

## ACTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

For the record of business transacted by the Council at its meeting in the Harvard Union, on December 28, 1926, see the Proceedings of the Annual Meeting at Cambridge, in the *PMLA* for March 1927, pages iii-v.

I. Under date of January 3, 1927, the Secretary called the attention of the Council to the vacancy in the Editorial Committee caused by Professor C. C. Marden's unwillingness to accept re-election (see Proceedings, March *PMLA*, p. xxxi). The Secretary asked the members of the Council to vote informally for a successor to Professor Marden. The votes cast were distributed among some fifteen candidates, of whom Professor J. P. Wickersham Crawford received the largest number. On January 14 the Secretary reported the result of the ballot to the members of the Council and Professor Crawford was thereupon unanimously elected.

II. Under date of May 11, Dr. Prokosch, Treasurer of the Association, reported to the Executive Council that the Carnegie Corporation of New York had voted a commitment to the Modern Language Association of the sum of \$10,000 for the coming fiscal year, to be paid in instalments of \$2,500 on July 1 and Oct. 1, 1927, and Jan. 1 and April 1, 1928.

The Treasurer called attention to the fact that the Monograph Expense Account was carrying unusually heavy obligations in meeting the cost during the present calendar year of printing the second volume of the Paton monograph as well as the Albright monograph, and furthermore that the bill for printing the Allen monograph might be expected before the close of the year. Accordingly, he recommended to the Council that of the \$5,000 available in 1927 from the Carnegie grant the sum of \$3,000 be paid into the Monograph Expense Account in order to put this account on a solvent basis.

The Treasurer recommended further that the remaining \$2,000 from the Carnegie grant during 1927 be deposited as a special emergency fund to be available either for publication or administrative expenses as circumstances might require.

The recommendations of the Treasurer were unanimously approved by the Council.

III. Under date of May 25, the Secretary informed the Council that owing to his acceptance of an appointment at New York University the Secretary's office would be transferred in September from Bryn Mawr to New York City, where commodious space had been generously provided by New York University for the offices of the Association in Graduate Hall on the University Heights campus.

The Secretary transmitted at the same time a letter from Professor Prokosch, Treasurer of the Association, asking to be relieved of his duties as Treasurer on September 30. In communicating this letter to the

Council, the Secretary suggested that inasmuch as there was reason to hope that Dr. Prokosch's plans might permit him to resume his duties as Treasurer at the end of another year, instead of accepting his resignation an Acting Treasurer might be appointed to perform the duties of his office during the interim. As Acting Treasurer the Secretary proposed Professor C. M. Purin of the Hunter College, New York City. The Council, without dissenting vote, appointed Professor Purin as Acting Treasurer.

Unfortunately for these plans, shortly after Professor Purin's election he accepted an offer from the Milwaukee Junior College which made it impossible for him to undertake the duties of Treasurer, and accordingly he felt it necessary to decline the election.

IV. Under date of June 21, the Secretary notified the Council of Professor Purin's inability to accept the appointment and proposed as Acting Treasurer Professor John Whyte of the College of the City of New York. Professor Whyte was unanimously elected by the Council and has accepted the appointment.

V. Under date of October 11th, Professor John Whyte, Acting Treasurer, transmitted to the Executive Council, with his indorsement, the recommendation by Dr. Prokosch that the annual list of members be issued henceforth in February instead of December in order to include the numerous corrections of address and title which are first reported when the due bills are sent out, and also to include the names of the considerable group of persons who join during the annual meetings. The Council approved of this change and also voted that it should take effect the present year.

CARLETON BROWN, *Secretary*