

Mr. Huse then made some brief comments on the feature subject of the evening, *Wide Film*, followed by statements of the manufacturing problems involved in producing wider film. These comments were followed by brief remarks from Mr. Rhody, covering some of the optical problems that had been raised by the use of wide film. Mr. Huse then introduced Mr. George Mitchell, Chief Engineer of the Mitchell Camera Corporation.

Mr. Mitchell had prepared an excellent group of exhibits of the various parts of the Grandeur camera together with completely assembled units. These he reviewed, pointing out the differences between these and the better known thirty-five millimeter cameras. His discussion was quite complete as well as interesting and was followed by an open forum of questions that elicited discussions from the floor on photography, projection, illumination, optics, picture proportion, *etc.*

At the conclusion of the open forum the speakers were thanked and the meeting was invited to inspect the plant which represents one of the most complete examples of modern engineering in the motion picture industry.

G. F. RACKETT, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY*

This report summarizes briefly some of the items which will be of interest to the membership regarding the conduct of the office of Secretary for 1928 to 1929.

The past year has been a record year for the Society. It saw the formation of the London Section and witnessed a decided increase in our German and French membership, with a substantial growth of American membership. Our growth in membership is indicative of the increased new work carried on by the Society in every field. In order to meet these new conditions, the Board of Governors appointed early last year an Assistant to the Secretary and Treasurer, who was to coöperate with other officers and committee chairmen as much as possible. Miss Renwick took this position the first week in January and has done much to keep the work of the Secretary's office up to date. Since the Secretary's office is a clearing house for a great many of the Society's matters, there is necessarily considerable detail work required. No further mention will be made of this par-

* October 1, 1928, to October 1, 1929.

ticular phase of the work, but attention will now be given to items more pertinent to the membership.

MEMBERSHIP

Mr. Cowling, the very active Chairman of the Membership Committee, has added many new names to the Society rolls. The present roll of the Society is 611 members, which represents an increase of 313 new members for the year! The total enrollment is divided as follows: 5 Honorary members, 326 Active members, and 280 Associate members. Seven members have resigned from the Society during the past year, and 18 have been dropped from the rolls. Six Associate members have been transferred to Active membership. Twenty-five applications are now pending action. Of these, 11 await approval by the Board, and 14 are held up for entrance fee.

The Pacific Coast Section, which includes Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Francisco, and Washington, shows a total of 74 members. The London Section which was organized last year has increased during the year to 90 members, and is very active, holding meetings regularly once a month during the winter season.

The total Society membership as distributed over the United States or in foreign countries is as follows:

New York and East	303
Chicago and Mid-West	82
Pacific Coast	74
British Isles	90
Canada	15
France	14
Germany	15
India	6
Italy	3
Russia	2
Australia	2
Japan	2
Switzerland	1
Sweden	1
Holland	1
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Total	611

TRANSACTIONS

One thousand, three hundred and thirty-one (1331) *Transactions* since October 1, 1928, have been mailed out by the Secretary. Over \$3000 has been received in payment for these *Transactions*.

Our *Transactions* went to many foreign countries; approximately one-fourth of the *Transactions* distributed from this office have gone to non-members in foreign countries.

PRINTING AND STATIONERY

In order to insure that stationery of uniform quality is used, and that printed matter is handled through a central source, practically all requirements along this line have been taken care of by the Secretary. On the whole, this scheme has worked out well. The Secretary has taken care of all printed matter circularized to the members during the past six months. In addition, the publication of the *Bulletin* was taken over for this six-months' period. Two issues, one in June and one in September, have been prepared and mailed to the membership.

Assistance has been given to other officers and committee chairmen in preparing mailing material and in the furnishing of addressed envelopes.

CONCLUSION

As a result of my year's experience as Secretary, it is evident to me that there are many opportunities for further centralization of the Society's activities and coördination of effort through the Secretary's office. However, in view of the fact that the publishing of a journal is under immediate consideration, it does not seem advisable to make recommendations at the present time. Undoubtedly much routine work now handled by the Secretary will be taken care of by the office conducting this JOURNAL. Details of coördination and centralization under these new conditions will require careful consideration and will have to be worked out by the manager conducting the JOURNAL.

Respectfully submitted,
R. S. BURNAP, *Secretary*

SPRING MEETING OF THE SOCIETY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

(May 5th to 8th, inclusive)

Arrangements for the Spring meeting of the Society to be held at the Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D. C., have been announced by the Chairman of the Convention Committee, Mr. W. C. Kunzmann.