

the temperature of the vapor in agreement with the kinetic theory.

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## AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE

### THE REGULAR SPRING MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL

THE executive committee of the council of the association met at the Cosmos Club in Washington on Sunday, April 25, with the chairman, Dr. J. McK. Cattell, in the chair and all members present excepting Dr. F. R. Moulton, who was unable to come. Three sessions were held, one in the forenoon, a second in the afternoon and a third in the evening. The committee dined together at 6:30 in the small tea-room in the Cameron House of the club. The following items of business were transacted:

(1) The committee expressed its hearty appreciation of the excellent services being performed for the association by the executive assistant, Mr. Sam Woodley, especially in connection with the task of preparing the manuscripts for the recently published directory of members.

(2) Certain features of the organization of the Washington office were discussed and the permanent secretary was asked to study the possibilities of such changes as may render the organization more efficient, reporting the results of the study to the committee at its next meeting.

(3) One hundred and twenty-seven members were elected to fellowship, on nominations regularly approved by the section secretaries. These newly elected fellows are distributed among the several sections as follows:

Section A .....	4	Section K .....	1
Section C .....	7	Section M .....	12
Section E .....	3	Section N .....	4
Section F .....	86	Section O .....	5
Section G .....	5	Total .....	127

(4) It was voted that the formation of a new division of the association to include Nebraska, Oklahoma and Kansas, as well as Colorado and Wyoming, is not feasible.

(5) A special committee was established to make inquiry and submit further suggestions on the problem of the formation of a new division to include Colorado and Wyoming. This committee is to consist of Dr. H. B. Ward (chairman), Dr. Aven Nelson and a third person to be named by these two.

(6) Proposals to form sections on home economics and on cosmology were considered and it was voted

that neither of these proposals is feasible at present. The scientific aspects of these subjects are represented in the present arrangement of sections and it seems generally undesirable to attempt to form new sections that would simply divide the field of science in a different way from that followed by the constitution. It was suggested that such borderline and overlapping fields might well be specially cultivated in the programs of the meetings, by means of joint sessions of two or more sections, the subjects for such joint meetings being stated so as to show the interrelations of the several branches of science thus brought together.

(7) Official affiliation with the association was ratified for the American Oil Chemists' Society and the American Veterinary Medical Association. Each of these organizations is to have one representative in the council of the association.

(8) Official affiliation, according to the special arrangement for affiliated academies of science, was ratified for the Alabama Academy of Science and the Pennsylvania Academy of Science.

(9) In connection with the general aim of the association to aid in the popular dissemination of scientific knowledge, a proposal was considered by which a non-technical scientific weekly publication might be organized under the auspices of Science Service (in the control of which the association takes part) with a special subscription price to members of the association. A committee was appointed, with power, to consider and decide upon this proposal, the association to take no financial responsibility. The committee consists of: Dr. J. McK. Cattell (chairman), Dr. W. J. Humphreys, Dr. Vernon Kellogg, Dr. B. E. Livingston and Dr. Edwin B. Wilson.

(10) The executive committee considered again the proposal for a non-technical illustrated monthly magazine under the control of the association, but no action seemed warranted as yet.

(11) A special committee (Dr. W. J. Humphreys, chairman, Dr. J. McK. Cattell and Dr. H. B. Ward) was appointed to consider the possibility of strengthening the appeal of SCIENCE, both on the scientific and on the popular side.

(12) Dr. M. I. Pupin was nominated to Science Service as the representative of the American Association to succeed Dr. W. W. Campbell.

(13) A committee on exhibition was established, with Dr. H. E. Howe as chairman, to have charge of the exhibition at the annual meetings. This committee is to consist of two representatives of the exhibitors, two representatives of the men of science, one representative of the city of the meeting, and, in addition, as *ex-officio* members, the president, the permanent secretary and the manager of the exhibition.

(14) The permanent secretary was instructed to name a member of each section of the association, these to be consulting members of the committee on exhibition.

(15) It was voted to appropriate \$500 from the permanent secretary's funds for the expenses of preliminary arrangements for the Philadelphia exhibition, the amount thus used being charged against the exhibition.

(16) A proposal was received from Major H. S. Kimberly regarding the management of the annual exhibition. A special committee, consisting of Drs. J. McK. Cattell and B. E. Livingston, was named, with power to arrange and close a contract with Major Kimberly as manager of the exhibition.

(17) It was voted that the local committee for the annual meeting shall arrange for one or more persons to be present at the exhibition at all times to explain the non-commercial exhibits.

(18) It was voted that Dr. J. Playfair McMurrich and Dr. H. B. Ward be official representatives of the American Association at the Oxford meeting of the British Association.

(19) President Bailey and Dr. Theodore W. Richards were named to represent the American Association at the inaugural ceremonies at Boston University, May 15.

(20) The permanent secretary reported the appointment of four members of the committee on prize award for the fifth Philadelphia meeting and this report was accepted, the remaining member of the committee on awards to be named as soon as possible.

(21) Mr. Austin H. Clark, of the U. S. National Museum, was appointed director of publicity for the fifth Philadelphia meeting, to have charge of all publicity work on the part of the association.

(22) The problem of gratis or reduced subscriptions for American scientific journals to be sent to European libraries that can not otherwise receive them was discussed and this was referred to Dr. Vernon Kellogg with the request that he study the question and make a subsequent report to the executive committee.

(23) In response to an invitation, it was voted that a representative of the association be named to attend the Conference on Narcotic Education, to be held in Philadelphia, June 29 to July 2.

(24) Two resolutions were adopted, one on the protection and conservation of the U. S. national forests and public lands and the other on the cooperation of the American Association with the National Academy of Sciences in the academy's plan to further American scientific research. These resolutions are published below.

(25) An appropriation of \$25 was made from the treasurer's funds, to aid in the preparation of a second volume of the "Naturalists' Guide to the Americas," in charge of the Ecological Society of America.

(27) An appropriation of \$60 from the permanent secretary's funds was made to aid in the educational work of the American Institute of Sacred Literature.

(28) The formal procedure of opening the annual meeting of the association was discussed and this was made a special order of business for the next meeting of the executive committee.

(29) The next meeting of the executive committee will be the regular fall meeting, to occur at Philadelphia on Sunday, October 17. Business to be brought before the committee should be in the permanent secretary's hands at least a week before the meeting.

BURTON E. LIVINGSTON,  
*Permanent Secretary.*

TWO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AT ITS MEETING IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 25, 1926

*A resolution on the cooperation of the American Association with the National Academy of Sciences in connection with the Academy's plan to further American scientific research.*

*Resolved:* That the Executive Committee of the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has learned with much interest and gratification of the organization by the National Academy of Sciences of a special Board of Trustees, composed of a number of distinguished men of science and of public affairs, under the chairmanship of Honorable Herbert Hoover, which is attempting to raise a large national fund for the support of research in pure science;

*And,* That the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Council of the Association, heartily endorses this plan of the National Academy of Sciences and the special Board of Trustees, and expresses the willingness of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to cooperate, in any way feasible to it, with the Academy and Board to help bring success to their effort.

*A resolution on the protection and conservation of the U. S. national forests and public lands.*

*Resolved:* That the Executive Committee of the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, on behalf of the Council and the Association, takes this opportunity to record again the view of the Association that the rights of the nation in public lands and national forests should not be alienated or transferred to private individuals, groups or corporations. The Association is opposed particularly to the provisions of the Stanfield Bill, which would grant grazing rights without proper means of safeguarding public interests and without retaining proper control over public lands and national forests.