

Annual Report of the American Council of Learned Societies. The activities of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) fall into two categories, according as they have to do with (1) international coöperation arising chiefly out of the Council's membership in the Union Académique Internationale (UAI) and (2) matters relating to the interests of the societies within the United States.

On the international side it may be noted that the ACLS was represented at the seventh annual meeting of the UAI at Brussels in May, 1926, by Mr. Waldo G. Leland, of the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, and Professor Louis J. Paetow, of the University of California. A summary of the proceedings will appear in the Bulletin of the ACLS for May, 1927. A proposal submitted by the ACLS for a survey of current bibliography covering the field of the UAI was approved within the limits of available resources. The International Institute of Intellectual Coöperation was requested to undertake the correspondence and compilation for countries outside of the American continents and the ACLS for North and South America, and Mr. Leland was chosen to represent the Union in dealings with the Institute and the ACLS. The following minute was unanimously adopted: "The UAI calls attention to the fact that its statutes exclude no nation, but that on the contrary they provide the procedure whereby academies still outside the Union can be admitted to its membership." Mr. Leland reports that this minute was interpreted as an invitation to the Central Powers to apply for admission. Mr. De Sanctis was chosen president of the Union replacing Mr. Homolle, deceased, and Mr. Pottier as vice-president replacing Sir Paul Vinogradoff, deceased.

Activities in America may be listed briefly as follows:

Bulletin. Bulletin 5 of the Council appeared in May, 1926, and Bulletin 6 is planned for May, 1927. It is proposed in the near future to change the Bulletin from an annual to a semi-annual or quarterly publication and to make it a more adequate medium of information regarding research projects actively in progress. Members of the constituent societies can secure copies of the current number of the Bulletin by request addressed to the secretary of the Council.

Conference of Secretaries of the Constituent Societies. The third annual conference of secretaries under the auspices of the ACLS was held in New York on January 28. Professor E. W. Burgess, secretary of the American Sociological Society, was in charge of the arrangements and the docket.

Medieval Studies. Out of the activities of the Committee on Medieval

Studies the Medieval Academy of America has come into being. It has taken over the work in this field heretofore conducted by the Council, including the bulletin on the progress of medieval studies in the United States.

Dictionary of American Biography. Professor Allen Johnson, formerly of Yale University, assumed his duties as editor on February 1, 1926. The staff as at present organized consists of the editor, four assistants, a secretary, and a stenographer. The list of persons whose biographies will be included is now substantially complete. Writers have been secured for nearly six hundred biographies, chiefly in A and B, and two hundred manuscripts have already been received. Under the terms of the agreement with the New York Times Company, Volume I is to appear before August, 1928. The remaining nineteen volumes are expected to be issued at the rate of three a year. The editorial offices are located in the Hill Building, 17th and I Streets, Washington. The Committee of Management, Dr. J. F. Jameson, chairman, has held three meetings during the year.

Survey of Research. Under a grant from the Carnegie Corporation, the Council is approaching the completion of a survey of research in the humanistic and social sciences. The director of the survey, Professor Frederic A. Ogg, of the University of Wisconsin, devoted his time to the survey from March 1 to September 1, 1926, with headquarters at Washington. He has now returned to his regular duties, but will shortly submit an extensive report setting forth the results of the survey. The executive committee of the Council has authorized the director to distribute to the respective societies the materials which he collected from individual members of the societies regarding research projects, with the suggestion that each society turn over the material to its research committee or some other appropriate agency, with a view to further studies of the present tendencies and prospects of research in the given subject. The report presently to be published will deal principally with the status of humanistic and social research, as compared with research in the natural sciences, in the United States; the universities as research centers; research in the college; learned societies and research; research institutes and bureaus; research work of miscellaneous national and local organizations; private business and research; governmental research; foundations and endowments in relation to research; libraries as aids to research; research fellowships and prizes; and the problem of publication.

Small Grants in Aid of Research. The committee on aid of research, Dean Guy Stanton Ford, chairman, made its awards for 1926 on March 31 under the annual subvention of \$5,000 from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Memorial. Twenty-one grants, in no case exceeding \$300, were distributed to scholars in various parts of the country to assist projects on which they are engaged. The recipients are at present reporting upon the progress so far made, and usually the grant has resulted in a substantial gain of time needed for the completion of the projects. In some cases the results are already in press. In one instance the grant from the Council brought about its duplication from another source.

Special Projects of Research. During the year two important research projects have received the strong endorsement of committees of specialists named by the Council, one of them the project of an individual scholar, the other a coöperative project of a group, and there is ground to hope that in the near future funds can be secured for financing both undertakings. The committee on a catalogue of foreign manuscripts in American libraries, and the committee on a list of serial publications of foreign governments, are also actively seeking the financial support which will enable them to put their projects into operation.

Administrative Plans and Finances. The General Education Board has consented to meet, during a period of five years, necessary administrative expenses up to a maximum of \$25,000 a year. This appropriation was made on the basis of a budget submitted to the Board by the Council. This grant will enable the Council to secure a full-time executive officer, to establish permanent headquarters, to increase the facilities of the committees of scholars who coöperate on problems and projects of research, and in various other ways to advance the work which falls within the scope of the Council. The new status goes into effect during the coming spring and will greatly increase the Council's capacity to serve the interests represented by the constituent societies.

The representatives of the American Political Science Association in the Council are Professors J. P. Chamberlain, Columbia University, chairman, and Frederic A. Ogg, of the University of Wisconsin.

Annual Report of the Social Science Research Council.¹ On the whole, the most significant points in the Council's activities in the year 1926 have been: (1) the financing of the administrative budget, and the consequent strengthening of the work of the committee on problems and

¹Only a summary is presented here. The Council expects to print a detailed report in the near future.