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Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Session, Held in Des Moines, April 28 and 29, 1916.

The Academy held its meetings in Memorial Hall, Drake University, corner University Avenue and 26th Street, Des Moines. The first session convened at 1:30 p. m., Friday, April 28th, with President Kelly in the chair. Following the general program the Academy divided into sections for the reading of papers.

Doctor Louis Kahlenberg, of the University of Wisconsin, gave the annual address, at 8:00 p. m., Friday, in the University Auditorium. His subject was "Some Results from the Experimental Study of Osmosis."

The Iowa Section and the Ames Section of the American Chemical Society held their sessions at 9:00 a. m., Saturday.

Members of the Mathematical Association of America met at 4:30 p. m., Friday, to organize an Iowa Section.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

Fellows and Associates of the Iowa Academy of Science:

A study of the lists of the Academy membership during recent years shows that while there has been no marked increase in numbers the Academy has held its own, and that in spite of the numerous removals which occur every year. The Treasurer and the Secretary have carried on a follow-up campaign among those who have been tardy in keeping up their membership. A number of members have sent in during the year names proposed for membership. This is a welcome sign of activity and is a practice which should be followed still more energetically. It is not enough to maintain our membership at the same level. We should endeavor to raise it each year by continual work among those who are interested in scientific studies.

The recent volume of the Proceedings is the largest yet issued, and certainly has not been excelled in the quality of its contents. The action of the last Legislature in removing the

page restriction has made this increase possible without casting an added burden on the treasury of the Academy. The pages are set one-half inch narrower than in previous volumes, a condition which leaves wider margins and improves the appearance of the book. I believe that this improvement more than offsets the few additional pages made necessary. I believe that you will agree with me that in physical qualities as well as in intellectual content our Proceedings are among the best of similar publications.

May I not urge upon you, in the spirit of greatest friendliness, the desirability, even the necessity of not only maintaining the high quality of the papers which are presented before the Academy, but of constantly raising our standards. For our personal satisfaction we must needs submit our work to the most rigid tests of accuracy of fact and purity of statement. For the honor of science and the reputation of our association we wish our work to broaden knowledge and advance truth upon its main lines of forward movement and as well upon those secondary lines of detail which are needed to complete the warp and woof of intellectual achievement. It should not be forgotten that all so-called "applied science" is simply "pure science" fitted to human need and made to minister to human betterment. There can be no higher aim in research than that of helping humanity rise to higher planes of physical well being, of mental attainment and of moral power. To ask you to continue to share in this effort is my privilege.

Two amendments to the Constitution have been submitted to the voting fellows of the Academy by the Executive Committee. These amendments suggest changes which the experience of the Academy has shown to be desirable and the Committee asks for your favorable consideration of these measures.

Very respectfully,

JAMES H. LEES,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER, 1915-1916.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, May 1, 1915.....	\$ 7.65
Dues from members	181.00
Initiation fees, fellows	12.00
Initiation fees, associates	34.00
Transfer fees, associates to fellows.....	8.00
From sale of proceedings.....	3.24
Total	\$ 245.89

DISBURSEMENTS.

Honorarium and expenses of speaker, 29th meeting....	\$ 44.99
Supplies for the secretary	6.23
American Lithographing Co., 400 programs and 1,000 membership proposal blanks	14.30
Honorarium to secretary	25.00
To Miss Newman, wrapping and tying volume xxi.....	10.00
State binder, binding 200 copies Vol. xxi, and separates.	62.00
State binder, binding and separates Vol. xxii, on account	15.00
State printer, for excess pages Vol. xxi.....	50.00
Refund to bank on account of dishonored check.....	1.00
Supplies and postage for treasurer.....	11.75
Total	\$ 240.27
Balance on hand	5.62

A. O. THOMAS,
Treasurer.

The Secretary submitted the following names for election in behalf of the membership committee:

The persons named were declared elected.

Transferred from Associate to Fellow—Forrester C. Stanley, Oskaloosa.

Elected as Fellows—I. E. Melhus, Ames; James H. Hance, Iowa City.

Elected as Associates—C. Herbert Belanski, Nora Springs; George E. Corson, Ames; James M. Davis, Dallas Center; Elmer Dershem, Iowa City, S. U. I.; L. W. Durrell, Ames, I. S. C.; Rev.

Ray Eckerson, Humeston; Miss Sophia J. Edmondson, 921 31st, Des Moines; Wm. G. Gaessler, Ames, I. S. C.; Dr. Daniel G. Glomset, Des Moines; C. Bert Gose, Indianola; C. A. Goss, Drake University, Des Moines; Earl G. Grissel, Iowa City (home Cedar Rapids); John L. Horsfall, Iowa City, S. U. I.; U. B. Hughes, Iowa City, S. U. I.; H. E. Jaques, Mt. Pleasant; A. R. Lamb, Ames, I. S. C.; Fred Metcalf, Dallas Center, High School (home Webster City); J. C. Pomeroy, Ames, Station A, I. S. C.; I. L. Ressler, Ames, I. S. C.; Walter E. Rogers, Iowa City, S. U. I.; Adolph Shane, 3300 4th St., Des Moines; Miss Clemantina Spencer, Iowa City, S. U. I.; L. M. Starin, Ames, I. S. C.; Herbert R. Werner, Ames, I. S. C.

LIST OF MEMBERS AND VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE.

John L. Tilton, Indianola; C. L. Coffin, Oskaloosa; F. C. Stanley, Oskaloosa; G. W. Stewart, Iowa City; Harry M. Kelly, Mount Vernon; L. S. Ross, Drake University, Des Moines; C. N. Kinney, Drake University, Des Moines; James H. Hance, State University, Iowa City; Urban B. Hughes, State University, Iowa City; Frank F. Almy, Grinnell College, Grinnell; Guy West Wilson, S. U. I., Iowa City; L. Begeman, Cedar Falls; M. F. Arey, Cedar Falls; John F. Reilly, Iowa City; E. A. Jenner, Indianola; C. Bert Gose, Indianola; Charles Carter, Fairfield; Geo. F. Kay, Iowa City; P. A. Bond, Cedar Falls; Orin H. Smith, Mt. Vernon; B. H. Bailey, Cedar Rapids; Arthur G. Smith, Iowa City; Samuel J. A. Wifvat, Des Moines; E. J. Cable, Cedar Falls; A. L. Bakke, Ames; James H. Lees, Des Moines; D. W. Morehouse, Drake University, Des Moines; F. O. Norton, Drake University, Des Moines; Dayton Stoner, Iowa City; H. A. Scullen, Ames; J. E. Guthrie, Ames; H. L. Dunlap, Iowa City; J. N. Pearce, Iowa City; A. W. Hixson, Iowa City; H. R. Werner, Ames; R. L. Webster, Ames; L. H. Pammel, Ames; L. B. Spinney, Ames; O. B. Read, Cedar Falls; S. F. Hersey, Cedar Falls; J. C. Pomeroy, Ames; J. A. Baker, Indianola; J. E. Fulcher, Des Moines College, Des Moines; L. Kahlenberg, Madison, Wis.; H. E. Jaques, Mt. Pleasant; Geo. E. Thompson, Ames, Iowa; George V. Emery, Ames; H. G. Anderson, Ames; L. E. Dodd, Iowa City, S. U. I.; Elmer Dershem, S. U. I., Iowa City; L. P. Sieg, S. U. I., Iowa City; W. B. Coover, Ames; S. W. Beyer, Ames; C. R. Keyes, Des Moines; C. C. Nutting, Iowa City; F. C. Brown, Iowa City; H. L. Dodge, Iowa

City; J. M. Davis, Dallas Center; F. G. Gates, Grinnell; Nicholas Knight, Mt. Vernon; R. C. Conklin, Des Moines; A. R. Lamb, Ames; G. O. Oberhelman, Grinnell; S. B. Kuzirian, Ames; W. G. Gaessler, Ames; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Kenoyer, Ames; Elma Hanson, Des Moines; W. S. Hendrixson, Grinnell; W. J. Karslake, Iowa City; G. W. Roark, Jr., Ames; E. W. Rockwood, Iowa City; A. W. Dox, Ames; Sophia J. Edmondson, Des Moines.

At the business session on Saturday morning the following amendments to the Constitution were considered and adopted unanimously:

Section 3 was amended by making it read as follows: The membership of the Academy shall consist of *life fellows*, *fellows*, *associates*, *corresponding fellows* and *honorary fellows*. The *fellows* and *associates* must be elected from residents of the state of Iowa, the fellows being those that are actually engaged in scientific work. A *fellow* moving to another state becomes thereby a *corresponding fellow*. *Honorary fellows* shall be elected from the productive scholars in science residing outside the state of Iowa. All elections to membership shall be made at the annual meeting. The assent of three-fourths of the fellows present is required for the election of *fellows* and *associates*. An *honorary fellow* must be nominated by ten *fellows* of the Academy. This nomination, together with a record of the achievements in science of the nominee, must be given the Secretary and by him sent to each *fellow* previous to the annual meeting at which the election occurs. A unanimous vote of the *fellows* present is necessary for the election of an *honorary fellow*.

Section 4 and its adopted amendments were amended by making Section 4 read as follows: An entrance fee of \$3.00 shall be required of each fellow and an entrance fee of \$1.00 from each associate, and an annual fee of \$1.00, due at each annual meeting after his election, shall be required of each *fellow*, *associate* and *corresponding fellow*. A person may become a *life fellow* on the payment of \$15.00 after his election as a *fellow*, the transfer to be made by the Treasurer. The said life membership fee shall be invested and only the interest of the same shall be used for current expenses of the Academy. *Fellows*, *associates* and *corresponding fellows* in arrears for two years and failing to respond to notification from the Treasurer shall be dropped from the Academy roll.