

Ceramic Society; Sullivan W. Jones, J. A. F. Cardiff, American Institute of Architects; Geo. F. Weston, American Society of Agricultural Engineers; F. L. Pryor, American Society of Refrigerating Engineers; H. W. Peck, American Gas Institute; Nicholas Hill, American Water Works Association; Edwin J. Prindle, L. P. Alford, L. P. Breckenridge, American Society of Mechanical Engineers; F. J. T. Stewart, National Fire Protection Association; J. J. Blackmore, American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers; C. F. Clarkson, Society of Automobile Engineers; F. L. Bishop, Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education; George R. Olshausen, U. S. Bureau of Standards; E. C. Crittenden, American Physical Society; Alfred Rigling, Franklin Institute; W. P. Cutter, American Institute of Mining Engineers; Edgar Marburg, American Society for Testing Materials; A. S. MacAllister, National Electric Light Association. American Electro-Chemical Society and Illuminating Engineering Society; C. E. Lindsay, American Railway Engineering Association; G. W. Lee, librarian.

The executive committee was charged with the task of enlarging the membership of the committee to include delegates from all similar national organizations, and the preparation of a plan for further action.

The delegates present expressed most hearty and enthusiastic personal interest in any system which might be worthy of general adoption; they could, of course, not promise, at this early date, anything more than moral support to the idea, reserving for themselves and for their societies the right to thoroughly examine any system that might be evolved before recommending its adoption.

The name adopted for this organization is "Joint Committee on Classification of Technical Literature," and the temporary address of the Secretary, Mr. W. P. Cutter, is 29 West 39th Street, New York City.

#### THE NINETEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICANISTS

In consequence of the war in Europe, the Washington meeting of the Congress, which

was originally scheduled for October 5, 1915, was, with the general approval of the membership, indefinitely postponed. Since then it has become evident that the war may last for a long period, and that when it does end the conditions, economic and otherwise, may be such that a successful meeting can not be held for many years. Circumstances, however, have so shaped themselves as to make possible a well-attended session of the congress during the coming winter, notwithstanding the enforced absence of most of the European delegates. During Convocation Week of this year, a number of important scientific bodies, whose interests wholly or in part are closely related to those of the Americanists and whose membership is in a large measure the same, will meet in Washington. As this seemed to present an excellent opportunity for a meeting of the Americanists, the organizing committee took preliminary steps which assure intimate cooperation between the Congress and other learned bodies and submitted the proposal to hold the postponed session in cooperation or jointly with these organizations, to the vote of the members. The result of this vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the proposal. In consequence, the organizing committee feels authorized to announce that the session will be held in Washington, December 27-31, of this year; and that it will be held jointly or in cooperation with the Anthropological Section of the Pan-American Scientific Congress, the American Anthropological Association, the American Historical Association, the American Folklore Society, and the Archeological Institute of America. The program previously published will in the main be adhered to, excepting the field excursions; and the members are urged to communicate with the secretary in relation to the papers which they intend to present.

W. A. HOLMES,  
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