of science and its methods of thought into the lives of the people.

THE SECRETARIES' CONFERENCE

(Report by Francis D. Murnaghan)

The members of the executive committee of the association council and the secretaries of the various sections of the association assembled for a conference at the Cosmos Club on Sunday evening, December 28th. They dined together at 6:30 and many aspects of the affairs of the association were informally discussed during and after the dinner. In particular, the question of fellowship was considered in some detail and it is felt that the discussion provoked will be of great help to the section secretaries in passing upon fellowship nominations. These conferences, which have been held at recent annual meetings of the association, are proving to be very helpful and stimulating. With the continual growth of the association's activities close cooperation among the section secretaries and the members of the executive committee is becoming increasingly necessary. Gatherings of this kind help greatly in furthering this kind of cooperation.

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THE COUNCIL ROLL AT WASHINGTON

The affairs of the association are wholly in the charge of the council, which consists of the president, the vice-presidents, the treasurer, the secretaries, the council representatives of the affiliated societies and academies and eight members elected by the council itself. The list of council members for the seventy-ninth meeting is shown below, arranged alphabetically. Each member's name is followed by an italic phrase, showing his status in the council. Past presidents and the presidents of the divisions and local branch are officially invited to attend council sessions. Members of the executive committee who are not otherwise council members are ex-officio members. The attendance at the five Washington sessions is shown by the numerals that precede the members' names, the five numerals corresponding to the five sessions, respectively, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 29 to January 2. Thus, the numerals 2 and 3 before a name indicate that the member whose name is so marked was present at the Tuesday and Wednesday sessions but was absent from the other sessions.

Every council member receives an official notice calling his attention to his responsibility, just before each annual meeting, with the urgent request that he attend the council sessions and take part in the direc-