

concerned, for there might just as well be no constitutional provision on such subjects. The courts too would have a delicate task, for they must decide whether uniformity is desirable, and second whether state action has produced an efficient result—both of which would be social, economic and political rather than legal questions; and on both of these hardly two people will agree. One can see the new field of legislation that this new theory opens up. It would make our constitution as elastic as the English constitution as far as the division of powers is concerned. It would revolutionize our whole constitutional growth. An early decision by the Supreme Court of the United States is then to be looked forward to with great interest both by the public and by students of law and government.

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#### AMERICAN PHILOSOPHICAL ASSOCIATION

THE thirteenth annual meeting of the American Philosophical Association will be held at New Haven, Conn., on December 29, 30 and 31, in acceptance of the invitation of the Philosophical Department of Yale University. The sessions will begin on the afternoon of the 29th. The American Psychological Association will also meet at New Haven at the same time, and there will be one joint session of the two Associations.

The subject for consideration in this joint session is "The Standpoint and Method of Psychology." At the present time it is still uncertain whether this session will be devoted wholly to discussion of this subject, or whether a varied program will be made from among the papers offered, of a few of those that promise to be of greatest interest.

By a resolution adopted at its last meeting the Philosophical Association is this year committed to the discussion of some important problem for two sessions. This will give opportunity for both the opening papers and a subsequent adequate consideration of the subject chosen. The question selected for this main discussion is the problem of the relation of existence and value, including their relation both as facts and as concepts, and also the

relation of a theory of existence to a theory of value.

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#### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ZOOLOGISTS

THE American Society of Zoologists, in affiliation with the American Society of Naturalists, the American Society of Anatomists and the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, will hold a joint meeting of its eastern and central branches at Philadelphia from December 29 to January 1.

A joint meeting of the two branches of the Society is held this year in order that the report of the "Committee on organization and policy" may be considered and voted upon. This committee, consisting of E. G. Conklin, G. A. Drew and R. G. Harrison, representing the Eastern Branch; F. R. Lillie, M. M. Metcalf and W. A. Locy, representing the Central Branch, and the president of the society, *ex officio*, was appointed at the Princeton meeting and instructed to report at the meeting held in Cleveland. At the Cleveland meeting no report was received and the society continued the committee. On August 15, 1913, a meeting of the committee, called by Professor H. B. Ward, president of the society, was held at Woods Hole, at which a constitution for the society was outlined and agreed upon. At this meeting Drs. Lefevre, Reighard and Parker were invited to meet with the committee and take part in the deliberations, thus filling temporarily the places of members of the committee not at Woods Hole. The draft of the constitution formulated at this meeting was later sent to all the members of the original committee by the chairman, Dr. G. A. Drew, and certain changes and additions agreed upon have been made.

Since this meeting falls in eastern territory, the eastern branch will act as host, and, as required by the constitution, the officers of the eastern branch will be responsible for the program and other necessary arrangements. Members of both branches should, therefore,

send titles of papers to the secretary of the eastern branch. If possible, abstracts not exceeding two hundred words should be forwarded at the same time as the titles of papers. *In no case will abstracts be received later than the date of the final adjournment of the coming meetings.* Members are requested to indicate the group to which their papers belong in such a scheme as is here given: (1) Comparative Anatomy; (2) Embryology; (3) Cytology; (4) Genetics; (5) Comparative Physiology; (6) Ecology; (7) Miscellaneous Subjects.

The last session of the Zoologists will be held on Thursday, January 1. The meetings of the Naturalists are planned for Wednesday, December 31. The Naturalists' dinner will be given on Wednesday evening.

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*Secretary Eastern Branch*

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#### THE SIGMA XI CONVENTION

THE fifteenth convention of the society will be held at Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday, December 30. It is proposed that the delegates to the convention have luncheon at one o'clock, followed by the meeting for the transaction of business. In the evening there will be a dinner for members of the society and their guests.

By the rules of the society the convention is held at the time and place of the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science unless otherwise provided for by the officers of the society. In view of the distance of Atlanta from the larger scientific centers, the question was submitted to the members of the council. Twenty-nine voted to meet at Atlanta, two to hold the meeting elsewhere or not at all, and three were doubtful.

There is every reason to believe that a successful meeting for the transaction of business will be held at Atlanta. Members of the council who have been influential in the development of the society have expressed their intention to be present, and it may be expected that the chapters will be adequately

represented by their delegates. As the scientific programs of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the affiliated societies will be less crowded than usual, the convention will have time to consider the important questions that will be brought before it.

#### DELEGATES TO THE CONVOCATION WEEK MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSO- CIATION FOR THE ADVANCE- MENT OF SCIENCE

At the Cleveland meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, a committee was appointed to address a letter to educational institutions, government bureaus and other agencies engaged in scientific research, requesting them to send one or more delegates to the annual convocation week meetings of the American Association and the affiliated societies. This committee, which consists of Professor Charles S. Minot, chairman, Harvard Medical School; Professor J. McKeen Cattell, Columbia University, and Dr. L. O. Howard, the permanent secretary of the association, has addressed to a list of institutions the following letter:

At the meeting of the council of this Association, held in Cleveland, Ohio, on January 3, 1913, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved:* That the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science requests the educational institutions, government bureaus and other agencies engaged in scientific research to send one or more delegates to the annual convocation week meetings of the Association and its affiliated societies, and that when possible the traveling expenses of the delegates be paid by the institutions which they represent.

2. *Resolved:* That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to draw up a list of institutions to which this resolution, together with a suitable letter, shall be sent by the permanent secretary.

The undersigned, in accordance with the above resolutions, were appointed as the committee called for, and we have the honor to invite your institution to send one or more delegates to the next meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science which will be held at Atlanta, Georgia, December 29, 1913, to January 3, 1914. We believe it will be of substantial benefit to your institution to be thus represented at our meeting. A considerable number of affiliated na-