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THE STATE ACADEMIES OF SCIENCE AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Since the New Hampshire Academy of Science is now affiliated with the American Association for the Advancement of Science and is advancing shoulder to shoulder with twenty other affiliated state academies, it seems worth while to learn what these other organizations have accomplished and in what activities they are at present engaged. This address presents some of the results of a study of those questions.

Brief statements concerning the organization and work of sixteen of the affiliated academies were published in the last volume of "Summarized Proceedings of the American Association" (1921-1925), which appeared in December, 1925. Since that time five additional academies have become affiliated with the association. In preparation for the study here reported, a questionnaire of eighteen specific questions was sent to the secretaries of all the academies in this group, excepting our own, and all but two of the twenty secretaries responded, some of them sending additional information about their academies. That the secretaries were keenly interested in the study is shown by the receipt of many publications from fourteen academies. Several of the secretaries expressed a desire to receive the results of the detailed study of the material collected.

Academies affiliated with the American Association exist in the following states: Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Reference to the map shows that these states form a group extending from the Atlantic Ocean to the Mississippi River, with an arm extending from Iowa through Nebraska and Kansas to Oklahoma. The region south and west of the last named states has no affiliated academies at present, partly because it is covered by the Pacific Division and the Southwestern Division of the American Asso-

1 From the address of the retiring president of the New Hampshire Academy of Science, delivered at Water ville, N. H., June 4, 1927.

2 A sixth additional academy (of South Carolina) became affiliated October 17, 1927. There are twenty-two in all.