

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION COMMITTEE*

In the report of the Committee presented last spring the prediction was made that if business conditions improved the Society's membership would number 1400 by the end of this year. Actually the influx of new members during the past six months has been such that we should have far surpassed this figure had it not been for the large number of delinquent members.

On April 15th the membership was 1333, the largest in the history of the Society. Since then we have added 121 members, which should have brought the figure up to 1454, another new high. Unfortunately, however, since April 15th, 125 members have become delinquent and a few have resigned, with the result that the net membership as of September 30th was 1309.

While the reinstatement of delinquent members is not the function of the Membership Committee, the matter of delinquencies is of chief concern to us because our upward climb is thus impeded. Our sincere hope is that before the end of this year a very substantial number of those now delinquent will have come back into the fold.

As of September 30, 1938, totals were as follows: 6 Honorary Members, 138 Fellows, 361 Active Members, and 804 Associates, making a net total of 1309. Seven applications, 6 Active and 1 Fellow, are pending.

Our loss in subscriptions during the same period has been on about the same scale as our membership delinquencies. On April 15th we had a total of 422 subscriptions. Since then 32 have been added. However, 87 were lost during the same period.

Perhaps the pronounced recession period through which we have just passed has been responsible in whole or in part for the membership delinquencies and subscription losses just referred to, and now that brighter skies are ahead, we shall regain the ground lost.

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