

## MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

THE regular fall meeting of the executive committee of the association was held at the Cosmos Club in Washington, on October 25, in three sessions. The following paragraphs summarize the business transacted. *The forenoon session* convened at 10:10, with the committee chairman, Dr. J. McK. Cattell, in the chair. The following members were present: Cattell, Fairchild, Humphreys, Kellogg, Livingston, Moulton, Noyes, Pupin, Ward. Absentees were Duggar and Wilson. By invitation Dr. Rodney H. True, secretary of the committee of one hundred on scientific research, was in attendance.

1. The permanent secretary's annual report on the affairs of the association was presented and accepted. It will be published in *SCIENCE*.

2. It was reported that the permanent secretary's office is arranging to have one or more representatives of the association in each state, to make prompt reports on legislative and other occurrences and activities that may tend to advance or retard the progress of science and education. It is planned that reports, as they come in, are to be digested and published in *SCIENCE*, for the information of members and others interested in the advancement of knowledge. The divisions of the association and the affiliated academies have aided in selecting the representatives for their respective states. The executive committee requested the permanent secretary to ask these representatives to report from time to time important movements or actions that are favorable to the progress of science and education as well as unfavorable ones.

3. A plan was approved by which persons in arrears for membership dues may at any time become life members by paying the life-membership fee (\$100), without also paying up their arrearage. Each such member is to be reinstated and his life membership is to date from the receipt of the fee.

4. It was voted that new members who join the association during the current year may omit the payment of the regular five-dollar entrance fee if they become life members, paying the regular life-membership fee. New members may be credited with payment of \$10 towards the life-membership fee if they pay the entrance fee and the first annual dues on joining and if they pay the remaining ninety dollars at any subsequent time during the year. Any member in good standing may become a life member at any time by paying ninety-five dollars, the annual dues already paid for the current year being credited to his account as regards life membership.

5. The committee approved a general campaign for an increased number of life members. (Forty-one new life members were enrolled in the fiscal year ended September 30 last.)

6. The executive committee recommended to the council the following appropriations for the current fiscal year, from the available funds in the treasury. This recommendation will be brought before the council at the Kansas City meeting.

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| a. To the American Association Table at the Naples Zoological Station .....               | \$500   |
| b. To the International Annual Tables of Physical, Chemical, and Technological Data ..... | \$200   |
| c. To the American Institute of Sacred Literature .....                                   | \$60    |
| d. To individual grants for research, to be allotted by the Committee on Grants .....     | \$3,000 |

7. The executive committee appropriated the sum of \$500 from the available funds of the treasury, to care for the expenses of the Committee of One Hundred on Scientific Research for the current year.

8. It was voted that Dr. Henry B. Ward be requested to visit Kansas City and be given charge of certain features of the preparations for the Kansas City meeting.

*The afternoon session* convened at 2:30, with Dr. Cattell in the chair and the following members present: Cattell, Fairchild, Kellogg, Livingston, Moulton, Noyes, Pupin, Ward. Dr. True was present by invitation.

9. It was voted that the association heartily approves suggestions presented by President Pupin, that steps be taken as far as possible to further cooperation between the engineering societies and the association. According to these suggestions, Dr. J. McK. Cattell (chairman of the executive committee of the association) and Dr. Ira N. Hollis (past vice-president for the engineering section) were named as representatives of the association to work toward this end with representatives of the four Founder Societies in engineering.

10. President Pupin explained a plan to have an evening session at the Kansas City meeting to emphasize the relations of engineering to the other science groups in the association, with the hope that Mr. Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, may accept an invitation to address the association on that evening. The committee heartily approved the suggestions made by President Pupin and extended to Mr. Hoover a very cordial invitation to attend the Kansas City meeting and deliver an evening address. The permanent secretary was instructed to transmit this invitation to Mr. Hoover.

11. The auditor of the association, Dr. Robert B. Sosman, was named as one of three members, any two of whom are authorized to have access to the safety-deposit drawer of the Association in the American Security & Trust Company in Washington. (The other two, already named, are the treasurer and the permanent secretary. It is required that two of these three members shall present themselves whenever access to the drawer is desired.)

12. The permanent secretary was authorized to complete the roll of the prize award committee for the Kansas City meeting.

13. A report from Dean Roscoe Pound, of the Law School of Harvard University, concerning the legal requirements of the laws of Massachusetts for corporations such as the American Association for the Advancement of Science, was read and the executive committee expressed its hearty thanks to Dean Pound for help in this regard. Dean Pound states that he sees no reason for fear that the association is not carrying on business entirely in accord with the laws of Massachusetts.

14. It was voted that any affiliated society having two representatives in the council of the association may, if it so desires, name one of its council representatives to be an ex-officio member of one section committee and the other to be an ex-officio member of another section committee. The wishes of the affiliated societies are to be followed in this. An affiliated society having but one representative in the association council may determine in which section committee its representative is to be an ex-officio member.

15. Dr. Kellogg spoke of the use of advertising in the general programs of the British Association for the Advancement of Science and the executive committee approved of the proposal to introduce advertising in the general program of the Kansas City meeting.

*The evening session* convened at 8:00, with Dr. Cattell in the chair and the following members present: Cattell, Fairchild, Humphreys, Livingston, Noyes, Ward.

16. It was voted to transfer the Gamma Alpha Graduate Scientific Fraternity from the group of affiliated organizations to the group of associated organizations, since the nature of the fraternity makes it belong to the broader rather than to the more restricted group. It is related to the association as a whole.

17. The Institute of Radio Engineers was elected to official affiliation with the association.

18. The Phi Sigma Biological Research Society was elected to official affiliation with the association.

19. Dr. Ward reported on the Boulder and Portland meeting. His report was accepted with thanks.

20. The executive committee adopted the following resolution on the National Parks system and directed the permanent secretary to transmit copies of it to Secretary Work and Mr. Robert Sterling Yard.

*Resolved*, that the executive committee of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at its regular fall meeting held in Washington on October 25, 1925, heartily approves the Secretary of the Interior's promotion of education to a place of first importance in the administration of the National Parks System, and his purpose to eliminate from the system any parks that tend to reduce its effectiveness as a great natural museum and a supreme expression of beauty and majesty and truth in nature.

21. Major H. S. Kimberly, of Washington, was invited to present plans for handling the exhibition at the Kansas City meeting and he was introduced at 8:30. After full discussion the executive committee approved an arrangement with Major Kimberly by which he is to be manager of the Kansas City exhibition under the

authority of the permanent secretary. He is to proceed to secure exhibits from firms and to make all necessary arrangements at Kansas City, not only for exhibits of a commercial character but also for such exhibits from individual scientists and scientific institutions and laboratories as may be secured. The manager of the exhibition is to prepare and arrange for the printing of a catalog of the exhibition. He is also to arrange for and secure advertising from firms, for use in the general program of the Kansas City meeting. It is planned that the exhibition at Kansas City will be much larger and more important and better arranged than any previous exhibition held by the association and that it will be self-supporting. Exhibits by individual scientists are cordially invited and will be entered without charge. A small charge will be made for commercial exhibits, to defray the costs of the exhibition arrangements. Correspondence regarding prospective exhibits should be addressed to the Manager of the Kansas City Exhibition, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D. C.

22. Some consideration was given to the possibility of the association taking part in a great exhibition of science progress, to be held in New York City next year. A committee was named to consider this proposal further and to report to the executive committee at the Kansas City meeting. The committee consists of Drs. J. McK. Cattell, M. I. Pupin, Simon Flexner and Henry Fairfield Osborn.

23. President Pupin was named to represent the association on the Board of the National Museum of Engineering and Industry.

24. The permanent secretary reported that a member of the association is interested in getting its friends to include the association in their wills, leaving bequests for its use. The executive committee expressed its appreciative approval of this effort and will be glad to aid in that direction.

25. It was voted that a charge of fifty cents be made at the Kansas City meeting, as a ticket endorsement and validation fee, the funds thus secured being used to help defray the extra expenses of the meeting.

26. It was voted that each registrant at the Kansas City meeting is to receive one free copy of the general program and that extra copies may be purchased at a price of fifty cents.

27. The executive committee approved the plan to have a series of popular lectures at the Kansas City meeting, a number of them in the afternoon. These are to be planned for the general public rather than for professional scientific workers.

28. It was voted that arrangements for the Kansas City meeting not otherwise cared for are to be left in the hands of the permanent secretary.

The executive committee adjourned at 11 o'clock, to meet at the Hotel Muehlebach, in Kansas City, at 10 a. m., on Monday, December 28.

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