

several concerts and galleries completed a pilgrimage of great interest.

After a brief sight-seeing visit to Niagara Falls, a week was spent in New York making the acquaintance of the Trustees and Staff of the Carnegie Corporation of New York, which with an annual income in the region of \$15,000,000 is the largest of the Carnegie Foundations, and one of the most influential charitable organisations in the United States. In addition to promoting educational studies and opportunities, it is especially concerned with the problems of immigrant citizens and the under-privileged. The Secretary also visited the offices of several other charitable organisations, including Mr. Carnegie's Council on Religion and International Affairs.

During their stay in New York, Mr. and Mrs. Mann had the very great pleasure of being entertained to lunch by Mr. Carnegie's daughter, Mrs. Margaret Carnegie Miller, at her home in Connecticut.

The Carnegie Institution of Washington was set up to undertake research in a number of basic scientific fields. Two of its five departments are located in California — the Hale Observatory in Pasadena near Los Angeles, and the Department of Plant Biology at Palo Alto near San Francisco. After stopping on the way to study the interpretive facilities at the Grand Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. Mann spent a busy but engrossing day at each Department, and also were privileged to sit in on the discussions of two conferences on higher education sponsored by yet another of Mr. Carnegie's American Trusts, the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The last ten days were spent in Washington, D.C., where the Dunfermline representatives were invited to attend Board Meetings of the Carnegie Institution of Washington and of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, which studies ways and means of reducing tensions and seeking international agreements in potential trouble areas. They also saw something

of the work of the Institution's Departments of Terrestrial Magnetism and Geophysics. As well as visiting the many fine museums and other tourist attractions in Washington, they took the opportunity of making a three-day bus tour of the Virginian battlefields of War of Independence and Civil War times, culminating in a memorable day at historic Colonial Williamsburg.

Throughout an arduous but thoroughly enjoyable schedule, the Secretary and his wife were very deeply impressed by the most generous and hospitable reception afforded to them by their American colleagues. As representatives of the town in which Mr. Carnegie was born, they were particularly touched at the strong feelings of kinship and affection which association with a Carnegie Trust inspires in both Trustees and Officers, and it is to be hoped that the Dunfermline travellers have contributed to a strengthening of this 'family' feeling.

The Secretary's 40-page report to the Trustees contained a number of interesting suggestions for new projects of various kinds, and these are being actively considered by the Trust Committees.

TRUSTEES, STAFF, AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

The reorganisation of local government in Scotland which took place in 1975 created a constitutional difficulty for the Carnegie Dunfermline and Hero Fund Trustees when it was found that the right to appoint six and three Trustees which had previously been enjoyed by Dunfermline Town Council and Fife County Council respectively had not automatically transmitted to their successor authorities, Dunfermline District Council and Fife Regional Council. The sixteen remaining Trustees, representing the successors of those whom Mr. Carnegie had originally himself appointed for life, immediately decided that representation of the local authorities should be restored, and for the interim period while a Supplementary Royal Charter was being obtained they invited the two Councils to send representatives who would be regarded as full Trustees

in all but formal matters. On 6th February 1979 Her Majesty The Queen in Council was graciously pleased to approve the grant of a Supplementary Charter to the effect sought, and the Trustees extended a cordial welcome to the local authority representatives.

At the beginning of the year Mr. David Drysdale, T.D., J.P., intimated his retiral from the Trust: assumed a Life Trustee in October 1957, he had taken an active and leading part in every branch of the Trust's activities, serving as Vice-Chairman from 1962 to 1965 and as Chairman from 1965 to 1968. In appreciation of his service, the Trustees unanimously appointed Mr. Drysdale an Honorary Trustee, in which emeritus capacity he will continue to be available to the Trust for consultation. Later in the year Mr. Drysdale's place on the Board was filled by the assumption of Dr. A. A. H. Lawson, who is Consultant Physician at Milesmark Hospital, Dunfermline.

The Trustees extended their congratulations to Mr. John Crawford and Mr. Robertson on their appointments as Honorary Sheriffs, and later in the year took pleasure in Mr. Robertson's nomination as a Deputy Lieutenant for Fife. At the very end of the year, his colleagues were delighted to learn of the M.B.E. conferred on Mr. Hutchison in the New Year Honours List.

During the year the Trustees had the pleasure of visits from a number of the Trust's friends and associates, notably reciprocal visits from Dr. Philip Johnson (President of the Council on Religion and International Affairs, New York), Mr. Alan Pifer (President of the Carnegie Corporation of New York), and Mrs. Amy Kellman (Children's Librarian at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh) and her husband.

One of the Trust's most loyal and efficient servants is Miss Lily G. Millar, who has already been a member of the Secretary's staff for some 38 years. In recognition of Miss

Millar's outstanding record of service, and in particular of her management of the Trust during the Secretary's absence in America, the Trustees had the pleasure in June of presenting her with a token of their appreciation.

Miss Millar's many contacts in Dunfermline made her the ideal person to track down three 'missing persons' who were sought in connection with plans to commemorate the inauguration of the Louise Whitfield Carnegie Gates at Pittencrieff Park, which took place on Gala Day 1929. On that occasion three schoolgirls all (like Mr. Carnegie's mother and daughter) named Margaret had taken part in the opening ceremony, and the Trustees thought it would be pleasant if they could be brought together fifty years later for an anniversary celebration. All three were traced, but unfortunately only two in time for the ceremony which took place on the 1979 Gala Day, 23rd June. Mrs. Margaret Gifford (née Blair, of Queen Anne School) and Mrs. Margaret Fowlis (née Campbell, of Commercial School) cut ribbons across the main gate, with Mrs. A. V. Crawford doing the same service in place of Margaret Mackay, of Dunfermline High School (who was traced only later as Mrs. Langley). The three ladies were presented with bouquets by Margaret O'Neill, of Queen Anne High School, Margaret Nimmo, of Commercial School, and — standing in for a third Margaret who at the last minute was unable to attend — Elspeth Marshall, of Dunfermline High School: over lunch they each also received a framed print of Dunfermline. Early in the following week it was a very great privilege for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be invited to Skibo Castle to luncheon with Mrs. Margaret Carnegie Miller, when they were able to tell her all about the occasion.

On 11th August, the 60th anniversary of Mr. Carnegie's death, the Trustees and members of Dunfermline District Council attended the traditional ceremony at which wreaths are laid at the statue in Pittencrieff Park by the Chairman of the Trust and the Provost of Dunfermline. Mr. Ben MacGregor attended as piper.