

1914, formed the beginning of a nation-wide endeavor to accelerate systematic research and to render the knowledge of individuals more readily available to other individuals and to their government and nation. The National Research Council, of the National Academy of Sciences, is now the most prominent national organization for this work in the United States, and the association cooperates with the Research Council in many ways toward the advancement of science and the encouragement of scientific research. The Committee of One Hundred is now being reorganized for new lines of work.

The association has been appreciative of the need for improved facilities for bringing published scientific work to the attention of those who would make use of it—such facilities as abstract journals and other similar aids to research. Financial grants were made to aid the *Concilium Bibliographicum* in its earlier years, and *Botanical Abstracts* was similarly helped at a time when such support was greatly appreciated. Both of these enterprises are now in very promising condition, through assistance secured for them through the National Research Council. For 1923, 1924 and 1925 the association has contributed some financial help to the Annual Tables of Physical, Chemical and Technological Data. For 1925 it is to contribute to the new project of Biological Abstracts, which is being organized under the auspices of the Union of American Biological Societies.

The association cooperates with the U. S. National Academy of Sciences and the U. S. National Research Council in the recently founded Science Service whose aim is to disseminate truthful and at the same time readable information about scientific subjects.

The association is now engaged in a broad survey and study of the place of the sciences in education and it has a special committee on that subject. For the work of this committee financial aid has been provided by the Commonwealth Fund, of New York City. It is hoped that there may result from this study some much needed improvements in education.

It is the aim of the association: To extend its activities in all lines just as rapidly as possible; to make its meetings more efficient and more beneficial; to enlarge the journal and give it a still wider circulation throughout the world, and a farther-reaching influence upon thoughtful people; to become the trustee of increased endowment for scientific research, thereby being able to aid directly in new discoveries and new applications of knowledge.

## MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Any person interested in the progress of science and education in any way may become a member of the association and all are invited to do so. An application and information card is filled in and returned to the permanent secretary, with a remittance covering the amount of the entrance fee (\$5) and the amount of the annual dues for the first year (\$5).<sup>1</sup> On receipt of this payment by the permanent secretary the journal is ordered. A certificate of membership is sent to each new member as soon as he has been enrolled.

Any member of an *affiliated society* may become a member of the association on payment of annual dues for the first year (\$5), the entrance fee being omitted in such cases, *providing application is made before the second October 1 following the affiliation of the society or following the applicant's admission to the society*. Such application should be made on a special (blue) application card provided for this purpose.

In making applications for membership the blanks on the application card should be carefully filled in, to the end that the permanent secretary's files and the published membership lists prepared therefrom may be correct. Cards may be obtained from the permanent secretary's office at any time.

Life members each pay \$100 in one year (having paid the entrance fee or having had it omitted through membership in an affiliated society) and are exempt from all further dues.

Sustaining members each pay \$1,000 and are exempt from all further dues.

Members who are engaged in scientific work or who have advanced science by research may be elected to fellowship in the association.

## FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Under the present rules the association holds its main meeting each year during convocation week—at

<sup>1</sup> Persons residing in the region of the Pacific Division or of the Southwestern Division send their applications and remittances for the first year to the division secretary instead of the permanent secretary. For later years they pay their dues to the permanent secretary. New members of the State College Branch pay entrance fees and annual dues for the first year to the branch secretary. For later years their dues are paid to the permanent secretary's office. Members of affiliated societies and academies send applications and all remittances to the permanent secretary.