

state. Dr. Charles Kettleborough, who has been for a number of years statistician for the bureau of legislative information, is now in charge of the bureau. Mr. John A. Lapp has been appointed director of the state investigation in Ohio of sickness insurance, sickness prevention and old-age pensions.

Among the important war measures of the United States national government may be noted new regulations for the selective military service and for enemy aliens, issued in November, and the government control of railroads, at the end of December, under W. G. McAdoo as director-general. Additional administrative agencies include a commission to the allied war conference at Paris, headed by E. M. House, a joint allied naval council, a war-industries board, a food purchase board, a custodian of enemy property, and a war council to advise the secretary of war.

Annual Meeting. The fourteenth annual meeting of the American Political Science Association was held at Philadelphia, December 27-29, 1917. The total number of members who registered was 125. The sessions of the first day were held at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, those of the second day at the University of Pennsylvania, and those of the third day at Haverford College. The sessions were well attended and the degree of interest shown was very satisfactory.

At the opening session, on constitutional law, papers were read by Professors T. R. Powell of Columbia University, James T. Young of the University of Pennsylvania, and Albert M. Kales of Chicago. A paper prepared by Professor Charles G. Haines of the University of Texas was read by Professor E. M. Sait of Columbia University. At a session on political theory an important paper was presented by Professor W. W. Willoughby of Johns Hopkins University, and discussed by Professors Munroe Smith of Columbia University and Robert T. Crane of the University of Michigan. The presidential address, "The Nature and the Future of International Law," was delivered by Professor Munroe Smith at a joint meeting with the American Economic Association and the American Sociological Society.

On Friday morning, at a session devoted to the general subject of political science and domestic reconstruction, papers were read by Mr. H. S. Gilbertson, and Professors Henry Jones Ford of Princeton University, and A. R. Hatton of Western Reserve University, and the work of the Institute for Government Research at Washington was

explained by the director, Professor W. F. Willoughby. The subject of political science in relation to public thought and actual government was taken up at the afternoon session, at which papers were read by Professors Ford, W. F. Dodd, Benjamin F. Shambaugh of the University of Iowa, and Robert McElroy of Princeton University.

A luncheon conference was held on Saturday at Haverford College, at which the subject of instruction in political science was discussed by Professors J. L. Barnard of the Philadelphia School of Pedagogy, Everett Kimball of Smith College, and O. D. Skelton of Queens University. At a final joint session of the various associations meeting in Philadelphia papers were read by Mr. Edward P. Costigan of the U. S. Tariff Commission, Professor Wallace Notestein of the University of Minnesota, and Mr. R. H. Brand, Deputy Vice-Chairman of the British War Mission.

At the business meeting of the association, held on the morning of the 29th, the acting secretary-treasurer submitted a report on the membership of the association showing the following facts:

Present membership, 1518 (a net loss of 29 during the year); applications for membership on hand, 64.

Life memberships fully paid, 54.

Total outstanding dues, \$936.

The acting treasurer's report showed total receipts for the year amounting to \$4876.39, and total expenditures amounting to \$4246.75. In view of the shrinkage in membership and the greatly increased cost of publishing the REVIEW, the executive council recommended, and the association adopted, an amendment to the constitution reading as follows: "Any person may become a member of this association upon payment of four dollars, and after the first year may continue such by paying the annual dues of four dollars; life membership may be acquired by payment of \$75 in a lump sum, or in five annual installments of \$15 each." The first clause in this article became effective upon the adoption of the amendment; the second clause will be effective on and after July 1, 1918. The increase of dues provided for in this amendment was made imperative by the financial condition of the association. The council is confident that with this change the association can continue on a sound financial basis.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

President, Professor Henry Jones Ford, of Princeton University.

First Vice-President, Professor David P. Barrows, of the University of California.

Second Vice-President, Mr. Edward Porritt, of Hartford, Conn.

Third Vice-President, Professor A. R. Hatton, of Western Reserve University.

Secretary-Treasurer, Professor Chester Lloyd Jones, of the University of Wisconsin.

The following persons were elected members of the council for the term ending in 1920: W. F. Willoughby of Washington, D. C., T. R. Powell of Columbia University, Karl F. Geiser of Oberlin College, Lindsay Rogers of the University of Virginia, Clyde L. King of the University of Pennsylvania.

On motion of John A. Fairlie, managing editor of the *REVIEW*, all of the members of the board of editors were reelected.

The executive council was authorized to decide whether a meeting of the association shall be held in 1918, and to determine the time and place.

For the committee on the preparation of a critical bibliography of political science, Professor Edgar Dawson reported progress.

It was announced that the council has provided for a special committee of five to inquire into and report upon the status and methods of training schools for public service, and also a standing committee on instruction.

The following resolution was adopted:

"The American Political Science Association, in annual session at Philadelphia, pledges its support to the President and government of the United States in the prosecution of the present war. The association and its members stand ready to render any service that may be within their power."

Professor W. W. Willoughby was instructed to communicate this resolution to the President of the United States and was appointed a committee of one to serve as an intermediary between the association and the various branches of the government in placing the services of the association and its members at the government's disposal.

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Impeachment of Governor Ferguson. The recent removal from office of Governor James E. Ferguson of Texas as a result of impeachment proceedings has a two-fold interest for most readers of the *AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW*. On the one hand it has a unique governmental interest, as one of the very rare occasions on which an American state executive has been removed from office. On the