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# SIGMA XI QUARTERLY

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## NOTICE

Sigma Xi Associate Membership certificates and Associate Membership index cards, the latter in blue, can now be obtained from the office of the secretary.

These certificates and cards are furnished on the same conditions and rates as apply to the regular membership certificates and cards.

The contract has been let for a supply of Associate Membership pins which can be secured by chapter secretaries only. In accordance with the general instructions of the Convention and specific vote of the Executive Committee they are always sent out engraved for specific persons, and only on prepayment of amounts due. Blanks for orders have been sent to Chapter Secretaries.

## EDITORIAL

In one respect the Pittsburgh Convention would seem to have been somewhat inferior to other recent conventions, namely in the number of chapters represented. Just a little more than fifty per cent of the chapters took part in the business of the day. National conditions at present are given as an adequate explanation of this situation. On the other hand, it may justly be said that no recent convention has been marked by such intensity and earnestness of discussion, accompanied at the same time by the best of feeling and by an ultimate decision in the case of disputed matters that seemed to meet with the approval of all parties.

The local committee which was appointed by President Stieglitz on November 21, 1917, consisted originally of the following members:

Doctor R. F. Bacon, Mellon Institute (Chicago).

Doctor F. L. Bishop, University of Pittsburgh (Chicago).

Doctor C. C. Guthrie, University of Pittsburgh (Chicago).

Doctor O. E. Jennings, University of Pittsburgh (Ohio).

Doctor L. E. Griffin, University of Pittsburgh (Minnesota).

President Stieglitz had originally designated Doctor R. F. Bacon as chairman, but before he could enter upon the duties of the office, he was called and responded to the opportunity for entering upon the service of the Country. The duties of the position were then taken up by Doctor F. L. Bishop and he in turn was called away for national service before the day of the convention arrived.

Professor L. E. Griffin then voluntarily undertook to follow up the situation and was unceasing in his efforts to care for the convention in every way. The thanks of the society are certainly due to the members of the local committee for their services under these difficult conditions.

The meeting place in the Mellon Institute assigned to Sigma Xi was well adapted to its purpose and it was eminently appropriate that a society devoted to research should be privileged to meet in an institute which has achieved such remarkable results in that field.

To Chancellor McCormick and to the University of Pittsburgh in general the society is indebted for its welcome and for the measures taken to insure its comfort and convenience.

The annual dinner which was held at the University Club through the courtesy of that organization overflowed the dining-room originally set aside for it, filled up a smaller dining-room adjacent and even spread out ultimately and took in a couple of tables in the main dining-room of the club. If it were possible for members to acquire the habit of announcing at an early date the likelihood of their attendance upon these functions, it would be practicable to make better provisions for them. The steward planned for more places than had been originally engaged, but was greeted by the appearance of twenty-five per cent more persons even than he had planned for. Such conditions are very trying for those who have to provide for the entertainment. They make it difficult also both for those who have engaged places and for those who have not, to get proper service and to enjoy themselves. The service rendered was admirable, and Sigma Xi is deeply indebted to the University Club for the courtesies extended its members.