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INTRODUCTION.

The papers included in this number of the Journal of Social Science comprise all of the Boston addresses of 1905.

Since printing the Historical Address, the United States League of Co-operative Banks, etc., has met in New York, and Mr. Cellarius, its Secretary, reports as follows, in addition to the facts given on pp. 10 and 11: --

"The number of separate associations is now 5,265 as against 5,308 in 1904; but their total assets are now \$600,342,568,— a gain for the year of \$20,786,474. The total membership is 1,631,046, — a net increase of 64,346 members."

It may be well in this place to remind essayists once more of the *invariable rule* of the Association, that all papers engaged for the General Meeting are so secured with the understanding that they may be published in the *Journal* if deemed advisable. The members of the Council, however, are not pledged in advance to the publication of any particular paper. If writers choose to publish elsewhere, it must be with the stipulation that their papers may also be printed in the *Journal*, at the option of the Council as to date of publication. Heads of departments are not solicitous to secure essays which, in general form and substance, have been read elsewhere before presentation at the Association Meeting.

A list of all addresses and papers will be found in the Table of Contents, and volumes published by the Association may be ordered of the Boston Book Company or of Damrell and Upham, Boston, Mass., the selling agents of the Association.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

All officers are *ex-officio* members of the Association, but persons serving on the Department Committees may or may not be members of the Association.

In the list herewith submitted the annual and life members are given alphabetically, and the honorary and corresponding members according to nationality. The only distinction between honorary and corresponding members is that the former reside in the United States, and the latter in foreign countries. It was voted at a meeting of the General Council that the "Journal" of the Association shall not be sent to any annual member who has not paid his dues for the year in which the convention is held which is reported in the "Journal." It was subsequently voted at a meeting held at Woodmont, Conn., July 6, 1898, that the General Secretary be permitted to use his discretion in carrying into effect this resolution.

BUSINESS OF 1905.

The American Social Science Association held its Forty-third General Meeting at Boston, Mass., beginning Thursday morning, May 11, and closing with the session of Saturday morning, May 13. The proceedings of the convention were carried on in Huntington Hall, which was kindly placed at the disposal of the Association by the Faculty of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Little formal business was transacted at this meeting of the Association. It was deemed expedient to defer the consideration of the routine affairs of the Association until the meeting of the General Council early in the fall.

The absence of Secretary Root in Europe during the summer of 1905 has left the work of editing the *Journal* to be done, as it was for many years before 1899, by the former General Secretary, Mr. Sanborn. The material had been carefully collected by Mr. Root, and the task was a pleasant one, in view of the instructive character of the papers. No attempt was made to report the debates stenographically, and the abundance of papers read left less time than usual for discussion.

The editor in charge is struck, in looking over the long list of our publications, with the great variety of topics treated during the forty years' life of the Association and the high excellence of most of the papers. Adapted usually to the varying needs of the time, there are yet many which are of permanent importance, and which, if preserved in libraries, will be useful for reference in future years. It is therefore urged upon librarians, since the editions of the *Journal* are small, to secure copies of the series before they go out of print.

