

(26) An application for the consideration of the affiliation of the American Society of Parasitologists was constituted a special item of business for the spring meeting of the Executive Committee.

(27) The Council instructed the permanent secretary to convey the thanks of the association to the persons and organizations that had contributed to the success of the Fifth Washington Meeting.

(28) The Council gave a vote of hearty thanks to Dr. Cattell for the efficiency and tact with which he had presided at the Washington sessions of the Council.

(29) It was voted that the next meeting of the Executive Committee shall be on Sunday, April 26th, and that three sessions be arranged, with the usual dinner.

RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON THE GENERAL WELFARE ADOPTED AT THE FIFTH WASHINGTON MEETING

A RESOLUTION ON BREEDING AND FEEDING GROUNDS OF AQUATIC BIRDS IN THE UNITED STATES

Adopted by the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, December 31, 1924

WHEREAS, The Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 has already markedly increased bird life throughout the United States and Canada, notwithstanding the slender appropriations for its enforcement; and

WHEREAS, These benefits have recently been lessened by private and public drainage operations, often ill-advised and futile, and are seriously threatened by the activities of drainage companies soliciting business regardless of the value to agriculture of the lands they seek to drain; and

WHEREAS, Legislation is now pending for saving by purchase, without cost to the general taxpayers, many breeding and feeding grounds of aquatic birds for administration by the Department of Agriculture, and for raising a fund, without cost to the general taxpayers, for the better enforcement of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the American Association for the Advancement of Science regards this legislation as of the greatest conservational value because designed to save from destruction on a great scale not only water fowl and other migratory birds, but fur-bearing animals and fishes also, perhaps even to save many American species from extinction.

A RESOLUTION ON THE GLACIER BAY REGION OF ALASKA

Adopted by the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, December 31, 1924

WHEREAS, our system of National Parks contains no example of a tide-water glacier;

WHEREAS, the Glacier Bay Region in Alaska contains features of great and unusual scientific interest and value in addition to superb scenic features;

WHEREAS, it is important that a portion of the magnificent coastal forest of Alaska be preserved for all time in an absolutely natural condition;

WHEREAS, the Glacier Bay region will serve its highest

usefulness to the people if permanently preserved in an absolutely natural condition; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science hereby gives its hearty support to the establishment of a National Park or Monument at Glacier Bay, Alaska.

A RESOLUTION ON A NATIONAL ARBORETUM

Adopted by the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, January 1, 1925

WHEREAS, The present United States Botanical Garden is inadequate as to size, location, equipment and otherwise to meet the requirements of a national arboretum for the United States; and

WHEREAS, There is at present available in the District of Columbia a tract of land located between the Bladensburg Road and the Anacostia reclamation project, including Mt. Hamilton, Hickory Hill and that portion of the reclaimed Anacostia River flats that lie north of Benning Road; and

WHEREAS, The Mt. Hamilton tract has been pronounced by competent and impartial judges, including several members of Section G (Botany) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as admirably suited for the purposes of a national arboretum, and better suited for this purpose than any other site that has been proposed; and

WHEREAS, The Botanical Section of the American Association heartily approves of the arboretum project and has recommended this matter to the careful consideration of the Association Council; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, having given the national arboretum project careful consideration, expresses its full approval of that project as set forth above and recommends the establishment as soon as possible of a national arboretum commensurate in character and size with the importance of the work and the dignity and resources of the nation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the proper Congressional Committee and to the Commission of Fine Arts, and that this resolution be published in SCIENCE.

A RESOLUTION ON OCEANOGRAPHIC STUDY

Adopted by the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, January 2, 1925

WHEREAS, Many branches of science are dependent on data gathered from study of the sea, and many economic advantages are certain to accrue to the American people from oceanographic study; be it

RESOLVED, That the American Association for the Advancement of Science heartily endorses the program of the United States Navy for a detailed study of the sea, in cooperation with other interested governmental and private organizations and establishments engaged in oceanographic work, and strongly urges that necessary legislation to that end be enacted during the present session of Congress in order that this highly important work may begin in the year 1925; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, to all the members of the Cabinet, and to the Chairmen of the Committees on Naval Affairs of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

A RESOLUTION ON ILLITERACY IN THE UNITED STATES
Adopted by the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, January 2, 1925

WHEREAS, Recent investigations by the Illiteracy Commission of the National Education Association and investigations by other organizations disclose an alarming amount of illiteracy in the United States;

WHEREAS, No adequate provision is made by the Federal Government that foreign-born persons should read and write English understandingly as a qualification for citizenship; and

WHEREAS, Such a condition is incompatible with the spirit of our democratic institutions; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the American Association for the Advancement of Science approves the principle of an amendment to the United States Naturalization Law, which will require proof of ability to read and write English understandingly as a qualification for citizenship, and also that the Association recommends to the states that such proof be required as a qualification for voting.

A RESOLUTION ON CALENDAR REFORM

Adopted by the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, January 2, 1925

RESOLVED, That the American Association for the Advancement of Science approves of any alteration in the calendar that would adjust it to modern conditions for scientific work and that the association would welcome in this connection cooperation with other bodies such as the committees of the League of Nations that are concerned with this subject.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The annual report of the treasurer's office for the fiscal year 1924 (October 1, 1923, to September 30, 1924) is presented below. The total endowment of the association is shown to have been, on September 30 last, \$133,245.95. Life membership fees, which are always added to the permanent endowment, amounted to \$2,300 for the last fiscal year. For the next to the last fiscal year they amounted to \$2,700. (For the first part of the current year, to January 13, 1925, they already amount to \$3,100.)

Disbursements for individual grants for research, from appropriable funds in the treasury, amounted to \$3,375 in 1924. (The sum of \$3,000 has been appropriated for individual grants for 1925.)

The financial report of the permanent secretary's office for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1924, is also presented below. On last October 1 the generally available funds in the permanent secretary's hands amounted to \$6,661.71, of which \$3,500 was set aside for the publication of the next Proceedings

volume. On October 1, 1923, the generally available funds amounted to \$8,954.93, of which \$2,500 was in the publication fund. The expenses of circulation for new members amounted to \$5,317.77 in 1923-24, about 55,052 invitations having been sent to prospective members. (1,959 new members were received during the fiscal year.)

The total generally available receipts for the fiscal year recently closed were \$61,055.31, of which \$37,783.97 was paid to the publishers for the association's journals. The permanent secretary's office therefore had currently available about \$22,000, which was disposed about as follows: \$3,000 to divisions, local branch and affiliated academies, \$5,000 for circularization, \$2,000 for meetings, \$2,000 for travel and section expenses, \$1,000 to publication reserve, \$9,000 for salaries, and the balance for miscellaneous expenses. These statements in round numbers may serve to illustrate approximately the way in which the current income from membership dues and entrance fees was distributed as current disbursements.

Report of the Treasurer's Office for the fiscal year 1924

In compliance with Article III, Section 6, of the By-Laws, and by direction of the Council, the assistant treasurer has the honor to submit the following report, showing receipts and disbursements and disposition of funds and securities of the association for the year ending September 30, 1924. The total of cash receipts during the year is \$13,857. Included in the amount is a contribution of \$6,000 by a friend. Disbursements made in accordance with directions of the Council amount in the aggregate to \$26,335. These include \$20,000 invested in a mortgage for credit of the Endowment Fund of the association.

The total amount of the funds in the treasury, consisting of cash, cost value of securities, appraised value of securities received from the Colburn estate and mortgage is \$145,339.24. The details of receipts, disbursements and disposition of funds are shown in the following itemized statements.

(Signed) JOHN L. WIRT,
Assistant Treasurer.

Dated: October 15, 1924.

BALANCE SHEET, SEPTEMBER 30, 1924

<i>Assets</i>		
Investments:		
Securities	\$107,814.77	
Mortgage, Washington, D. C., Real Estate	20,000.00	
Cash awaiting investment.....	5,431.18	\$133,245.95
Current Assets:		
Cash in Bank	12,093.29	
		<u>\$145,339.24</u>