

## NEWS AND NOTES

### PERSONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

*Compiled by the Managing Editor*

A full announcement of the next annual meeting of the American Political Science Association appeared in the August issue of this *Review* (p. 736). It need not be repeated here, save to say that the place is Cleveland, the headquarters the Statler Hotel, the date December 27-29. Programs will be mailed to members of the Association in the immediate future.

Professor William B. Munro, who has been a member of the teaching staff at Harvard for more than a quarter of a century, retired from the service of that university in September and has become a year-round resident of Pasadena, California, where he has been spending a part of each winter since 1920. Dr. Munro will devote most of his time to writing, but retains an academic connection as a member of the executive council at the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. Raymond L. Buell, research director on the staff of the Foreign Policy Association, spent the past summer visiting the six republics of Central America. Without discontinuing his work for the Foreign Policy Association, he is serving this autumn as visiting professor of international relations at Yale University.

Professor Edwin A. Cottrell, of Stanford University, has been appointed a member of the California commission on county home rule, which is to report to the January session of the legislature plans for reorganization of the counties of the state.

Professor August Vollmer resumed his duties at the University of Chicago during the autumn quarter. Under his direction, a regional survey of police administration is being carried on in the Chicago area. A representative committee, of which Professor L. L. Thurstone is chairman, is undertaking experiments to test the validity of the so-called "lie detector."

Professor Graham H. Stuart, of Stanford University, has returned from a year of research on the international administration of Tangier. His book on the subject will be published by the Stanford University Press this fall. He gave lectures on "La Politique Etrangère des États Unis et l'Amérique Latine" at universities in Montpellier, Toulouse, Poitiers, and Paris, as a representative of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

Dr. Rudolf Holsti, minister of Finland to Switzerland and a member of the Council of the League of Nations, gave courses on international relations and the League of Nations at Stanford University during the past summer. He took part in the Sixth Institute of International Relations at Berkeley, and addressed numerous organizations on the work of the Council of the League.

Dr. Frank H. Wood, for over twenty years professor of political science and international law at Hamilton College, died on August 22. His influence was great among his students, and he did much to further the teaching of international law at smaller institutions. He had retired from active work at the time of the June commencement. Professor Walter H. C. Laves has taken over his courses, and Mr. George Ridgeway has been appointed associate professor of political science for the current year.

Professor Charles W. Pipkin, professor of comparative government at Louisiana State University, has returned to his work after a year abroad. He taught at Arkansas and Virginia during the summer, and will soon publish a two-volume work entitled *Social Politics and Modern Democracies*.

Mr. Taylor Cole, assistant professor of government at Louisiana State University, is on leave of absence at Harvard University for the year 1930-31, and Mr. R. L. Carleton, instructor, is on leave for the year at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Austin F. Macdonald, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania, now holds a professorship of political science at the University of California.

Dr. Charles W. Shull, formerly of the University of Kentucky, has joined the department of political science at the College of the City of Detroit, and will be in charge of courses in American government and political theory.

Dr. Herbert F. Wright, since 1923 professor of political science at Georgetown University, has been appointed professor of international law at the Catholic University of America, from which institution he received his doctor's degree in 1916.

Professor A. B. Butts, vice-president and head of the department of government at the Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College, received the degree of bachelor of laws at the Yale Law School at the close of the 1929-30 session.

At the request of Mr. C. A. Dykstra, city manager of Cincinnati, Mr. Bruce Smith, of the National Institute of Public Administration, has undertaken, in coöperation with the Cincinnati Bureau of Municipal Research, a study of the relation of the police department with the other agencies of the city.

The committee on award of the annual Baldwin Prize has awarded first, second, and third prizes to Joel Gordon, Lowell Whittemore, and Harry H. Kleinman, respectively, all of Harvard University.

Mr. Stuart A. MacCorkle, who is completing his work for the doctorate at Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed to an instructorship in government at the University of Texas.

After a year of graduate study at Harvard University, Mr. J. Alton Burdine has returned to the University of Texas as an instructor in government.

Dr. Jesse T. Carpenter has been promoted from instructor to assistant professor of political science at New York University.

Dr. Raymond S. Short, who recently completed his graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh, has accepted an instructorship in political science at Temple University. His special interest will be the development of the course in municipal government.

Dr. Harold H. Sprout is continuing for the year as acting assistant professor of political science at Stanford University, and is giving courses in international relations and political geography.

Professor Arthur W. Macmahon, of Columbia University, is to be visiting professor of political science at Stanford University in the summer of 1931.

Dr. William M. Strachan has been promoted from associate professor to professor of political science, and Mr. Yale K. Kessler from instructor to assistant professor, at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Dr. Joseph B. Shannon, who gave courses during the summer at the University of Kentucky, has been made associate professor of history and political science at Transylvania College.

Mr. Earl E. Warner, graduate assistant in political science at Ohio State University during the year 1929-30, has been appointed graduate assistant at the University of Michigan for the year 1930-31.

Dr. N. D. Houghton has been promoted to a professorship of political science at the University of Arizona. He taught in the summer session at the University of Illinois.

Dr. Wallace Murphy, of the University of West Virginia, has been selected by the University of Texas to make a survey of county government in Texas.

Dr. Carl Heinrich Becker, honorary professor in the University of Berlin, lectured at the University of Chicago in October on European civic education.

The National Institute of Public Administration has completed a survey of the government of Williamsburg, Virginia.

The fifteenth conference and good-will congress of the World Alliance for International Friendship was held in Washington on November 10-12.

Dr. Harvey Walker, of the department of political science at Ohio State University, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the newly reorganized Ohio Municipal League. A monthly news bulletin has been established, and the first annual meeting will be held at Cleveland on November 12 in connection with the National Conference on Improving City Government. Dr. Walker has been granted a leave of absence from teaching duties for the fall and winter quarters of 1930-31, and during this time will serve as assistant director of finance of the state of Ohio, in charge of the formulation of the state budget estimates for the next biennium.

Professor C. P. Patterson, of the University of Texas, announces that Pi Sigma Alpha, national honorary fraternity in political science, will hold a convention in Cleveland in December at the time of the meeting of the American Political Science Association

The seventeenth annual convention of the International City Managers' Association was held at San Francisco September 24-27, 1930. Various sessions were devoted to municipal finance, personnel administration, police administration, municipal reporting, and "getting and using facts as aids to management."

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the School of Political Science at Columbia University was celebrated on October 14 and 15, the occasion furnishing a unique opportunity for honoring the school's founder, Professor John W. Burgess, still vigorous at eighty-six though he retired from active teaching eighteen years ago. In connection with the commemoration, a bibliography of publications of the Faculty of Political Science (the status of a separate school was abandoned in 1909) is being published. More than 3,700 books and scholarly articles will be listed.

At the London Conference of Institutions for the Scientific Study of International Relations held in March, 1929, the Council on Foreign Relations was designated as the national center for such organizations in the United States. In order to assemble accurate and up-to-date information on the work being done in this field in this country, a questionnaire has been sent to each of the organizations now listed at Council headquarters. It is earnestly requested that any organiza-

tion which has not received such a request send its name and address to the Council at 45 East 65th Street, New York City, and a questionnaire will be forwarded promptly.

The annual summer conference of the British Institute of Public Administration was held in New College, Oxford, July 11 to 14. In attendance were officials from half a dozen government departments, town clerks and other officials, visitors from Canada, Ceylon, and South Australia, and four from the United States—Mr. Louis Brownlow, former president of the City Managers' Association, Clinton Rogers Woodruff of Philadelphia, Professor John A. Fairlie of the University of Illinois, and Mr. Roland Egger of Princeton University. The subjects discussed included personality in public administration, relations between the official and his council, how to fill higher posts, relation of government to organized industries, and rationalizing the processes of administration. As usual, the principal papers were printed in advance, and the sessions were devoted to discussion. Mr. I. G. Gibbon, of the Ministry of Health, presided.

**New Hampshire Constitutional Convention of 1930.** In pursuance of a popular vote at the election of 1928, New Hampshire held one of her not infrequent constitutional conventions (there have been four since 1902) in June, 1930. It convened on June 4 and adjourned on June 13, having been actually in session six days. The president was Frank N. Parsons, a retired chief justice of the supreme court. The number of delegates was 459; the largest number who voted was 416 (in the election of a secretary on the opening day); the largest number recorded as voting on any measure was 347.

Twenty-three proposals for amendment were introduced. Five of these were adopted by the convention, and appeared on the ballots in November, as follows: (1) provision for item veto on appropriation bills; (2) empowering of the legislature to enact a law providing for absent voting in state elections, the supreme court having given an advisory opinion against such a law under the existing constitution; (3) also as a result of an advisory opinion, an amendment empowering the legislature to fix the exemptions in any income tax law that may be enacted, and also limiting the rate of such taxation to the average general property tax rate; (4) "an estate tax may be imposed equal to such credit as may be allowed by federal estate legis-