

ety of the association. Its officers are: *President*, Mr. L. S. Klinck, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada; *secretary*, Mr. Fred H. Grindley, Gardenvale, P. Q., Canada.

(17) The Executive Committee reaffirmed the desirability of holding the 1925 meeting in Kansas City, and expressed its appreciative thanks to the persons and organizations from whom invitations to meet in that city have been received.

(18) The policy of Section N (Medical Sciences) was approved, by which it is planned that the program of this section, at the annual meeting, shall deal with such fields of work as parasitology, medical entomology, public health service, and others, where many medical scientists have common interests with those working in other fields of biology.

(19) A committee was appointed, consisting of the president, the general secretary and the permanent secretary, to arrange for the sending of delegates to the Hull meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

(20) The proposed federation of biological societies was considered at length, and the committee expressed itself as in sympathy with the general aims of the societies involved. The hope was expressed that the organization of the association may be of service to the new federation.

(21) The controversy aroused by recent popular publications regarding the theory of evolution was considered, and a committee of three was appointed to deal with this matter and make recommendations at the meeting of the executive committee. The committee on the evolution controversy consists of Dr. Edwin G. Conklin, Princeton University; Dr. C. B. Davenport, Station for Experimental Evolution; and Dr. Henry Fairfield Osborn, American Museum of Natural History, New York City.

(22) The permanent secretary was asked to secure manuscripts for the general program for the fourth Boston meeting as early as may be, to the end that the difficulties of publication may be obviated as far as possible.

(23) The section committee of Section Q (Education) was authorized to publish a sep-

arate section program for the fourth Boston meeting—the expense, not to exceed \$25, to be met by the permanent secretary from current funds.

(24) The permanent secretary was authorized to provide suitable messenger service for the sessions of the biological societies meeting at Boston.

(25) It was voted that it is desirable for the association to secure a distinguished European scientist for an evening lecture at the fourth Boston meeting.

(26) The committee adjourned to meet in New York City (in the offices of the Science Press, by invitation of Dr. Cattell) on Saturday, October 21, 1922.

BURTON E. LIVINGSTON,  
*Permanent Secretary*

#### PERMANENT SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1922<sup>1</sup>

THE last volume of the Summarized Proceedings, published in October, 1921, is now nearly out of print. The total cost of publication was \$6,744.16 and sales have amounted to \$2,587.00, making the net cost, at the present accounting, \$4,157.16. The volume is being sold to members for \$2.00 and to others for \$2.50. Fifty copies remain to be sold, besides twenty copies reserved for complete sets.—A booklet of information for prospective new members, which contains a statement of the organization and work of the association, was published in January. Copies may be secured from the permanent secretary's office.—The resolution regarding the United States Forest Service, adopted at the recent Toronto meeting, was printed as a leaflet and sent to all members of Congress and to other officials.

Invitations to join the association have been sent to 28,303 persons, of whom 830, or 3.4 per cent., have already joined. From September 30, 1921, to March 31, 1922, 1,111 new annual members and 9 new life members have been enrolled, and 22 members have been reinstated; the total gain was 1,142. During the same period 67 deaths were recorded, and 265

<sup>1</sup> Presented to the Executive Committee of the Council on April 23, 1922.

resignations, and 705 names were dropped (October 1) because of over two years of arrearage); the total loss was 1,037. Four members were transferred from annual to life membership. The net gain in total membership, for the half-year, is 105. The membership data for the last year and a half are tabulated below:

	Sept. 30, 1920	March 31, 1921	Sept. 30, 1921	March 31, 1922
No. of members in good standing..	10,002	9,637	10,160	9,911
Total enrollment..	11,442	11,524	11,547	11,652

It is clear that the membership is gradually increasing, but there still remain many persons in the United States and Canada who are vitally interested in scientific and educational progress but who are not yet enrolled in the association. Members of the association should do all in their power to increase the membership and thus strengthen the organization.

A local branch of the association was organized in the fall of 1921 and is in successful operation. This is the State College (Pennsylvania) Local Branch. Its officers are: *chairman*, A. J. Wood; *secretary*, J. Ben Hill. It has an enrollment of 53 members of the association. Fifteen new members have been secured through its activities. The State College Branch holds occasional meetings throughout the year.

Plans for the summer meeting of the association, jointly with the Pacific Division, which is to occur at Salt Lake City, June 22-24, 1922, are progressing satisfactorily. Details of these plans are in charge of Mr. W. W. Sargeant, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, secretary of the Pacific Division, and the general secretary of the association, Dr. D. T. MacDougal, Carmel, California. The chairman of the local committee for the Salt Lake City meeting is Professor E. G. Titus, 215 S. Third East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Card lists of all the members enrolled in each section of the association have been prepared and will soon be in the hands of the secretaries of the respective sections, together with a steel cabinet for each set of cards. These section lists will be kept continually corrected, by

means of cards sent out from the permanent secretary's office. Each member's addressograph plate now shows, besides his name and address and the formula of his membership status, one, two, or three letters denoting the section or sections in which he is enrolled. Thus, ABD indicates that the member on whose plate this letter combination appears is enrolled in Sections A, B and D, and a corresponding card is found in each of the three section lists. When a member has indicated more than three sections as his preferences, the first three on his list have been indicated on the plate. In cases where no section has been named by a member, it has been impossible to enroll him in any particular section, and he is regarded as a member of the association in general. When members receive cards, etc., from the permanent secretary's office, they are requested to scrutinize the addressograph impression and inform the office if any corrections are needed with respect to their section enrollment.

Financially, the association is more than holding its own. The permanent secretary's reserve or emergency fund amounted (on March 31) to \$5,855.09, \$1,500 having been transferred to this fund on March 25. Of this, \$1,000 is specially reserved from the current funds of 1922 for meeting the extra expense of publishing the next volume of Summarized Proceedings, which is to appear in the spring of 1925, following the next four-yearly (Washington) meeting. After all liabilities are cared for, over \$2,000 is available (March 31, 1922) for appropriation from the current funds of the present fiscal year, which ends October 1, 1922.

#### SECTION M—ENGINEERING AND ASSOCIATED SOCIETIES

THE resuscitation of Section M at the recent Toronto meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science resulted in a program of considerable length and much diversity. The attendance was good, and the interest was sustained to the end. Sir Clifford Sifton, formerly chairman of the Commission of Conservation, Canada, gave the opening address on Tuesday afternoon, his subject being "Some Views on the Development of the Nat-