Committee on Alcoholics, Welfare Federation of Cleveland, also presented programs on Tuesday and Wednesday in collaboration with the Research Council on Problems of Alcohol. At the luncheon on Tuesday Dr. Lawrence Kolb, U. S. Public Health Service, delivered an address on “Alcoholism; What is it and How should it be Handled?” On Wednesday, at 2:15 P.M., the committee held three simultaneous discussion sessions, followed by a general session at 4 o’clock. The general subjects for the three groups were: “The Role of Psychiatry and Social Work in the Treatment of Alcoholics,” “Prevention of Alcoholism: What Should Youth Be Told,” “The Role of the Church in the Treatment of Alcoholics,” and “Is a Diagnostic Clinic for Alcoholics a Necessary Part of a Sound Community Program”?

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF AESTHETICS

American Society for Aesthetics held its first annual meeting from Monday to Wednesday, inclusive, September 11–13. The president of this recently founded organization is Dr. Thomas Munro, Cleveland Museum of Art, and its secretary is Dr. Max Schoen, Carnegie Institute of Technology. The program of this society makes it clear why its first meeting was held with a meeting of the association.

The general subject of the first program was “Aims and Methods in Aesthetics.” It was presented under the chairmanship of Dr. Thomas Munro, and consisted of 5 papers.

The subject of the afternoon session, under the chairmanship of Max Schoen, was “General Theory,” on which 5 papers were presented.

On Tuesday morning the general subject of the program was “The Arts: Music, Literature,” which was presented under the chairmanship of V. M. Ames.

The Tuesday afternoon program was on “The Visual Arts,” Katherine Gilbert, presiding.

At the Tuesday evening dinner, Dr. Thomas Munro delivered an address on “Society and Solitude in Aesthetics.”

The final program on Wednesday afternoon was on “The Arts: Various Approaches.” It was held under the chairmanship of C. J. Dueasse.

EXPENSES OF THE CLEVELAND MEETING

Program, editing and printing ............................................. $1,452.62
Projection, equipment, rental and operation .......................... 1,249.50
Auditorium rentals .......................................................... 622.00
Press service ................................................................. 155.02
Registration sign ............................................................. 4.64
Photolithographing room assignment charts ........................ 8.40
Telemgrams and long-distance calls .................................... 51.01
Travel expenses, Executive Committee ............................... 330.26
Travel expenses and section expenses, section secre-
taries .............................................................................. 886.35
Exhibition, preliminary expenses ....................................... 186.23
Other preliminary expenses .............................................. 19.41
Registration cards ........................................................... 14.90
Academy Conference Dinner .............................................. 70.75

$5,082.99

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

(From report by Otis W. Caldwell, General Secretary)

The Council meeting was held in two sessions, the first from 2 P.M. to 4:10 P.M., on Monday, September 11, and the second from 8:30 A.M., to 9:55 A.M., on Wednesday, September 13. The total membership of the Council is 255, of whom 42 attended the first session and 38 the second session. Of the 42 present at the first session, only 20 were present at the second session.

At the session of the Council held on September 11 the following actions were taken.

1. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted to approve the election of officers of the association by mail ballot, as in 1942 and 1943, and to instruct the Office of the Permanent Secretary to proceed with the election.

2. The revised constitution was reported by the special committee on its revision, as approved by the Executive Committee and recommended for adoption. After a motion for amendments was lost, it was voted to recommend the revised constitution, as submitted by the Executive Committee, to the General Session of the association to be held on Monday evening, September 11, for the address of the retiring president of the association, Dr. Isaiah Bowman. (The revised constitution was presented by Dr. Carlson, president. On a call for a *viva voce* vote on the adoption of the constitution as submitted, all votes, except one, were favorable. Consequently, the revised constitution was not finally adopted by the vote. However, under a provision of the existing constitution still in effect, it “may be amended at a general session by unanimous vote or by a majority vote at two consecutive annual meetings.” Presumably the revised constitution voted on at Cleveland will be presented for a second consideration at the next annual meeting of the association.)

3. Upon his request Mr. Ware Cattell was given an opportunity to address the Council for 15 minutes.

4. The Permanent Secretary reported that the membership of the association on September 11 exceeded 25,000.

5. A brief report on the publications of the association was made by the Permanent Secretary, who announced that Dr. Charles S. Stephenson had been appointed editor of *Science* by the Executive Committee until December 31, 1945.

6. The General Secretary, following discussions, urged members of the Council to send to him ideas about more profitable meetings of the Council and stated he would summarize and distribute the recommendations.
At the second session of the Council, held on September 13, the following actions were taken.

1. Minutes of the first session were read and approved.

2. After a general discussion of a possible change in the time of the annual meeting of the association, it was moved by George A. Baitsev, seconded by A. F. Blakeslee, and carried that the problem be placed before the entire Council for decision by mail ballot.

3. The question of better pre-planning for future meetings of the Council was raised by P. W. Zimmerman. A. F. Blakeslee then presented the following three motions:

(A) That the Council instruct the Executive Committee that the amendments voted on (motions not carried) at the Council meeting of September 11, 1944, be presented at the earliest feasible opportunity;

(B) That pending action on these amendments, the Executive Committee be instructed not to nominate for immediate reelection any member of the Executive Committee who has served a four-year term;

(C) That the Executive Committee be instructed, after the present meetings of the A.A.A.S., to send out by mail to members of the Council, in adequate season before its meeting, agenda of matters expected to be brought up for discussion, including nominations for administrative officers.

The above motions were separately considered, and all three motions were carried.

The three proposed amendments to the Constitution, as printed in SCIENCE, September 1, 1944, and referred to in the first of the foregoing three motions, follow:

Article III, Section 3, tenth and eleventh lines shall read: "The Administrative Secretary, Assistant Administrative Secretary, General Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected by the Council on nomination by the Executive Committee, or on nomination by five members of the Council."

Article IV, Section 3, lines 14–17. Instead of the sentence beginning line 14: "At any election . . . " substitute the following: "Elected members of the Executive Committee shall be ineligible to re-election immediately after having served four-year terms."

Article IV, Section 6, in lines 2 and 3, delete "shall include at least two members of the Council and . . .""

4. The National Roster of Scientific and Specialized Personnel was discussed by Dr. Roger C. Smith, who moved that the president of the association appoint a committee of three to study the National Roster for the purpose of better acquainting this association with the roster and to make recommendations both to the association and the roster as to how the roster may serve scientists and science more effectively.

An amendment was proposed, changing the number of the proposed committee to five. Carried unanimously.

A motion was then made to refer the proposal to the Executive Committee with power to act. Motion did not carry. The original motion as amended was then carried unanimously.

5. It was moved by L. K. Frank that the president of the association shall appoint a committee to cooperate with other such committees from other major scientific organizations, to consider the feasibility of establishing a body which might be designated by some such term as the National Science Planning Board, to formulate national policies for research and to report back to the Council. Carried unanimously.

The Council adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

(Signed) OTIS W. CALDWELL,
General Secretary

THE ACADEMY CONFERENCE
(From reports by Otis W. Caldwell, General Secretary, and V. Earl Light, secretary of Academy Conference)

The academy conference was held on Monday, September 11, convening at 4:15 P.M. Dr. V. Earl Light, secretary of the conference, asked Dr. L. J. Thomas to serve as chairman in the absence of the regular chairman, Dr. S. W. Bilsing.


The discussions were vigorous, occupying all the time available. The complimentary dinner given by the A.A.A.S. to delegates from academies was attended by 25 representatives of academies and officers of the A.A.A.S. At the dinner, Dr. A. J. Carlson and Dr. Harlow Shapley addressed the meeting. The conference adjourned at 8:00 o'clock in order that those present might attend the first general session of the association meeting at which President Bowman's address was given. All officers of the conference were reelected for 1945: President, S. W. Bilsing; Vice-president, G. W. Prescott; Secretary, V. Earl Light. Attendance, 26 representatives of affiliated academies and guests.