

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY\*

Sept. 30, 1929, to Oct. 1, 1930.

This report covers the term of the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1929, and ending September 30, 1930. During the first four months of the period covered by this report, the affairs of the Secretary were conducted by Mr. R. S. Burnap. Changes in the business administration of the company with which he was connected required his resignation from the office of secretary on February 9, 1930. Thereupon, at the invitation of the Board of Governors, the writer assumed the duties of the secretary's office for the remainder of the term.

### MEMBERSHIP

The total membership of the Society, as of the last day of the past fiscal year, is 756 members, divided as follows:

Eight Honorary members. These are:

Mr. George Eastman, Rochester, New York.

Mr. Thomas A. Edison, West Orange, New Jersey.

Dr. F. E. Ives, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. C. Francis Jenkins, the founder of the Society, Washington, D.C.

Mr. Louis Lumière, Paris, France.

The Presidency, Société Française de Photographie, Paris, France.

The Presidency, Die Deutsche Kinotechnische Gesellschaft, Berlin, Germany.

The Presidency, Royal Photographic Society, London, England.

There are 371 Active members, and 377 Associate members. And, in addition, there are 14 sustaining members consisting of various commercial and industrial organizations.

### DISTRIBUTION OF MEMBERSHIP

Of the Society's membership 664 are under the jurisdiction of four local sections, with headquarters in New York, N. Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Hollywood, Calif.; and London, England. The distribution of members among these four sections is as follows:

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\* Presented at the Fall 1930 Meeting, New York, N. Y.

New York Section	182 Active, 175 Associate
Chicago Section	29 Active, 48 Associate
Pacific Coast Section	61 Active, 47 Associate
London Section	71 Active, 51 Associate

The combined territory of the three American Sections covers the entire United States, exclusive of territorial possessions. The territorial limits of the several sections were defined by the Board of Governors as follows:

The United States is divided from East to West into three geographical sections by drawing two north and south parallels. One of these lies fifty miles west of Cleveland, Ohio, and the other fifty miles west of Denver, Colorado. That part of the United States lying east of the first-named parallel comprises the territory of the New York Section; that part of the United States lying west of the second-named parallel comprises the territory of the Pacific Coast Section; the area intermediate between the two parallels constitutes the territory of the Chicago Section.

The territory of the London Section remains unchanged as consisting of the British Isles.

There are 84 members of the Society, residing in 18 foreign countries, not including Great Britain, who do not come under the jurisdiction of any local Section. The membership distribution among these countries follows:

	<i>Active</i>	<i>Associate</i>
Argentina	—	1
Australia	—	2
Brazil	—	1
Burma	—	1
Canada	5	10
France	7	11
Germany	8	9
Holland	—	1
India	5	5
Italy	1	2
Japan	1	3
New Zealand	—	2
Norway	—	1
Poland	1	1
Russia	—	2
South Africa	—	1
Sweden	—	1
Switzerland	—	1

Territorial possessions of the United States provide one associate member who resides in the Philippine Islands.

In addition to the above, there are pending, 20 applications for Active membership, and 25 applications for Associate membership.

During this term 7 Active members and 4 Associates resigned; 10 Active members and 19 Associates were dropped for non-payment of dues; 3 Active members were transferred to Associate membership, and 2 Associate members were transferred to Active membership.

#### NEW MEMBERS

The large increase in membership during the past year was primarily due to increased interest in the Society's JOURNAL, now published monthly; a more widespread knowledge of the Society's aims and accomplishments; and the noteworthy activity of the Membership Committee. A total of 199 new members were admitted during this past year to the Society. The sectional distribution of these new members is as follows:

New York Section	77
Chicago Section	21
Pacific Coast Section	23
London Section	38

Foreign countries, not including Great Britain, 40.

#### JOURNAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

While the number of annual subscriptions to the JOURNAL is not increasing as rapidly as was at first expected, satisfactory progress is being made in this direction. Subscriptions total 202, of which 173 are paid, 4 are free to Local Sections, 11 are exchanges with other publications, and 14 are free to sustaining members.

#### SALE OF JOURNALS AND TRANSACTIONS

Total sales of single copies of the nine issues of the JOURNAL to date, exclusive of the October issue, numbered 52, as contrasted with 1030 copies of back numbers of the *Transactions*, sold during the past fiscal year.

#### SECOND CLASS POSTAL PRIVILEGES FOR JOURNAL

After many months of negotiation with the Post Office Department, your Secretary is especially pleased to report that second class postal privileges have at last been granted to our Society in the matter of mailing the monthly JOURNAL. By reason of obtaining this privilege, which was granted only after certain requirements of the Post Office

Department were met, a considerable saving in the cost of mailing the JOURNAL will be effected in the future, in addition to our obtaining a substantial refund on the mailing of past issues.

One of the more important changes required by the Post Office Department was in the matter of the subscription price to members of the Society. The ten dollar allowance for annual subscription to members was changed to nine dollars to make it less than the amount of the annual dues for Associate members. Notice to this effect is to be incorporated in new application blanks which will shortly be printed.

Respectfully submitted,  
J. H. KURLANDER, *Secretary*

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!**

It is very necessary that all members of the Society and subscribers to the JOURNAL immediately advise the General Office of the Society, when a change in mailing address is made. Otherwise, when literature is returned by the Post Office for this reason, the member's or subscriber's name is removed from the mailing list for the JOURNAL until the proper address is obtained. Future issues of the JOURNAL will contain, from time to time, lists of members or subscribers for whom no address is known. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of those members or subscribers is requested to advise the General Office promptly.