

Professors A. B. Hall, University of Wisconsin; S. Gale Lowrie, University of Cincinnati; Louise Overacker, Wellesley College; R. M. Story, Pomona College; and L. D. White, University of Chicago. The nominating committee having been unable to propose for the secretary-treasurership the name of a person who had agreed to accept, the Executive Council was authorized to make an appointment for 1926.¹

The place of meeting in 1926 was left to decision of the Executive Council. Announcement will be made in the May issue of the REVIEW.

The American Political Science Review.² The American Political Science Association was organized at New Orleans in December, 1903. For three years the only publication was an annual volume of *Proceedings and Papers* at the annual meetings. In November, 1906, the first number of the AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW was issued; and for seven years both the quarterly REVIEW and the annual volume of *Proceedings* were published; for the last two of these years, the *Proceedings* were issued as a supplement to the REVIEW.

During this period the volume of *Proceedings* varied from a minimum of 176 pages (for the 1909 meeting) to a maximum of 335 pages (for the 1907 meeting). The REVIEW varied from 653 pages (for the year 1910) to 740 pages (for the years 1913 and 1914). The largest single year's publication was 1,035 pages (in 1908), and the smallest, after the REVIEW was begun, was 829 pages in 1910.

After the separate publication of the *Proceedings* was discontinued, the size of the REVIEW was increased to about 830 pages; and in 1916, supplements aggregating 62 pages were also issued, making a total of 893 pages for that year.

In the summer of 1916 Professor W. W. Willoughby retired as managing editor; and my service, as his successor, has continued for a substantially equal period. In 1918, increasing prices, due to war conditions, led to a reduction in the size of the REVIEW, which reached a minimum of 656 pages in 1921. Since then it has been again increased, and for the past two years has been 880 and 909 pages—larger than in any previous years, and larger than the REVIEW and *Proceedings* in some years.

Some changes in the internal make-up of the REVIEW may be noted. In the first volume there were 14 leading articles, aggregating 306 pages

¹ Professor J. R. Hayden, of the University of Michigan, was later selected.

² Prepared by Professor John A. Fairlie on retiring from the managing editorship of the REVIEW after nine years of service, and read at the annual business meeting of the American Political Science Association December 29, 1925.

—about 40 per cent of the total. Shorter notes in several departments aggregated 152 pages. Notes on current legislation appeared in each number; and notes on international affairs, colonial government, judicial decisions, and municipal affairs were in one or two numbers. There were also personal and bibliographical notes (65 pages), book reviews (136 pages), and lists of periodical articles and government publications (63 pages).

During the first ten years, the distribution of material altered somewhat. Leading articles increased in number and in aggregate length, especially with the discontinuance of the *Proceedings*, but on the average were shorter. In 1916, there were 26 leading articles, with a total of 393 pages—about 43 per cent. Notes on state legislation continued to be published regularly in each number, totalling 99 pages in 1916. Notes on municipal affairs were frequently published—in three numbers in 1911, totalling 47 pages; but after the publication of the *National Municipal Review* was begun, municipal notes appeared only occasionally, and none in 1916. Toward the end of the first decade, brief notes on state judicial decisions appeared regularly in each number, totalling 34 pages in 1916; and a brief summary of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court was printed for several years. Other departmental notes were not continued regularly. Personal and bibliographical notes, book reviews, and lists of books, periodicals, and government publications were continued.

Since 1916 the number of leading articles and the space given to such articles has noticeably declined. During 1925 there were 14 such articles, aggregating 232 pages—about 25 per cent of the total number of pages in this volume. This has been due in part to a change in the programs for the annual meetings, which have included fewer long papers, and more informal discussions. Some of the papers presented at the meetings have been published in the departmental notes; and others have been published in other places. Nearly all of the papers which have come to the editor have been published, as well as articles from other sources.

On the other hand, the space given to departmental notes and the number of separate departments has been materially increased. Legislative notes and reviews have appeared regularly in each number, but the number of pages has somewhat declined. This has been due in part to an apparent decline in the activity of state legislative reference bureaus. Judicial decisions on public law are published frequently—a general summary of the decisions of the United States Supreme Court, and a section of brief notes on state decisions, appearing each year.

Notes on international affairs and on municipal affairs are included from once to twice a year. New departments of notes on American government and politics and on foreign governments have been established, and appear from time to time—notes on foreign governments twice or three times a year. Notes on colonial government have not been continued. The departmental notes in recent years are usually short articles, and sometimes longer articles, rather than brief paragraphs on a larger number of subjects.

For the last two years, the reports of the National Conference on the Science of Politics and the reports of the round table conferences at the annual meeting have added another new feature.

Book reviews and personal and miscellaneous notes have been continued regularly, with some increase in the space given to book reviews and notices. The list of publications has been greatly extended, partly on account of the increased number of such publications, but also because the work has been more systematically and thoroughly carried out.

In the development of the special departments, credit is due to the various members of the board of editors, and to others in charge of particular departments.

Two tables of statistics appended to this report illustrate some of the topics discussed.

For the future, one problem which should be considered is the preparation and publication of another general index at the end of the twentieth volume of the REVIEW. In 1917 a general index was published covering the ten volumes of *Proceedings* and the first ten volumes of the REVIEW. This was prepared at the Indiana Legislative Reference Bureau, under the supervision of Mr. John A. Lapp. If another Index is to be prepared at the end of the twentieth volume, work on it should begin soon, and it will be necessary to decide whether this should cover only the second ten volumes or should include also the earlier volumes and the *Proceedings*.

TABLE I

PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION AND THE AMERICAN
POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW, 1904-1925

| | <i>Proceedings</i> | | <i>Review</i> |
|------|--------------------|-----|---------------|
| 1904 | 249 | | |
| 1905 | 232 | | |
| 1906 | 258 | 721 | 1906-07 |
| 1907 | 335 | 700 | 1907-08 |
| 1908 | 261 | 666 | 1908-09 |
| 1909 | 176 | 653 | 1909-10 |
| 1910 | 197 | 689 | 1910-11 |
| 1911 | 226 | 689 | 1911-12 |
| 1912 | 197 | 740 | 1912-13 |
| 1913 | 193 | 740 | 1913-14 |
| | Supts. | 832 | 1915 |
| | 62 | 831 | 1916 |
| | | 827 | 1917 |
| | | 772 | 1918 |
| | | 734 | 1919 |
| | | 173 | 1920 |
| | | 656 | 1921 |
| | | 766 | 1922 |
| | | 738 | 1923 |
| | | 880 | 1924 |
| | | 909 | 1925 |

TABLE II

AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE REVIEW

| | 1906-7 | 1911 | 1916 | 1920 | 1925 |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Leading Articles | 14-306 | 18-287 | 26-393 | 12-243 | 14-232 |
| Notes on Legislation | 4-114 | 4-96 | 4-99 | 4-76 | 4-71 |
| Judicial Decisions | 1-4 | ..... | 4-34 | 4-69 | 2-35 |
| International Affairs | 2-11 | ..... | ..... | 2-30 | 1-18 |
| Colonial Government | 1-2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Municipal Affairs | 1-11 | 3-47 | ..... | 1-22 | 1-13 |
| American Government | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2-32 | 1-12 |
| Foreign Governments | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3-27 | 3-80 |
| Reports on National Conferences | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1-59 |
| News and Notes | 4-65 | 4-72 | 4-73 | 4-38 | 4-56 |
| Book Reviews | 4-136 | 4-116 | 4-127 | 4-125 | 4-153 |
| List of Publications | 4-63 | 4-65 | 4-85 | 4-100 | 4-147 |
| Vol. Index. | 18 | 16 | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| | 721 | 689 | 831 | 773 | 909 |
| Proceedings | 258 | 197 | | | |
| Supplements | | | 62 | | |
| Totals | 978 | 886 | 892 | 773 | 909 |