

## NEWS AND NOTES

### THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

The fifth annual meeting of the American Political Science Association was held at Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va., December 28-31, 1908. At the same time and places the annual meetings were held of the American Historical Association, the Bibliographical Society of America and the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Sessions of the Political Science Association were held in Washington, Monday afternoon and evening and Tuesday morning, Mr. Bryce's presidential address being delivered Monday evening. Tuesday afternoon, by special train, the members of the various associations went to Richmond, arriving there in the late afternoon. That evening a joint session was held with the Historical Association, its President, Prof. George B. Adams, delivering the annual address, the topic selected being History and the Philosophy of History. The sessions of the Political Science Association, lasting until Thursday evening, were devoted to the reading and discussion of papers relating to the Increase of Federal Influence and Power in the United States, American Colonial Problems as Revealed in the Light of Ten Years' Experience in Porto Rico and the Philippines, Recent Tendencies in State Constitutional Development, Active Agencies in the Betterment of Municipal Administration, International Law, and Instruction in American Government in the Secondary Schools.

The discussion of this last subject was based upon a report of a committee read by its chairman, Prof. W. A. Schaper, of the University of Minnesota, which report was based upon a careful investigation carried on for several years of the methods of instruction employed in our secondary schools in the teaching of American government, and especially of the extent to which that subject is taught as an independent study or as an adjunct to history. The committee emphasized the need of having American government taught as an independent subject in the secondary schools, and the Association at its annual business meeting unanimously approved this recommendation.

The secretary reported a large increase in the membership of the

Association, the number of members having increased in two years from approximately four hundred to nearly eight hundred.

An amendment to the constitution was adopted, increasing the number of elected members of the executive council from ten to fifteen, and the term of their office from two to three years, provision being made for the retirement of five members each year.

The officers elected for the year 1909 are as follows: president, A. Lawrence Lowell, of Harvard University; first vice-president, T. S. Woolsey, of Yale University; second vice-president, Paul S. Reinsch, of the University of Wisconsin; third vice-president, Henry Jones Ford, of Princeton University, secretary and treasurer, W. W. Willoughby, of Johns Hopkins University. The elected members of the executive council, including those holding over from last year, are as follows: J. H. Latané, C. E. Merriam, J. W. Jenks, F. J. Goodnow, Isidor Loeb, Stephen Leacock, Albert Shaw, F. N. Judson, Walter L. Fisher, Milo R. Maltbie, W. B. Munro, L. S. Rowe, J. S. Reeves, W. A. Schaper, B. E. Howard.

Socially the meeting was a most enjoyable one. Monday evening a reception to the associations was given at the British embassy by Mr. and Mrs. Bryce. Tuesday noon there was a luncheon at the New Willard Hotel, in Washington; Tuesday evening a reception in the parlors of the Hotel Jefferson, in Richmond; Wednesday afternoon a reception at the Woman's Club of Richmond, and Thursday evening a New Year's Eve celebration at the Westmoreland Club. On Friday there was an excursion to Charlottesville and the University of Virginia.

New York City was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting of the Association, to be held during Christmas week, at which time and place the American Historical and American Economic Associations will also hold their annual meetings.

The fifth volume of *Proceedings* of the Political Science Association, containing the papers read at the meeting just held, will be published as soon as possible and should appear before April

#### PERSONAL AND BIBLIOGRAPHICAL

J. W. GARNER

Prof. J. H. Beale, Jr. of the Harvard Law School has in preparation a collection of *Cases on Municipal Corporations*.