

**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:

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| 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 |

Disbursements made in accordance with direction of the council and executive committee amount, in the aggregate, to \$6,366.18, including the \$1,000 Prize awarded to Dr. George D. Birkhoff at the fifth Philadelphia meeting.

A reserve fund of \$4,364.08 was established in conformity with a resolution adopted by the council December 27, 1926.

The total amount of funds of the association, consisting of contributions received from Richard T. Colburn, W. Hudson Stephens, Friends of Association, Sustaining and Life Memberships, Jane M. Smith and Prize Fund, is \$159,075.01.

The details of receipts, disbursements and disposition of funds are shown in the following itemized statements.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) JOHN L. WIRT,
Treasurer.

Washington, D. C.

October 1, 1927.

CASH STATEMENT

October 1, 1926–September 30, 1927

Receipts

| | | | |
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| 1926 | | | |
| Oct. 1 | Balance from last report | \$ 12,242.47 | |
| | Redemption of mortgage | 20,000.00 | |
| | Addition to Prize fund | 3,000.00 | |
| | Revertments (credited to reserve fund): | | |
| | Moyer S. Fleisher grant | \$ 200.00 | |
| | W. F. G. Swann grant | 196.00 | |
| | Accumulated interest purchased | 93.33 | 489.33 |
| | 16 life-membership fees | 1,600.00 | |
| | Interest on Jane M. Smith fund | 300.00 | |
| | Interest on mortgage | 1,020.00 | |
| | Interest on other securities | 4,983.42 | |
| | Interest on bank balance .. | 482.03 | 6,785.45 |
| | | | <u>\$44,117.25</u> |

Disbursements

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| Grants for 1927, allotted by Committee on Grants: | | |
| William H. Cole | \$ 150.00 | |
| Henry B. Collins, Jr. | 350.00 | |
| Bruce Fink | 300.00 | |
| Jacob Kunz | 200.00 | |
| Ann Morgan | 150.00 | |
| Knight H. Dunlap | 300.00 | |
| J. G. Frayne | 150.00 | |
| S. O. Mast | 300.00 | |
| J. G. Frayne | 150.00 | 2,050.00 |

Allotments by council or executive committee:

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| Naples Zoological Station | \$ 500.00 |
| International Annual Tables | 200.00 |
| Concilium Bibliographicum | 200.00 |

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| Committee of One Hundred | 551.18 | |
| Thomas Barbour (for Barro Colorado Laboratory) | 300.00 | 1,751.18 |
| Philadelphia Prize (George D. Birkhoff) | | 1,000.00 |
| Three emeritus life memberships (Jane M. Smith fund) | 300.00 | |
| 415 Journal subscriptions for life members | 1,245.00 | |
| Safe-deposit box for securities | 20.00 | |
| | | <u>6,366.18</u> |
| Cash in bank | | 37,751.07 |
| | | <u>\$44,117.25</u> |

BALANCE SHEET, SEPTEMBER 30, 1927

Assets

Investments:

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| Endowment and reserve funds .. | \$121,323.94 | |
| Cash awaiting investment | 25,516.80 | \$146,840.74 |

Current assets:

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| Income account, cash available | 7,234.27 | |
| Prize fund | 5,000.00 | 12,234.27 |
| | | <u>\$159,075.01</u> |

Liabilities

Endowment and reserve funds:

General:

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|----------------------------------|-------------|------------|
| W. Hudson Stephens | \$ 4,381.21 | |
| Richard T. Colburn | 85,586.45 | |
| Friends of Association | 3,559.00 | |
| Sustaining-membership fees | 6,000.00 | |
| Life-membership fees | 37,950.00 | |
| Jane M. Smith fund | 5,000.00 | |
| Reserve fund | 4,364.08 | 146,840.74 |

Current Liabilities:

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| Balance of \$1,000 appropriated for Committee of One Hundred | 448.82 | |
| Prize fund | 5,000.00 | 5,448.82 |

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| Accumulated income, unappropriated (cash in bank) | 6,785.45 | |
| | | <u>\$159,075.01</u> |

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I certify that I have audited the accounts of the treasurer of the American Association for the Advancement of Science for the period October 1, 1926, to September 30, 1927. The securities representing the investments of the association, as listed in the treasurer's report to the council, have been exhibited and verified with the exception of the Pittsburgh, Shawmut & Northern bonds, which were represented by a certificate of deposit, and \$10,500 worth of U. S. Second Liberty Loan bonds, which had been deposited for redemption and were represented by a receipt. The income from all investments was duly accounted for. The financial statements accompanying the report of the treasurer were in accord with the books of the association and correctly summarized the accounts.

(Signed) ROBERT B. SOSMAN,
Auditor.

Washington, D. C.,
November 22, 1927.

NOTES ON THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The permanent secretary calls attention to the fact that, omitting the Jane M. Smith fund for emeritus life membership (which has a capital of \$5,000 and draws interest at the rate of 6 per cent.), the average rate of interest received for the fiscal year 1926-27 is 4.77 per cent. The income for the year may be classified, according to the several funds in the treasury, as follows:

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| W. Hudson Stephens fund | \$ 209.13 |
| Richard T. Colburn fund | 4,085.04 |
| "Friends of Association" fund | 169.79 |
| Sustaining-membership fees (living members) | 143.22 |
| Sustaining-membership fees (deceased members) | 143.22 |
| Life-membership fees (living members) | 1,317.38 |
| Life-membership fees (deceased members) .. | 417.67 |
| Jane M. Smith fund | 300.00 |

Total income available for use in 1927-28.....\$6,785.45

Of the last amount, \$5,374.00 has now been appropriated (see "Proceedings at Nashville," above), leaving a balance available for further appropriations this year amounting to \$1,411.45. The treasurer's reserve amounts to \$4,364.08, available for emergencies.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR THE FISCAL

YEAR 1926-27

(October 1, 1926, to September 30, 1927)

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| To balance from last account: | | |
| *Publication fund | \$ 1,000.00 | |
| *Special fund for Committee on Place of Science in Education | 848.93 | |
| *Emergency fund | 5,000.00 | |
| *Available for general purposes | 2,025.68 | \$ 8,874.61 |
| To receipts from membership dues: | | |
| Annual dues previous to 1926 | \$ 80.00 | |
| Annual dues for 1926 | 715.00 | |
| Annual dues for 1927 | 67,527.77 | |
| Annual dues for 1928 | 720.50 | |
| Entrance fees | 655.00 | |
| Life-membership fees | 1,600.00 | 71,298.27 |
| To other general receipts: | | |
| Life-membership Journal subscriptions (from the treasurer) | \$ 1,245.00 | |
| Interest on bank accounts | 649.03 | |
| Contribution from member | 25.00 | |
| Sale of Proceedings volume | 293.75 | |
| Miscellaneous receipts | 332.60 | |
| Overpayments, etc. | 255.72 | 2,801.10 |
| To special journal subscriptions: | | |
| SCIENCE and <i>Scientific Monthly</i> | \$ 2,509.38 | |
| <i>Science News-Letter</i> | 8,022.00 | 10,531.38 |

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| To receipts from members for Agassiz Bust fund | | 1,310.00 |
| To receipts from treasurer for Committee of One Hundred | | 551.18 |
| To receipts for Joint Committee on Promotion of Research in Colleges: | | |
| From A. A. A. S. Committee of One Hundred | \$ 300.00 | |
| From National Research Council, Division of Educational Relations | 100.00 | |
| From American Council on Education | 100.00 | 500.00 |
| Bank interest on special fund for Committee on Place of Science in Education | | 33.96 |
| Philadelphia Meeting: | | |
| Fund raised by local committee | \$ 4,027.25 | |
| Registration fees | 1,303.00 | |
| Sale of programs | 10.50 | |
| Sale of advertising space in program | 425.00 | |
| Exhibition: | | |
| Receipts from exhibitors | 3,591.50 | |
| Donations | 500.00 | 9,857.25 |
| Nashville Exhibition: | | |
| Receipts from exhibitors | | 868.97 |
| | | <u>\$106,626.72</u> |

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| By subscriptions to official journal | | \$ 42,610.75 |
| By Division, Local Branch, and Academy allowances: | | |
| Pacific Division | \$ 1,613.00 | |
| Southwestern Division | 264.00 | |
| State College (Pa.) Local Branch | 14.25 | |
| Affiliated state academies | 1,195.50 | 3,086.75 |
| By expenses, General Secretary | | 4.75 |
| By expenses, Washington Office: | | |
| Salaries | \$12,330.96 | |
| Office and addressograph supplies | 307.96 | |
| Printing and stationery | 1,528.32 | |
| Telephone and telegraph | 159.91 | |
| Postage, correspondence and billing | 1,805.98 | |
| Exchange | 26.09 | |
| Express, freight and drayage | 47.73 | |
| Notary fees | 1.00 | |
| Furniture and equipment | 525.54 | |
| Miscellaneous expense | 328.93 | 17,062.42 |
| By Circularization | | 2,314.72 |
| By miscellaneous expenses: | | |
| Life-membership fees (to treasurer) | \$ 1,600.00 | |
| Refunds of overpayments, etc. | 255.72 | |
| Contribution of American Institute of Sacred Literature | 55.00 | |
| Travel expenses | 1,377.00 | |
| Section expenses | 658.87 | |
| Annual meeting (Philadelphia): | | |
| Preliminary announcement | \$ 555.84 | |
| Program (printing) | 2,085.00 | |