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A LETTER TO PRESIDENT WOODWARD

April 15, 1918.

Mr. Howard S. Woodward,
Western Reserve University,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Woodward:

I am writing now to say that we shall be very glad indeed to have the National Association of Teachers of Speech represented on our Advisory Committee. We understand that this organization meets the conditions of such representation, which are as follows:

"Believing in the words of the President, 'that the supreme test of the Nation has come, that the very principles upon which the American Republic was founded are now at stake, and that it is essential in this hour to speak, act and serve together,' we pledge ourselves and our organizations to full coöperation in a speaking campaign which shall bring home to the whole people 'Their duty to fight and farm, mine and manufacture, conserve food and fuel, save and spend, to the one common object of vindicating the principles of our peace and justice, freeing the peoples of the world from the menace and actual power of a vast military establishment controlled by an irresponsible government.'

"There be it resolved: That it is the sense of the Advisory Committee that organizations represented on this Committee should definitely regard the winning of the war as their primary concern, that they should be national in scope and activity and that they should either be carrying on patriotic speaking campaigns or have organized audiences throughout the country available for patriotic education."

In our announcements hereafter, therefore, we shall be glad to list the National Association of Teachers of Speech and we shall understand that you are to personally represent this organization on our Committee. I shall have pleasure in sending you all past bulletins to our Advisory Committee and in mailing to you all bulletins which we issue in the future.

Sincerely yours,

[Signed] ARTHUR E. BESTOR.

HOW TO HOLD A SUCCESSFUL PATRIOTIC MEETING

THE following suggestions, clipped from a treasury department folder, are thought to be well worth circulating and calling to the attention of all committees arranging public meetings of any sort. Perhaps university committees having charge of public functions have particular need of such advice. The outrages (this word is chosen after careful deliberation) committed by presiding officers are especially hard to pardon. I attended one meeting recently at which the chairman, a university professor, spoke forty-three minutes, and left twelve minutes for the speaker of the day. The