Wilson Ornithological Club hopes that these efforts will be continued and expanded, thereby making this area increasingly attractive to the tourist and bird-watcher alike.

Two additional resolutions called for the defeat of bills presently before Congress. One (S. 1555 and H.R. 4443) would authorize the construction of Echo Park dam in the Dinosaur National Monument and be the opening wedge towards making national park and monument lands available for power development or other purposes. The other (S. 2548 and H.R. 6787) would give special rights on national forest lands to certain present grazing permittees.

Election of Officers

Fred T. Hall, chairman, reported for the Nominating Committee and proposed the following officers for the coming year: President, Burt L. Monroe; First Vice President, Harold F. Mayfield; Second Vice President, Lawrence H. Walkinshaw; Treasurer, Leonard C. Brecher; Secretary, Phillips B. Street; Elective members of the Executive Council, Joseph C. Howell (term expires 1955), A. W. Schorger (term expires 1956), and Harvey I. Fisher, (term expires 1957).

The report of the nominating committee was accepted, and, there being no nominations from the floor, the secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for these nominees.

PAPERS SESSIONS

Saturday, June 12

Ernest A. Choate, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, *The Ornithological History of Cape May.*

Frank W. McLaughlin, New Jersey Audubon Society, *An Introduction to Bird Areas in Southern New Jersey*, slides.

James Baird, Rutgers University, *New Additions to the Birds of New Jersey*, slides.

Edgar T. Wherry, University of Pennsylvania, *Wild Flowers of the Cape May Region*, slides.

- Robert S. Arbib, Linnaean Society of New York, *Should Vernacular Subspecific Names Be Abolished?*
- Kathleen Green Skelton and Richard A. Herbert, New York City, *History of a Peregrine Falcon Eyrie on the Lower Hudson.*
- David E. Davis, Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, *Observations on Breeding Biology of Kingbirds.*
- Richard B. Fischer, Cornell University, *Studies in the Breeding Biology of the Chimney Swift*, slides.
- Wendell Taber, Maine Audubon Society, *The White-winged Crossbill, a Life History.*
- Douglas James, University of Arkansas, *Some Factors Influencing the Temporal Pattern of Social Roosting*, slides.
- Robert M. Mengel, University of Kansas, *Clinal Variation in Eastern Birds in Relation to Biotic Zonation—Some Negative Findings*, slides.

Sunday, June 13

- George B. Reynard, Palmyra, New Jersey, *Bird Song Cadence Studies in Atlantic Coast States*, slides.
- Aretas A. Saunders, Canaan, Connecticut, *The Songs and Calls of Non-passerine Birds.*
- Milton B. Trautman, Franz Theodore Stone Institute of Hydrobiology of the Ohio State University, *Diurnal Migration of Small Land Birds Over Western Lake Erie*, slides.
- Eugene Eisenmann, Linnaean Society of New York, *Why do Eastern Species Winter Farther South in Tropical America than do Western Species?* Slides.
- Aaron Moore Bagg, Holyoke, Massachusetts, *Factors Involved in the Occurrence of Spring Coastal Stragglers in Northeastern U.S. and Eastern Canada*, slides.
- Charles M. Weise, Fisk University, *Migratory Behavior in Captive White-throated Sparrows under Outdoor Conditions.*
- Robert J. Newman, Louisiana State University, *The Hour-to-hour Pattern of Nocturnal Migration in Autumn*, slides.
- Hugh C. Land, Culver Military Academy, *Winter Courtship Behavior in the Cardinal*, slides.
- Walter J. Breckenridge, University of Minnesota, *Bird Life of the Back River, Northwest Territories, Canada*, slides.
- Maurice Graham Brooks, West Virginia University, *The Wild Turkey in West Virginia.*
- Francis Harper, Arctic Institute of North America, *Autumnal Display of the Spruce Grouse in Labrador*, motion pictures.
- John M. Jubon, East Millstone, New Jersey, *The Black Rail in New Jersey*, motion pictures.

ATTENDANCE

- Members and guests in attendance at the meeting, including children, approximated 250 persons. Twenty-five states, the District of Columbia, and Ontario were represented.
- From **Alabama**: 1—*Birmingham*, Mrs. Blanche E. Dean.
- From **Arkansas**: 2—*Fayetteville*, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas James.
- From **Connecticut**: 6—*Canaan*, Aretas A. Saunders, *Danbury*, Esther E. Wagner, *New Britain*, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent C. Jones, *West Hartford*, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bergstrom.
- From **Delaware**: 2—*Wilmington*, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Farrand.
- From **Florida**: 1—*Coconut Grove*, Wayne Short.
- From **Illinois**: 2—*Blue Island*, Karl E. Bartel, *Urbana*, William E. Robertson, Jr.

- From **Indiana**: 8—*Culver*, Hugh C. Land, *Indianapolis*, Mrs. S. G. Campbell, Mildred F. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Feenaty, Dorothy White, *Lafayette*, Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Guy.
- From **Iowa**: 4—*Davenport*, A. Lang Baily, Peter Peterson, Jr., Willie Wulf, *Lacona*, Mrs. Ora van Heeswyk.
- From **Kansas**: 2—*Lawrence*, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Mengel.
- From **Kentucky**: 6—*Anchorage*, Mr. and Mrs. Burt L. Monroe, *Louisville*, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Brecher, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Stamm.
- From **Louisiana**: 1—*Baton Rouge*, Robert J. Newman.
- From **Maine**: 2—*Wayne*, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Pettingill, Jr.
- From **Maryland**: 16—*Baltimore*, Orville W. Crowder, David E. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Griffith, Marjorie Griffith, Fritz Hilton, Robert E. Kaestner, Donald R. McComas, William S. McHoul, *Chevy Chase*, Elting Arnold, *Gaithersburg*, Seth H. Low, *McDonogh*, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ogden Ramsay, *Monkton*, Stephen W. Simon, *Laurel*, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler S. Robbins.
- From **Massachusetts**: 11—*Cambridge*, Ludlow Griscom, Wendell Taber, *Holyoke*, Mr. and Mrs. Aaron M. Bagg, Rudolph H. Stone, *Marshfield Hills*, Joseph A. Hagar, *Northampton*, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Shaub, *South Hadley*. Elizabeth M. Boyd, Dorothy M. Cogswell, *Woburn*, Mrs. D. H. Rice.
- From **Michigan**: 8—*Alma*, Lester E. Eyer, *Ann Arbor*, Laurie C. Binford, Philip S. Humphrey, Mrs. Reuben L. Kahn, *East Lansing*, George J. Wallace, *Imlay City*, Dale A. Zimmerman, *Marquette*, Mrs. Mary Spear Ross, *Muskegon*, George M. Wickstrom.
- From **Minnesota**: 3—*Minneapolis*, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Breckenridge, *St. Paul*, Orwin A. Rustad. ;
- From **New Jersey**: 51—*Audubon*, Clarence E. Stasz, *Bergenfield*, Peggy McQueen, *Bound Brook*, Robert C. Conn, *Brooklawn*, Edward R. Manners, *Caldwell*, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Barton, Seth Barton, *Clifton*, Joseph R. Jehl, Jr., *Collingswood*, William J. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Julian K. Potter, *Elizabeth*, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schnitzer, *Green Village*, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Shaughency, *Hammonton*, Charles B. Miller, *Haworth*, Charles H. Nichols, *Millstone*, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Jubon, Jan Jubon, *Montclair* J. L. Edwards, *Moorestown*, Robert L. Haines, *Morristown*, Richard S. Thorsell, *Mount Holly*, Francis Harper, *New Brunswick*, James Baird, *Nutley*, Floyd P. Wolfarth, *Oaklyn*, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McLaughlin, *Orange*, Mrs. William A. Wachenfeld, *Palmyra*, George B. Reynard, *Plainfield*, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin I. Stearns, *Princeton*, Dorothy M. Compton, Robert M. Laughlin, Charles H. Rogers, Albert B. Schultz, Jr., *Ramsey*, Mrs. John Y. Dater, *Ridgewood*, R. H. Barth, Jr., *Stone Harbor*, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shea, *Toms River*, Mrs. Percy Camp, *Trenton*, Mitchell Carter, Jr., *Upper Montclair*, Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Frazier, Charles W. Lincoln, Eleanor I. Vernon, *Verona*, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred E. Eynon, Frances E. Stokey, *West Orange*, A. Todd Newberry, no address, Ned Boyajean.
- From **New York**: 29—*Albany*, Mrs. Dayton Stoner, *Babylon*, Don R. Eckelberry, *Bronxville*, Henry H. Collins, Jr., *Brooklyn*, Robert H. Grant, Herman Goebel, *Buffalo*, Harold H. Axtell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Hall, *Far Rockaway*, John L. Bull, Jr., *Flushing*, Laura M. Miner, Adele D. Potts, *Freeport*, Robert S. Arbib, Jr., *Garrison*, Richard C. Raymond, *Ithaca*, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence I. Grinnell, Sally T. Grinnell, Richard B. Fischer, *Mount Vernon*, Catherine Pissino, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reichert, *New York*, Reginald Denham, Mrs. Charles Noel Edge, Eugene Eisenmann, Richard A. Herbert, Elizabeth S. Manning, Kenneth Morrison, Theodora Nelson, Kathleen Green Skelton, *Oyster Bay*, Lois Jackson Hussey.

- From **Ohio**: 11—*Hiram*, M. C. Morris, *Put-in-Bay*, Mr. and Mrs. Milton B. Trautman, Beth Trautman, *Richmond*, Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert McCullough, *Steubenville*, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton S. Banks, Richard C. Banks, Earl W. Farmer, *Toledo*, Harold F. Mayfield.
- From **Pennsylvania**: 24—*Allentown*, John E. Trainer, *Ardmore*, Horace Groskin, *Bryn Mawr*, Virginia Crook, *Exton*, Mr. and Mrs. Phillips B. Street, *Harrisburg*, Harold B. Wood, Adessa K. Wood, *Jenkintown*, Ernest A. Choate, *Langhorne*, John F. McIlvain, *Philadelphia*, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Braunschweig, John H. Arnett, Jr., Richard T. Darby, Quintin Kramer, Mr. and Mrs. Norman J. McDonald, C. Chandler Ross, Charles A. Wonderly, *Pittsburgh*, Kenneth C. Parkes, *State College*, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Wood, Emily Wood, *Wynnewood*, Robert C. Alexander, *Yardley*, Edward Carter.
- From **Tennessee**: 3—*Nashville*, Amelia R. Laskey, Albert F. Ganier, Charles M. Weise.
- From **Texas**: 1—*Houston*, Frank G. Watson.
- From **Virginia**: 5—*Harrisonburg*, Hollen G. Helbert, Robert Sherfy, *Richmond*, Fred-eric R. Scott, *Vienna*, Mr. and Mrs. Ira N. Gabrielson.
- From **West Virginia**: 8—*Huntington*, Ralph M. Edeburn, *Kingwood*, Larry Schwab, *Morgantown*, Bill Berthy, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice G. Brooks, Fred C. Brooks, A. J. Dadisman, Earl N. McCue.
- From **Wisconsin**: 1—*West Bend*, Marvin E. Vore.
- From **District of Columbia**: 2—*Washington*, Joseph D. Biggs, Wilma R. Stark.
- From **Ontario, Canada**: 2—*Hamilton*, Eric Bastin, *Toronto*, William W. H. Gunn.

THE WILSON ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB LIBRARY

The following gifts have been recently received. From:

Charles T. Black—1 book, 10 pamphlets	Museum of Vertebrate Zoology—1 pamphlet
Donald E. Burton—1 magazine	
Betty Carnes—1 reprint, 1 magazine	Margaret M. Nice—12 reprints, 1 book
David E. Davis—29 magazines	Walter P. Nickell—1 reprint
Donald S. Farner—28 magazines	James L. Norman—1 book
Gordon W. Cullion—1 pamphlet, 6 reprints	Kathleen Deery de Phelps—1 book
Karl W. Haller—1 pamphlet, 4 books	H. H. Poor—29 magazines
F. Haverschmidt—1 reprint	Nathan S. Potter, III—1 reprint
J. J. Hickey—3 magazines	Robert W. Storer—2 reprints
L. Kelso—1 reprint	Wendell Taber—7 books
E. Kemsies and W. Randle—1 book	James R. Tolman—5 magazines
Margarette E. Morse—27 pamphlets and reprints	J. Van Tyne—2 pamphlets
	George J. Wallace—1 pamphlet

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