

SOCIETY NOTES

Meeting of the Board of Governors.—At a meeting of the Board of Governors on December 19, 1930, at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, N. Y., a large amount of business was transacted, including the following:

(1) It was resolved: "That an Open Forum be established in the JOURNAL, in which might be published letters and communications from members relating to material in the JOURNAL or other matters appertaining to the welfare of the Society, subject to the discretion of the Editor and Board of Editors.

(2) Resolved that an acknowledgment of appreciation for the services rendered by Mr. L. A. Jones and his associates in editing the JOURNAL during the year 1930 be published in the pages of the JOURNAL.

(3) Numerous business matters relating to the London Section were discussed and in response to requests from the London Section for a refund of membership fees and special subscription rates to the JOURNAL, the following motions were made and passed:

(a) Resolved that any London Section member may, at his request, be regarded as terminating membership in the Society on December 31, 1930, and that his individual liability shall be satisfied by payment of all back dues and first quarter's dues for the term of 1930-31.

(b) Resolved that the Board of Governors instruct the London Section to make an immediate accounting and forward to the General Treasurer of the Society all monies due the parent body. This accounting shall be made on the basis that those members who wish to withdraw from the parent body shall be refunded three-fourths of the current dues paid.

(c) Resolved that the JOURNAL be supplied to British members at the standard price of \$12.00 per annum with the concession that the heavy foreign postage be borne by the Society.

The Spring Convention.—At the meeting of the Board of Governors on December 19, 1930, it was resolved that the Spring Convention be held in Hollywood, Calif., May 25th-28th, inclusive. Mr. W. C. Kunzmann, chairman of the Convention Committee, has announced the selection of the Roosevelt Hotel as Society headquarters.

Mr. O. M. Glunt, chairman of the Papers Committee, announces that the Papers Program will include a series of symposiums on (a) sound recording, (b) color, (c) film properties and processing methods, and (d) studio practice.

An invitation to collaborate in the Spring Convention has been

extended to the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Hollywood, Calif.

Mr. C. L. Gregory, chairman of the Historical Committee, is arranging an exhibition of historical films and apparatus.

The Wide Film Situation.—The subcommittee of the Standards Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. M. C. Batsel, has discussed specifications for a wide film standard, and, having finally reached an agreement, the committee has arranged for the manufacture of a quantity of the film. The General Theatres Equipment Corporation has agreed to construct the necessary projectors for testing out this film. If these tests are satisfactory, particulars regarding the new standard will be circulated to the membership for discussion and approval.

The Aims and Accomplishments Booklet.—This booklet, recently issued and circulated to all members, contains abstracts of all papers presented at the Society conventions together with a subject and author index. Members who have not received copies should make application to headquarters.

The Papers Committee.—The Papers Committee is now responsible for the technical quality of all papers which appear in the JOURNAL whether or not they are presented at Society meetings. The chairman has available the various members of his committee and the Associate Editors to serve as readers and censors of papers submitted.

The Papers Committee will be guided by the following regulations:

(1) All papers which are accepted by the Papers Committee for presentation before conventions shall be published in the JOURNAL in their entirety, regardless of whether or not they may have been published in some part previously.

(2) Papers which are offered for publication in the JOURNAL will be considered on their merits and will either be accepted for publication in their entirety or rejected.

(3) Papers which have been published in other journals which are considered to be of interest to our membership may be reprinted in our JOURNAL in full or in abstract form as agreed upon between the Editor and the Papers Committee.

The Chicago Section.—A meeting was held on December 4, 1930, at the offices of the Enterprise Optical Company, 564 W. Randolph Street, at which Mr. Schoenberg delivered a paper on "Light." This was followed by a showing of the picture *Whoopee*.

Mr. O. F. Spahr asked if the members would be interested in seeing and hearing a sound print being shown in one of the small theaters of the rural sections of Indiana. This picture was one of the first shown by the theater owner in question, who thought he was getting something quite good. The photography, and particularly the sound, was so poor that many of the members had to be reassured that the demonstration was not faked.

The London Section.—Although the officers of the London Section have resigned as of December 31, 1930, the section has not been disbanded by the Board of Governors. A questionnaire has been circulated to the members of the London Section to determine if they wish to elect new officers and continue the section.

TESTIMONIAL OF APPRECIATION

LOYD A. JONES

In sincere appreciation of the services rendered the Society by Mr. Loyd A. Jones, the Board of Governors, at a meeting held December 19, 1930, at New York, N. Y., voted unanimously that announcement of this appreciation be made in the pages of the JOURNAL.

As chairman of the Journal Committee and Editor *pro tem* to the JOURNAL, Mr. Jones undertook the burden of establishing and setting in motion the machinery for changing over the Society's form of publication from that of quarterly *Transactions* to a monthly JOURNAL, the first issue of which was published in January, 1930. Mr. Jones continued in capacity of editor until a permanent paid editor was acquired in December, 1930. These services were donated *gratis* and constitute an example of unselfish devotion to science and the motion picture industry.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPRING MEETING

May 25–28, 1931, at Hollywood, California

Headquarters: Roosevelt Hotel, Hollywood.

The Society has been quoted the following special day rates for the convention:

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| Single room with bath..... | \$3.00 |
| Double room with bath..... | \$5.00 |

Those desiring a connecting parlor, additional \$5.00 day rate.

Your Convention Committee will submit at a later date, complete information in bulletin form, on transportation schedules and rates over three routes to the West Coast.

With the exceedingly low summer rates in effect during the convention dates, you will be afforded an excellent opportunity of attending our Hollywood meeting by arranging your vacation periods accordingly.

An interesting papers and recreational program is assured during our stay in Hollywood.

Preliminary plans of the Papers Committee, in connection with the Hollywood convention, are presented under Committee Activities in this issue of the JOURNAL. (See page 243.)

W. C. KUNZMANN, *Chairman*