

*SPRING MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.*

THE Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science met on April 17 in the Assembly Hall of the Cosmos Club at Washington. President Minot occupied the chair and President-elect Asaph Hall was in attendance as were also Messrs. Benjamin, Cattell, Clarke, Fewkes, Galloway, Gilbert, Gill, Howard, Hyde, Lee, McGee, Morley, Nichols, Pearson, Peters, Stiles, von Schrenk, Welch, Woodward and Wright.

The Permanent Secretary presented a report upon the operations of his office since the midwinter meeting of the Council held at Chicago, Ill., January 1. The delay in the publication of the Denver volume was explained in part by the delay in the receipt of certain manuscripts from Secretaries of Sections and in part by the new conditions which govern the administration of the firm of printers which has handled the volume the past two years. The volume is now entirely in type and will probably be ready for distribution in a week or so. A list of the new members elected by the subcommittee of the Council empowered to act promptly on applications was presented and the statement was made that in past fifteen months 1,566 persons have been elected, of whom 1,406 have completed membership.

Arrangements for the Pittsburg meeting are progressing favorably. The Permanent Secretary visited Pittsburg on March 22, and met about fifty members of the Local Committee, selected the rooms for the meetings of the different sections and the affiliated societies, ascertained that a substantial fund had been subscribed, and that the people of Pittsburg are interested in the meeting and are looking forward to it with pleasure. It was also announced that preliminary arrangements are already

being made for the probable Washington meeting during Convocation Week, beginning December 28, 1902. The Columbian University and Georgetown University have promised the use of all of their University buildings for meeting rooms.

The financial report of the Permanent Secretary for the calendar year 1901 was presented and was approved by the Council and ordered placed before the Association at the Pittsburg meeting. The report shows receipts during the year of \$21,373.59, and a balance on hand December 31, 1901, of \$12,285.83, after transferring to the Treasurer the sum of \$2,050.00

The committee appointed at the midwinter meeting with power to act upon the application of the Bibliographical Society of Chicago with regard to a bibliographic exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, reported, through Mr. Cattell, that the committee had notified the Society that the Association regards it as desirable for the Exposition to secure the advice of expert bibliographers in the compilation of its publications and to arrange if possible for an international bibliographical exhibit.

The Committee on Convocation Week reported, through its chairman, Dr. Minot, that since the last report agreements to 'Convocation Week' arrangements have been received from a number of universities and colleges, including the University of Illinois, Lehigh, Cincinnati, Indiana, Van Rensselaer, Dartmouth, Iowa, Brown, Smith, McGill, Lafayette, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Toronto, Georgetown, making a total of 54 in all, only two of which are outside of the United States.

An intimation having been received by the Council that the American Philological Association, the Archæological Institute of America and the American Philosophical Association might welcome an invitation from the Association to affiliate with the

Association it was moved and carried that an invitation be extended to these organizations.

Dr. Minot reported from the subcommittee upon the affiliation of certain of the medical societies that the invitation to affiliate was sent out to several societies, but that sufficient time had not elapsed to allow these societies to take action.

Dr. Lee reported that the Council of the American Physiological Society had resolved to report favorably upon the proposition of the Association as a whole, but that action by the Society cannot be taken until its next meeting.

An appropriation of \$25 or so much thereof as may prove necessary was made for the purpose of sharing in the expense attending the reception of Lord Kelvin to be held by several national scientific organizations in New York City on April 21.

A letter was read from the Librarian of the Manchester (N. H.) Institute of Arts and Sciences, stating that their library had been destroyed by fire last January, and, on motion, the Permanent Secretary was directed to present to the Institute as full a set of the Proceedings of the Association as should prove practicable.

A letter from Dr. Franz Boas relating to a proposed 'Association of American Anthropologists' was read, in which he asked the opinion of the Council of the Association concerning the possibility of a practical substitution of this national society for Section H of the American Association, all members of the new society becoming members of the American Association, the society to have the privilege of levying additional assessments of its own. Some discussions ensued and a motion by Mr. Gilbert was finally adopted to establish a committee on the relations of the A. A. S. to other scientific organizations and that the proposition from Dr. Boas be referred to this committee. It was further

moved and carried that the President of the Association be made a member of the committee.

The following resolution was read by Mr. Cattell:

Resolved, That the Permanent Secretary be authorized to collect the dues of members of societies affiliated with the Association if requested to do so by any of those societies.

Dr. Stiles moved that the Committee on Convocation Week be requested to take into consideration the advisability of addressing officials in charge of Government scientific bureaus in an effort to secure action which will result in the detail of scientific men in the employment of the Government to attend scientific meetings held during Convocation Week without prejudice to their annual leaves of absence, thus accomplishing for this class of workers what the committee has been able to secure through the different universities for the teachers in the higher educational institutions.

The Secretary-elect of Section I, Professor W. F. Wilcox, having resigned through press of work, on motion of Mr. Hyde, Frank R. Rutter, of Washington, D. C., was elected Secretary of Section I.

SCIENTIFIC BOOKS.

THE DUTCH EXPEDITION TO THE MALAY ARCHIPELAGO.

Siboga-Expeditie, Introduction et Description de l'Expédition. Par MAX WEBER, Monographie I.

This is the first of a series of sixty-five monographs which are to appear from time to time as the results of the cruise of the *Siboga* through the Malay Archipelago. One need hardly add that such a series, under the authorship of many of the best known continental specialists, will prove an important complement, if not a rival, to the reports of the *Challenger*.