

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCIENCE ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION MEETING.

As the result of an inquiry sent out by Prof. W. A. Fiske, Occidental College, to science men in the schools of this vicinity regarding the formation of a Science Association in Southern California. The first meeting of those interested was held at 10 A. M., November 14, 1908, in the Committee Rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, Los Angeles.

The meeting was called to order by Prof. Fiske with an explanation of the reasons for the meeting, and Prof. Fiske having been appointed temporary chairman, and H. C. Clifton, Throop Institute, temporary secretary, discussion of the organization proceeded along the lines of the following outline of topics as suggested for consideration:

(1). Desirability of Science Association in Southern California by H. T. Clifton, and W. R. Bowker (Univ. So. Cal.) with an invitation from Prof. Bowker to hold meetings at U. S. C. at such times as should be convenient.

(2). Charter Membership.

Moved by W. K. Gaylord (Throop Institute), seconded by R. C. Daniels (L. A. High), and motion carried:

That those present to-day and those appearing at the next meeting shall constitute the charter membership of this Association.

(3). Committee on Constitution.

Moved by R. C. Daniels, seconded by W. K. Gaylord and carried:

That the Chairman appoint a committee of three on the Constitution. The suggestion was made that the Constitution be as short and concise as possible to cover the needs of the Association. Chair appointed:

C. S. Milliken, Throop Institute.

O. C. Albertson, Whittier High.

G. C. Bush, S. Pasadena High.

A. L. Cavanagh having been excused from serving.

(4). Time and place of meeting.

Discussion by Messrs. West (Occidental), Gaylord, Bowker, Fiske, Nye (U. S. C.), Clifton, Life. An invitation was presented from President Baer of Occidental College to hold the first meeting there.

The consensus of opinion was that there should be two meetings each year, that the meeting should be held on Saturdays at a time other than a vacation time and that for getting members together and to secure the services of a lecturer, a date convenient to the Institute week would be desirable. Upon motions duly seconded the first meeting was voted for a date in December and the invitation of Pres. Baer was accepted.

(5). Membership Dues.

Discussion by Messrs. Nye, A. C. Life (U. S. C.), Daniels, Clifton, Bowker. Moved by C. S. Milliken, seconded by W. K. Gaylord and duly carried:

That membership-dues of the Association be one (\$1.00) dollar per annum.

(6). Committee on Membership.

Discussion by Messrs. Albertson, Daniels, Nye, Tower, favored immediate appointment of committee and a general effort among all present to help the work of the committee. Motions for the decision of the number by the committee on the constitution, and for the immediate appointment by the chairman of a temporary committee were duly seconded and carried.

Appointed:

A. W. Tower, Polytechnic High, L. A.

S. H. Anderson, Occidental Academy.

C. E. Higbee, Excelsior Union High, Norwalk.

(7). Nominating Committee.

The chairman appointed:

Messrs. Bowker, Cavanagh (L. A. High), and Gaylord as a committee on nominations for the members of the Executive Committee and for the Officers of the Association.

(8). The Program—General or Sectional; Number of Sessions. Discussion by Messrs. Bush, Milliken, G. F. Cook (Occidental), Life, Daniels, Gaylord, Albertson, Monroe, F. H. Beals (Occidental).

A motion by A. C. Life that the first meetings be general, duly seconded, and the amendment to change the words "first meetings" to "regular meetings" offered by O. C. Albertson, duly seconded, upon a vote being taken, were lost.

A motion to have a general program at the first meeting was duly seconded and carried.

Upon a motion by A. W. Tower, duly seconded, it was voted to limit the length of the meeting to not longer than one day and to leave the consideration of the length of the other meetings to the Committee on the Constitution.

General.

Questions as to opening the membership list to ladies and including the teachers of Mathematics, already organized, were discussed. Upon motion of G. W. Monroe, duly seconded, it was voted to admit ladies to the organization.

Nominations.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

For President, W. A. Fiske, Occidental.

Vice-President, W. R. Bowker, U. S. C.

Secretary-Treasurer, H. T. Clifton, Throop.

Members of the Executive Committee:

R. C. Daniels, L. A. High.

G. Walter Monroe, Whittier High.

Upon a vote being had they were declared elected.

The meeting then adjourned.

H. T. CLIFTON

ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS IN THE MIDDLE STATES AND MARYLAND.

The eleventh meeting of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics in the Middle States and Maryland was held at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., on November 28th.

After the address of welcome by President Starr, the following papers were read:

"Training versus Facts," William Henry Metzler, Syracuse University.

"Elementary Logic as a Basis for Plane Geometry," Eugene Randolph Smith, Polytechnic Preparatory School, Brooklyn, N. Y.