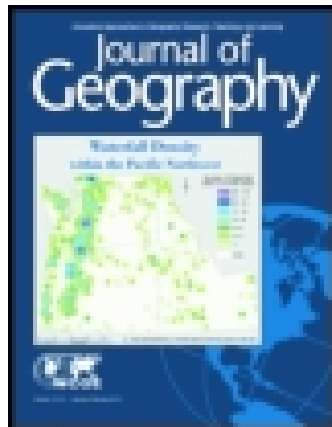


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in the western hemisphere; it exchanges publications with more than six hundred kindred associations; and it publishes a monthly magazine, *The Geographical Review*, containing a wide range of interesting and authoritative articles. Prior to 1916 the magazine of the Society was called "*The Bulletin of the American Geographical Society*." The complete set of more than fifty volumes contains, it may be said without exaggeration, more geographical material than all other American publications of the time outside of government documents. A general index to this set has recently been issued.

Other special publications are: "*Memorial Volume of the Trans-continental Excursion of 1912*" (1915), containing numerous papers on the geography of the United States by European geographers; "*The Andes of Southern Peru: Geographical Reconnaissance along the Seventy-Third Meridian*," by Isaiah Bowman, the present director of the Society (1916); and "*The Frontiers of Language and Nationality in Europe*," by Leon Dominian (1917). Topics that will be treated in volumes under preparation are the relation of topography to military strategy in the European war and the foreign colonies of Argentina and Brazil.

Two gold medals have been founded by the Society, the Collum Geographical medal and the Charles P. Daly medal. Among those to whom its medals have been awarded are Nansen, Peary, Amundsen, Shackleton, Scott, Sir John Murray, William Morris Davis, Ellen Churchill Semple, Paul Vidal de la Blache.

The Society has a growing membership at present numbering 3,900. The annual dues are ten dollars, which entitles each member to the monthly magazine and the special volume of the current year. Resident members also receive tickets to the bimonthly lectures. The home of the Society is at the corner of Broadway and 156th St., New York City.

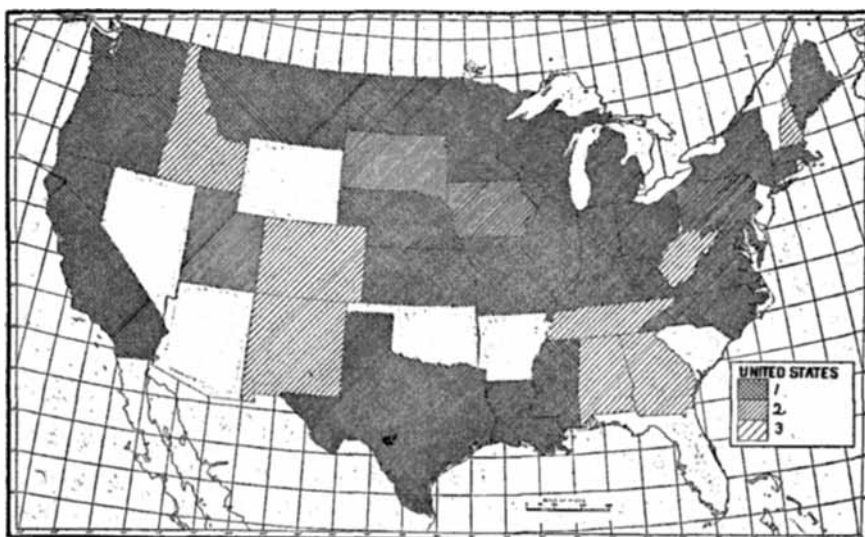
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS.

By George J. Miller, Secretary.

The movement for the organization of the National Council of Geography Teachers was started in 1914, and the organization was completed during the following year. It has had the hearty support of the Association of American Geographers and of the American Geographical Society. Its purpose is to "increase the effectiveness of geography teaching in America (a) by promotion of national educational movements; (b) by cooperating in the organization and development of state councils; and (c) in such other ways as the officers may from time to time determine." It aims to accomplish its work through the

study of educational problems and contribute their findings to the country as a whole; by giving assistance to school officials, and by providing speakers for meetings. It is probable that the most effective and immediate results will be accomplished by the cooperative efforts of state and local councils.

Although the past few years have been devoted largely to the work of organization, many state councils have been busy on educational problems of vital interest in their respective states. A report on normal school geography by a committee of the National Council is now nearing completion and will be published in the *Journal of Geography* next fall.



Progress in organization of state councils of geography teachers to June 1918

1. State organization completed.
2. Expect to complete organization in school year of 1918-19.
3. A leader has assumed responsibility for an organization.

Up to 1914 there was no national or state organization in the United States devoted exclusively to the promotion of better geography teaching. There are now active organizations in twenty-five states; five more states will be organized during the coming year, and leaders have assumed responsibility for an organization in nine other states. During the past three years several thousand teachers have attended meetings held under the auspices of the state councils and devoted to the discussion of geography teaching. A meeting place and an annual program are now assured to interested geography teachers in the majority of the states. The National Council consists of approximately 1,000 members.

Never in the history of American education has there been such a demand for geographic knowledge as there is today. Never has there

been such a golden opportunity to demonstrate the value of geographic training. Now is the time to act. Is your state organized? Have you a state council? If not, why not? Will you cooperate at once? Address the secretary for information.

The officers of the National Council for 1918 are as follows:

President, Prof. Albert P. Brigham, Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.

Vice President, Dr. Isaiah Bowman, Director American Geographical Society, New York City.

Vice President, Dr. A. E. Parkins, George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn.

Treasurer, Dr. N. A. Bengtson, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.
Secretary, George J. Miller, State Normal School, Mankato, Minn.

THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS.

By N. M. Fenneman, President in 1918.

The purpose of the Association of American Geographers is to get together the research students of Geography in America. It is said that there is only one other geographical society in the world which limits its membership to productive scholars. In most geographic, as in many other scientific societies, sympathy and interest are the qualifications for membership. Highly useful as is the work done by such societies, the field for them is well occupied in America. Several of these are among the largest and most active geographic societies in the world. To duplicate these would have been unnecessary and perhaps impossible. But the relatively small number of men in this country giving their efforts primarily to geographic research felt that their work needed some form of association; hence the organization of this society in 1902.

As was to be expected, some of the most valuable students of essentially geographic facts and principles were found among the devotees of other sciences, notably Botany, Geology, Geodesy, etc. Where such men have exhibited interest in the distinctly geographic side of their work they have been admitted to membership.

The membership of the association numbers a little more than 100, fairly well distributed over the country in proportion to its population except for a relative preponderance near that great center of science, Washington. The regular meetings are held during the holiday vacation, sometimes in connection with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, or the Geological Society of America; at other times alone. The avowed plan is to distribute these meetings through various parts of the country, but up to the present, much the larger number have been held on or near the Atlantic Coast.