

est problems of New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia had been discussed by representatives of those states and the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture the following resolution was presented by Colonel Eugene C. Massey, former member of the Virginia state legislature, and was adopted:

Forestry questions are national questions as well as state and local questions, and it is the sense of this conference that the national government should assume leadership in these matters and aid and cooperate with the several states in furnishing adequate protection from forest fires, in perpetuating existing forests, and in reforesting devastated forest districts or regions, upon such conditions as may seem just and necessary.

Some of the delegates suggested that the federal government should cooperate with the states in forestry work on lines similar to those prescribed in the federal aid road act and the Smith-Lever Act providing for agricultural extension work, and should make appropriations, to be matched by the states.

Among those attending the conference were:

F. W. Besley, Maryland State forester, Baltimore; Dr. A. F. Woods, president, Maryland State Agricultural College, College Park, Md.; W. McCulloh Brown, member Maryland State Board of Forestry, Oakland, Md.; Alfred Gaskill, New Jersey conservation commissioner, Trenton, N. J.; R. Chapin Jones, Virginia state forester, Charlottesville, Va.; A. B. Hastings, assistant Virginia state forester, Charlottesville, Va.; Eugene C. Massie, former member of Virginia legislature, Richmond, Va.; Edwin P. Cox, member of Virginia State Geological Commission, Richmond, Va.; Nat T. Frame, state director of agricultural extension, Morgantown, W. Va.; H. S. Vandervort, assistant state agent, Morgantown, W. Va.; W. Hoyt Weber, representing Central West Virginia Fire Protective Association; W. D. Tyler, Dante, Va.; F. L. Dakin, Philadelphia, Pa.; P. S. Ridsdale, American Forestry Association, Washington, D. C.; David T. Mason, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Washington, D. C.; and a number of representatives of the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The second conference of the series is to be held in Asheville, N. C., June 4, for North Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

DR. FRANK BILLINGS in reporting for the board of trustees at the Atlantic City meeting of the American Medical Association stated that the increase in subscriptions of the *Journal* of the association for the year 1918 was small—229 all told—but this under the circumstances must be regarded as satisfactory. The weekly circulation during the first four months of the current year was greater than that in any previous four months, averaging over 70,000. The foreign circulation was also steadily increasing. The advertising standard of the *Journal* had been maintained, or, if anything censorship had been more rigid. The wisdom of establishing the Cooperative Medical Advertising Bureau became more evident each year. This bureau had demonstrated that it was possible to secure for the state journals a fair amount of advertising of which the profession need not be ashamed. The bureau began this year with twenty-six state journals; the only state journal not represented was that of Illinois. The *Archives of Internal Medicine* had been conducted at a loss, while the *American Journal of Diseases of Children* showed a small profit. The Spanish edition of the *Journal* was now issued on the first and fifteenth of each month and contained practically all the scientific material in the regular edition but matter that was ephemeral or of local interest was not included. The subscriptions were coming in rapidly and at present it had a circulation of 1,400. In response to a petition signed by a large number of leading neurologists and psychiatrists the *Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry* had been established. It was published on the same terms as the *Archives of Internal Medicine*. This journal might already be regarded as a success. It was of the highest order, a credit to American medicine, and to the association. It was to be emphasized that the association was not publishing these journals for financial gain; its sole ob-

ject was to advance scientific medicine and to benefit the American medical profession. The board of trustees was of the opinion that the association should publish more of these special journals if, and when, there was a call for them. Both the American Medical Directory and the Quarterly Cumulative Medical Index showed the effects of the war and had been published at a considerable loss. The house of delegates approved a motion providing that the publication of a *Journal of Surgery* be considered and also the publication of a *Journal of Medicine* for lay readers, if the house found such a procedure advisable.

THE RAMSAY MEMORIAL FUND

A MEETING of subscribers to the Ramsay Memorial Fund was held on June 5, at University College, London, for the purpose of considering plans to be submitted by the executive committee with respect to the progress of the fund and to the objects to which the fund should be devoted. The total amount already given or promised amounts to £42,794 10s. 9d. This sum includes the following contributions by the following overseas committees: Switzerland, £817 6s. 9d.; United States of America, £626 15s. 10d.; Japan, £500 9s. 2d.; India, £397 8s. 4d.; Italy, £395 16s. 8d.; Denmark, £225; Norway, £186 6s. 7d.; Chile, £128 6s. 8d.; Holland, £68 1s. 7d.; Australia, £37 16s.; New Zealand £21 3s. 6d. It also includes £5,177 18s. 6d. collected by the Glasgow committee for a Glasgow fellowship. Promises, either provisional or definite, for the foundation of one, or more than one, Ramsay Memorial Fellowship have been received from the governments of Italy, Japan, Spain, Norway, China and Greece and other governments have the matter under favorable consideration.

More recently the committee of the Ramsay Memorial Fund for the United States reports the receipts of contributions totalling \$4,700, which after deduction of current expenses for printing, postage, etc., will leave about \$900 for transmission to the fund headquarters in London. The committee had hoped to be able to transmit at least £1,500 at this time, and will therefore welcome further contributions.

Checks should be sent to the chairman, Dr. Charles Baskerville, 140th Street and Convent Avenue, New York, or to the treasurer, Mr. William J. Matheson, 21 Burling Slip, New York.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

AT the meeting of the American Medical Association held in Atlantic City last week, Surgeon-General W. C. Braisted was elected president. The meeting next year will be in New Orleans. Other officers of the association were elected as follows: *First Vice-president*, D. L. Edsall, Boston; *Second Vice-president*, Emery Marvel, Atlantic City; *Third Vice-president*, Eugene S. Talbot, Chicago; *Fourth Vice-president*, George H. Kress, Los Angeles; *Secretary*, Alexander R. Craig, Chicago; *Treasurer*, William Allen Pusey, Chicago; *Speaker of House of Delegates*, Hubert Work, Pueblo, Colo.; *Vice-speaker*, Dwight H. Murray, Syracuse, N. Y.; *Trustees*, Archibald Dowling, Shreveport, La., A. R. Mitchell, Lincoln, Neb., D. C. Brown, Danbury, Conn.; *Judicial Council*, Ira C. Chase, Ft. Worth, Tex.; *Council on Health and Public Instruction*, Haven Emerson, New York City; *Council on Medical Education*, Arthur D. Bevan, Chicago; *Council on Scientific Assembly*, J. B. Blake, Boston.

THE eighty-seventh annual meeting of the British Association will be held in Bournemouth from September 9 to 13, under the presidency of the Honorable Sir Charles Parsons, who will deliver an address dealing with engineering and the war. The following presidents of sections have been appointed by the council: A, Mathematical and Physical Science, Professor Andrew Gray; B, Chemistry, Professor P. Phillips Bedson; C, Geology, Dr. J. W. Evans; D, Zoology, Dr. F. A. Dixey; E, Geography, Professor L. W. Lyde; F, Economic Science and Statistics, Sir Hugh Bell, Bart.; G, Engineering, Professor J. E. Petavel; H, Anthropology, Professor Arthur Keith; I, Physiology, Professor D. Noel Paton; K, Botany, Sir Daniel Morris; L, Educational Science, Sir Napier Shaw, and M, Agriculture, Professor W. Somerville. Evening discourses will be delivered by Sir Arthur Evans on