

SOCIETIES AND MEETINGS

THE SOCIETY OF THE SIGMA XI

THE thirty-ninth annual convention of the Society of the Sigma Xi met at 4:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 28, in the Hotel Jefferson in Richmond, Virginia, with forty-six chapters and thirteen clubs represented by delegations of from one to three members.

In his annual report as president of the society, Professor Baitzell announced fourteen grants-in-aid totaling \$3,000; the assignment of five lecturers to forty institutions all over the country; and the society's first published volume, entitled "Science in Progress," to be issued by the Yale University Press in the spring, containing the ten Sigma Xi lectures sponsored by the society in the last two years.

Four new chapters have been added to the organization during the year—Rice Institute, Wellesley College, Massachusetts State College and the University of Florida. This brings the total of chapters to seventy-six, with an active enrolment of approximately 16,000.

The treasurer's report showed permanent funds amounting to approximately \$40,000, an annual expenditure of \$18,000 met from current income and a surplus of income over disbursements of approximately \$3,000 for 1938.

Charters for chapters were granted to the University of West Virginia and the University of Alabama.

Dr. Carl D. Anderson, of the California Institute of Technology, was elected a member of the executive committee for the ensuing five-year term to succeed Professor L. J. Stadler, whose term of office has expired. Dr. Florence Sabin, of the Rockefeller Institute, was elected a member of the Alumni Committee for the ensuing five-year term to succeed Mr. Harold Norton, whose term has expired.

A committee was appointed to study the present membership structure of Sigma Xi for report at the next convention.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted, providing for the revocation of a charter of a chapter when, and if, circumstances should demand such action.

The seventeenth annual Sigma Xi lecture, under the joint auspices of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and of Sigma Xi, was given in the Mosque by Dr. W. F. Durand on "Modern Trends in Air Transport."

EDWARD ELLERY

FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE AT THE RICHMOND MEETING

AUDITED financial reports of the treasurer and the permanent secretary for the fiscal year ended Sep-

tember 30, 1938, were presented and approved by the council. The following is a brief digest:

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Sheet—Assets at September 30, 1938	
Securities and mortgages	\$255,265.36
Cash—income account	8,933.88
Cash—reserve for current needs	15,998.90
Total assets	\$280,198.14

Balance Sheet—Liabilities at September 30, 1938	
Endowment—for research (1)	\$114,236.45
Endowment—for general purposes (2)	92,738.38
Endowment—dues of emeritus life members (3)	9,100.00
Endowment—dues of emeritus annual members (4)	500.00
Reserve fund	35,582.41
Permanent secretary's fund	12,042.00
Annual \$1,000 prize fund	4,000.00
Unused grants to affiliated academies, etc.	775.00
Accumulated income unappropriated	11,223.90
Total liabilities	\$280,198.14

(1) Richard T. Colburn fund, \$87,186.45; A. G. Stillhamer fund, \$3,500; fees of deceased sustaining members, \$7,000; fees of deceased life members, \$16,550.
(2) W. Hudson Stephens fund, \$4,381.21; Michael P. Rich fund, \$10,000; Hector E. Maiben fund, \$1,118.17; Endowment of the Association, \$3,559; fees of living life members, \$1,420.
(3) Jane M. Smith fund, \$5,000; credits to fund from fees of \$100 each set up from income from the fund or from general fund reverting on deaths of emeritus life members.
(4) Luella A. Owen fund.

CASH STATEMENT

Receipts	
Balance, September 30, 1937	\$ 19,321.71
Newcomb Cleveland gift to Grants Committee ..	1,000.00
Life membership fees	1,100.00
Reversion of grants	128.31
Donation to prize fund	2,000.00
Income from research fund	3,959.88
Income from general fund	3,421.47
Income from reserve fund	1,249.18
Income from permanent secretary's current funds ..	422.75
Income from Jane M. Smith fund	312.90
Income from Luella A. Owen fund	18.19
Total receipts	\$ 32,934.39

Disbursements	
Grants for aid of research	\$ 2,725.00
Grants to affiliated academies	2,035.00
Annual prize—to Philip R. White	1,000.00
For emeritus life members	300.00
For emeritus annual members	15.00
Life members' journal subscriptions	1,599.00
Fifty-year members' journal subscriptions	87.00
Maiben lecture—R. C. Wallace	200.00
Safe deposit box and collection charges	40.61
Total disbursements	\$ 8,001.61
Cash on hand, September 30, 1938	24,932.78
Total	\$ 32,934.39

PERMANENT SECRETARY'S REPORT

(Period October 1, 1937, to September 30, 1938)

Receipts	
Annual membership dues and fees	\$ 88,600.85
Life membership fees	1,100.00
Contributions from members	3,337.50
Grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York ..	4,000.00
On grant (\$5,000) from General Education Board ..	2,500.00
Sales of publications	1,804.55
Miscellaneous receipts	2,698.10
Special journal subscriptions	2,436.00
Registration fees—Indianapolis meeting	2,819.00
Registration fees—Ottawa meeting	1,107.00
Receipts from exhibitors—Indianapolis meeting ..	5,304.50
Advance receipts from exhibitors—Richmond meeting ..	866.75
Total receipts	\$116,574.25
Cash in banks, September 30, 1938	1,652.70
Reserve in Treasurer's hands	11,619.70
Total	\$129,846.65