

**RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON THE PUBLIC
WELFARE ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL
AT NASHVILLE, DECEMBER 28, 1927**

A Resolution on the Maintenance of the Highest Standards in the System of the National Parks of the United States.

Resolved: That the American Association for the Advancement of Science

(1) Approves the creation of those national parks only which meet the highest standards of the system, namely, which are wholly or almost wholly areas of original, unmodified natural conditions, each a unique example of its landscape or geologic type in the country; and

(2) Declares that, as the only reservational system for preservation of the primitive and majestic in nature, the protection inviolate of the system of national parks demands extraordinary watchfulness and care; and

(3) Recognizes that, by reason of its peculiar limitations and conditions, the system of national parks possesses facilities for popular education in nature and for inspiration, which have incalculable value to individuals and the nation.

A Resolution Favoring the Establishment of Wild-Life Experiment Stations in the United States.

Resolved: That the American Association for the Advancement of Science recommends the establishment of wild-life experiment stations for the better conservation, development and utilization of the wild-life resources of our national parks and forests, such stations to be established and supported by federal, state or private agencies or some combination of these.

**THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SECTION
AND SOCIETY SECRETARIES**

*(Based on minutes furnished by Geo. T. Hargitt,
Secretary of the Nashville Conference)*

The secretaries of the sections and of the associated societies meeting with the American Association at Nashville, together with the members of the executive committee of the association council, the executive assistant and the news manager, held the annual secretaries' conference at the Andrew Jackson Hotel on the evening of Friday, December 30, following a complimentary dinner provided by the association for this occasion. There were twenty-two in attendance, but a few left early because they were returning home that night. Many questions of the management of the association and of the relation of the association to the associated organizations were discussed and the conference was even more satisfactory and profitable than any of the earlier ones. The custom of holding this conference in connection with the annual meeting each year, inaugurated at the second Toronto meeting, in December, 1921, is now well established. It furnishes opportunity for bringing together those

who have to do with the organization and work of the association, especially in relation to the associated organizations. Dr. Geo. T. Hargitt, secretary for Section F (Zoological sciences), served as secretary of the secretaries' conference. He was requested to prepare a program of topics for discussion at the New York conference next year, by means of correspondence with the other members. The secretaries' conference thus becomes, in a sense, perpetual, and continues throughout the year. Further notes concerning its problems are to be published in *SCIENCE* from time to time.

The secretaries' conference adopted the following resolutions of appreciation.

(1) *Resolved:* That the secretaries' conference at Nashville requests the permanent secretary to express to President A. A. Noyes the appreciative thanks of the association and the associated societies for the fine and efficient manner in which he has presided at the council sessions and at general sessions of the association at Nashville and has performed the other duties of his office as president.

(2) *Resolved:* That the secretaries' conference at Nashville requests the permanent secretary to convey to the institutions of Nashville that have so generously taken part in making this meeting such a pronounced success, an expression of the grateful appreciation of the association and the associated organizations.

(3) *Resolved:* That the conference of association and society secretaries asks the permanent secretary to express the gratitude of the association and of the associated organizations to the members of the local committees on arrangements for this meeting, without whose very efficient preliminary work the meeting could not have occurred.

(4) *Resolved:* That the conference of association and society secretaries asks the permanent secretary to thank heartily the editors of the local newspapers and the press representatives from away who covered the Nashville meeting, for the very excellent and extensive publicity given to this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR 1926-27

In accordance with the provision of Article III, Section 6, of the By-Laws, the treasurer respectfully submits herewith the following report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1927.

Collections from all sources during the year amounted to \$31,874.78. Included in the amount are the following items:

Payment of a mortgage held by the association on a real estate loan	\$20,000.00
Additional donation to the Prize Fund by the original donor, thus guaranteeing the Prize Award for the next five years	3,000.00
Sixteen Life Membership fees, increasing the endowment fund by a like amount	1,600.00