THE FORUM

ANNUAL CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

THERE will be no 1918 convention of the National Association. This final action of the Executive Committee was taken late in September. The decision was purposely held in abeyance because of the divided opinion expressed in answer to the inquiries mailed with THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL last May and because war conditions, changing so rapidly, might at any minute render the holding of a convention impossible. That minute seems to have arrived with the creation of the Students' Army Training Corps, a sort of last straw on the convention's back.

The reasons for this action hardly need stating. The first purpose of everyone is to beat the Hun. For very many of us this means a large amount of extra work. For all of us it means money for Liberty Bonds and Savings Stamps, money for War Chests and philanthropies, heaps of money for living expenses; and the cost of travel keeps us at home when necessity does not compel our going.

Let us remember that the Association does not live by and for conventions alone. THE QUARTERLY JOURNAL is certainly the most important single piece of work for which it is responsible, and THE QUARTERLY's helpfulness should not suffer thru omission of this year's convention. Will not every member feel even a bit more keenly than before the need of staying in the fellowship, of paying dues promptly and getting new members for the Association and new subscribers for THE QUARTERLY, and of submitting his ideas to the QUARTERLY editors for publication? So may we help ourselves and our fellows professionally and meet next year, or when the Potsdam gang is routed, not only better Americans but also better teachers.

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