

service of the newly formed Section, he proceeded with the nominations for the offices of secretary-treasurer and two managers.

The committee nominations for secretary-treasurer were D. E. Hyndman and W. R. McNair, and for the offices of managers were H. Griffin, M. C. Batsel, J. R. Manheimer, T. E. Shea, and G. C. Edwards. It was moved that the manager receiving the highest number of votes be designated the long term manager, and the one receiving the next highest number of votes be designated as the short term manager.

The election of officers then proceeded on the basis of these nominations, and the subsequent count revealed that Mr. Hyndman was elected to the office of secretary-treasurer, Mr. Shea to the long term office of manager, and Mr. Batsel to the short term office of manager.

A telegram from the West Coast Section was read offering their Section's best wishes for the success of the New York Section.

A motion was then made and passed that the New York Section through its officers petition the Board of Governors to reconsider the limits of the New York Section, and to accept the definition of the metropolitan limits as those given by the leading national authority, which is assumed to be the United States Chamber of Commerce.

NEWS NOTE FROM THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

New York City, March 30.—The League of Nations is undertaking an exhaustive study of the effects that motion pictures may produce on the eyesight of children and young people, it was disclosed here today by the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

"The widespread use of the cinema throughout the world now, its additional possibilities for visual education with the introduction of talking pictures, and its increased use in schools and colleges has called forth the present investigation," explained Lewis H. Carris, managing director of the Society.

"Under the supervision of Dr. Lucien de Feo, director of the International Educational Cinematographic Institute of the League of Nations, the study will seek to determine whether any disturbances of sight are provoked by watching a brilliantly lighted screen in absolute darkness, the maximum time that a show can last before producing a tiring effect on sight, and similar answers which may influence the use of motion pictures for juvenile education.

“Leading scientific authorities throughout the world are being consulted. At the request of Dr. de Feo, a response to the inquiry has been made from the United States by Dr. Park Lewis of Buffalo, N. Y., who is vice-president of the International Association for the Prevention of Blindness as well as vice-president of this Society.” Concerning the opinions expressed in the report which Dr. Lewis forwarded to Geneva, Mr. Carris said that neither he nor Dr. Lewis felt at liberty to make them public until the International Educational Cinematographic Institute completes its research.

SOCIETY NOTES

The Spring Meeting.—The Convention Committee in charge of Mr. W. C. Kunzmann has arranged an interesting program of entertainment to supplement the papers program arranged by Mr. J. W. Coffman. On Monday evening, May 5th, there will be a motion picture entertainment and on Tuesday evening a visit to the Bureau of Standards has been arranged at which time Dr. P. Heyl will talk on “Sound and the Suppression of Reverberation” and Mr. I. Priest on “Color.” In addition to prominent speakers, an elaborate entertainment to follow the banquet on Wednesday evening has been arranged.

Sustaining Memberships.—In addition to those given in issue No. 4 of the JOURNAL, the following firms have taken up sustaining memberships for the amounts indicated.

\$1000 Memberships

Electrical Research Products, Inc.

General Theatres Equipment Co.

\$500 Memberships

Agfa Ansco Corporation

\$100 Memberships

Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. (2)

Mole-Richardson, Inc.

National Carbon Co.

Sustaining memberships have been established to provide a fund of from \$9000 to \$10,000 annually for the purpose of acquiring a permanent editor-manager for the JOURNAL, who will also act as assistant secretary-treasurer and also to enable the Society to establish permanent headquarters in the Engineering Societies Building, New York, N. Y.