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NOTES AND NEWS

WE give below the programme of the meeting of the Eastern Branch of the American Philosophical Association, which will be held at Columbia University on December 28, 29, and 30, 1920. All sessions, except as otherwise indicated, will be held in Room 301, Philosophy Hall. The president's address and all morning and afternoon sessions (except the business meeting) are open to the public.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28.

4.30 P. M.

Executive Committee Meeting at the Murray Hill Hotel.

8 P. M.

Informal Meeting and Smoker (Philosophy Hall, Room 301).

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29.

9.30 A. M.

Formalism in Logic ..... *Arthur Mitchell*  
The Structure of Logic and its Relation to Other Systems.

*C. I. Lewis*

Some Philosophic Aspects of Physical Relativity.....*M. R. Cohen*

Epistemological Dualism vs. Metaphysical Dualism. *R. W. Sellars*

2 P. M.

Discussion: The Rôle of the Philosopher in Modern Life, with Reference both to Teaching and to Research.

*James Bissett Pratt, John M. Mecklin, Richard C. Cabot*

4.30 P. M.

Reception by President and Mrs. Butler (60 Morningside Drive).

8 P. M.

Dinner at the Westminster Hotel (420 West 116th Street)

followed, in the same room by the

President's Address: The Appeal to Reason. . . . *Ralph Barton Perry*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30.

10 A. M.

Continuation of the Discussion of the Rôle of the Philosopher in  
Modern Life . . . *Thomas Reed Powell, Frederick J. E. Woodbridge*

2 P. M.

Business Meeting of the Association.

Reports:

Treasurer's.

Joint Session with the Western Branch.

Affiliation with the American Council of Learned Societies.

Election of New Members and Officers.

Programme for 1921.

3 P. M.

Education and Criticism . . . . . *H. G. Townsend*

On a Supposed Dualism in Plato . . . . . *A. S. Ferguson*

The Reference to Reality in Modern Logic. . . . . *R. C. Lodge*

The Philosophical Basis of Mr. Fite's Individualism. . . . *N. T. Symons*

At its forthcoming meeting the American Philosophical Association will be asked to vote upon the question of its membership in the recently formed American Council of Learned Societies. The Council is the outgrowth of a movement initiated by the French Academy of Inscriptions and Belles Lettres in March 1919, which resulted in the formation of an International Union of Academies for the purpose of promoting research in the humanities.

In response to this movement the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the American Historical Association, through their Presidents and Secretaries, invited representatives of eleven other societies to a conference held in Boston on September 19, 1920. The conference voted unanimously that in its opinion American learned societies should participate as a group in the International Union of Academies. In order to constitute such a group the conference recommended the creation of an inter-society body to be known as

the "American Council of Learned Societies," and proceeded to draw up a form of agreement establishing such a body, together with a constitution for its government when it should be organized.

This constitution, which has been ratified and is now in force, provides that the Council shall be composed of delegates of "the national learned societies of the United States which are devoted by scientific methods to the advancement of the humanistic studies." Each such society is represented by two delegates chosen for a term of four years and in such a manner as the society may determine. The duties of the Council are to choose the representatives of the United States in the International Union of Academies, to prepare their instructions, and in general to serve as the principal medium of communication between the Union and the constituent societies. The Council is also authorized to take such measures on its own initiative as "may advance the general interests of the humanistic studies" and is particularly charged with maintaining and strengthening relations among the societies which are represented in it. The Council is required to make an annual report to the constituent societies setting forth in detail all its acts and all receipts and expenditures of money; instructions voted by a majority of the societies are binding upon it and it may be dissolved by vote of two-thirds of the societies. The organization of the Council is simple in the extreme; its officers are a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer, no two of whom may be from the same society, and these with two other delegates compose the Executive Committee. In order to defray the administrative expenses of the Council each constituent society is assessed an annual contribution of five cents per member, with a minimum contribution of twenty-five dollars for societies of less than five hundred members. The Council is required to meet at least once a year.

The American Association for International Conciliation has issued a pamphlet concerning the whole matter, which can be had by addressing the editorial office, 407 West 117th Street, New York City.

PROFESSOR JOHN E. BOODIN of the Department of Philosophy of Carleton College is abroad this year on sabbatic leave. Assistant Professor Edward Z. Rowell is filling his chair at Carleton.