

NATIONALITY OF PARENTS OF 288 STUDENTS

		Per. Cent
American (both parents)	100	34.7
German (both parents)	57	20.0
British (both parents)	33	11.5
Hebrew (both parents)	20	6.9
Russian and Pole (both parents) ..	16	5.5
Hungarian (both parents)	4	1.4
Italian (both parents)	3	1.0
Latin-American (both parents) ...	3	1.0
French (both parents)	2	
Scandinavian (both parents)	2	
Chinese (both parents)	1	
Japanese (both parents)	1	
Roumanian (both parents)	1	
Bohemian (both parents)	1	
American and foreign	12	4.1
Mixed foreign	19	6.6
Three or more nationalities represent- ed in parents and grandparents ..	13	4.5

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THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACH-
ERS OF THE MATHEMATICAL AND
THE NATURAL SCIENCES

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE POLICY

THE officers of the federation deem it advisable to make the following brief statement of plans and policy, for the information of associations which may be interested in joining the organization.

The general purpose of the federation is to increase the efficiency of the federated (local) associations by bringing each of them into helpful cooperative relations with others that are working along similar lines in other parts of the country, and with the new Section L on Education of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The work of the federation through its officers and committees is expected in the near future to be developed along the following principal lines:

As a clearing house for the federated societies the federation will undertake to collect and to keep up-to-date information in regard to the work and the publications of these societies, and to aid as opportunity

offers in the formation of new societies when needed.

As a publishing agency the federation will systematically print such of this information as may be of general interest in simple bulletins or in reports in scientific periodicals. Each federated society will be furnished with a list of the principal papers published in its field, and available to its members by purchase or exchange.

As a cooperative organization the federation will from time to time, of its own initiative or at the instance of a particular society, propose questions of general interest for the consideration of the federated societies, or appoint committees on questions of national scope in the teaching of science.

In relations with national societies, such as, for example, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Educational Association, the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education, etc., the federation will endeavor to secure due recognition of the interests of the associations composing it, and of the great body of teachers of science.

At its Chicago meeting the American Association for the Advancement of Science showed its interest in and approval of the movement by affiliating the new federation with itself, and then extending to members of the federated associations the opportunity of joining the association without the usual initiation fee.

In general, the federation is expected in the future development of its policy to promote the advancement and improvement of science teaching in whatever manner may seem wise under the restrictions fundamental to its organization, which leave entire freedom of action to the federated associations, and which contemplate the transaction of federation business mainly

by correspondence, and with limited funds.

In spite of these limitations, it is the opinion of the officers of the federation that it will fill an important need and render a valuable service. They confidently appeal on this basis, too, for the support of associations which have not yet already joined the federation, with the hope of beginning the work outlined at an early date. H. W. TYLER, *Chairman,*

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NEW ENGLAND FEDERATION OF NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETIES

THE annual meeting of the New England Federation of Natural History Societies was held in Boston on Friday and Saturday, April 17 and 18. The result of the election was the following board of officers for the coming year: president, John Ritchie, Jr., Boston Scientific Society; vice-presidents, Arthur H. Norton, Portland (N. H.) Society, Norman S. Eaton, Fall River (N. H.) Society; secretary, J. H. Emerton, Cambridge Entomological Club, and treasurer, Miss Delia I. Griffin, Fairbanks Museum, St. Johnsbury, Vt. Two councillors for each of the New England states were named. The principal business of the federation was the arrangement of the details of the Mount Washington field meeting, July 1-8 of the present year. The federation will assemble at the Summit House on Wednesday evening, July 1, for its own meeting. The other evenings will be devoted to the meetings of the states, Friday being pre-empted by Vermont, at which time the

regular summer joint-meeting of the Vermont Botanical Club and the Vermont Bird Club will be held. Features of the field-meeting will be rambles to the stations of the alpine flora and the geological exposures, trips into the ravines and along the ridges and evening meetings where papers illustrated by the lantern will be presented. It promises to be an important meeting, about twenty-five of the New England societies promising representatives. Members of the Appalachian Mountain Club which is to hold its regular field-meeting at the Profile House at the same time will be in attendance and it is proposed to make the summit the objective point for an excursion of Section E of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which will begin its sessions on Monday, June 29, at Hanover. Mount Washington, therefore, promises to be the scene of active scientific gatherings during the early summer.

In connection with the annual meeting in Boston there was a two-days' exhibition of material and methods. Much of this had relation to the help given by local societies to the public systems of education. The Barton Chapter of the Agassiz Association, represented by Misses Cherrington and Clapp showed many specimens of mosses, Miss Cora H. Clarke, many specimens of galls, Mr. Emerton, his portable comparison collection of spiders and the Lawrence Society, of New Hampshire, a collection of local birds' nests. The Worcester Society, of New Hampshire, exhibited its bird sets for public school teachers, its moss specimens for its free classes in botany and some local collections. It showed also photographs of the Dodge collection of birds, a splendid special one of Worcester County, valued at ten thousand dollars, given to it by Mrs. E. H. Dodge, a gift that was supplemented by the works of Audubon, presented to the society by Thomas H. Dodge, one of the foremost of Worcester's wealthy citizens. Architects' drawings were also shown by the society of the new home that the society hopes to have, a building that will place the natural history interests of the city on the same high plane as those made possible for art by the recent Salisbury bequests.