

Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences. In June, 1928, a meeting of the Joint Committee on the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences was held at New York, at which informal reports on the progress of the work were presented and various problems as to the plan and procedure were discussed. On December 7 the annual meeting of the board of directors was held in New York, at which a report of progress was presented by the editor-in-chief, Professor Edwin R. A. Seligman, and the budget for the year was approved.

During the year the task of selecting the titles of articles has been actively prosecuted with the coöperation of specialists in the various fields, and suggested outlines of articles have been prepared for the guidance of contributors. Plans as to biographical articles have also received attention. It is proposed to give such articles about one-fifth of the space. Approximately one half of the first volume will be devoted to introductory material, including a series of chapters on the development of the social sciences. Large progress has been made also in the selection of contributors of particular articles, and definite arrangements have been made for a considerable part of the work.

Arrangements for publication have been made with the Macmillan Company, and plans have been completed as to the format and makeup of the volumes. The price of the work will be seven dollars and a half for each of the fifteen volumes, with a forty per cent rebate to members of the constituent societies who send in their subscriptions now.

The staff, under the immediate direction of Dr. Alvin Johnson, includes twelve experts (six men and six women) who are doctors of philosophy, besides secretaries, typists, and file clerks—a total of twenty-five persons, occupying about a dozen rooms. It is hoped to have the first volume ready in September, 1929, and that other volumes will be issued at intervals of about four months.

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Social Science Abstracts. The long-projected and carefully-planned journal, *Social Science Abstracts*, will make its appearance at the beginning of March under the editorship of Dr. F. Stuart Chapin. The purpose of the journal is to provide brief summaries of new material as promptly as possible after publication and thus to help workers in the social sciences keep abreast of the bewildering and rapidly increasing output of new work. The fields to be covered