

For Members Only

THE 1948 MEETING will be held in New York City on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, December 28-30, with headquarters in the Hotel Pennsylvania.

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ANY MEMBER of the Association may offer a paper to be read in either a Departmental Section or a Discussion Group meeting. Papers or notices of papers should be sent to the Chairman of the Section or Group concerned; his name and address may be found in the 1947 annual Proceedings, published in the March Supplement. The latest date at which proposals for the program can be received is October 1, but notice well in advance of this date is highly desirable. Programs are usually made up before that time, and copy for the complete *Program* must reach the printers on October 15.

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199 PAPERS were submitted by members to *PMLA* during 1947. Of these, seven were in linguistics, thirteen in American literature, ten in Spanish or Italian, twenty in French, and twenty in German literature. The distribution of papers published during 1948 will necessarily reflect the high percentage of articles submitted in the field of English literature. For members who deplore this distribution, the remedy is obvious. The Editor will welcome more papers in linguistics and in literatures other than English.

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ARTICLES submitted to *PMLA* during 1948 can be published within approximately nine months of their acceptance by the Editorial Committee.

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VICTORIAN MEMBERS of the MLA are a hardy lot. In our present membership list are fifty persons who joined the Association between 1884 and 1901. Moreover, as the MLA matures, an increasing number of members are descendants of earlier members. If you are one of these, or are the ancestor indicated, the Secretary of the Association would like to be so informed, in order that a record overlooked in the youth of the Association may be compiled.

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DESPITE rising costs of everything, and of printing in particular, annual dues will not be raised so long as the increase in our membership enables us to meet necessary expenses. Every member can help by inviting others to join us. This year our 5600 members will receive, free, an extra supplement to *PMLA* containing *RESEARCH IN PROGRESS* and the annual *AMERICAN BIBLIOGRAPHY*.

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PERCY W. LONG is the sixth consecutive Secretary of the Association to be elected to the presidency. His predecessors were A. Marshall Elliott (Secretary, 1884-92), James W. Bright (1893-1901), Charles H. Grandgent (1902-11), William Guild Howard (1912-19), and Carleton Brown (1920-34).

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THE ASSOCIATION plans to go West in '49. The 1949 Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on the campus of Stanford University on September 7-9. It will be our first meeting west of St. Louis, our first in the month of September, and also our first "dormitory convention" in many a year.

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FEW MEMBERS avail themselves of their right to make nominations to the Executive Council. Three new persons must be elected to the Council each year. The Council itself makes seven nominations, but on November 1 the Secretary must add on the Ballot "the three names receiving the most votes among those proposed by members of the Association." When in late October only a few scattered nominations have been received (there were twelve single nominations in 1947), the Executive Office is sometimes forced to stimulate the processes of democracy. To make this provision of By-Law II function adequately, groups of members should concentrate on a nominee likely to secure a vote sufficient for election. In 1947 the mail ballot totalled 2485 valid votes, and more than 800 were necessary for election.

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THE TWO General Sessions in Detroit were enthusiastically received by audiences of more than a thousand persons. You may now read in the March Supplement the Presidential Address, "Nietzsche and the Academic Mind," and the stimulating paper by Ernest Bernbaum, "The Unsought Springs of Civilization." Plans are already nearing completion for the General Sessions at our New York meeting. Douglas Bush has promised a paper on "The New Criticism: Some Old-fashioned Queries," and Howard Mumford Jones will speak on "The Social Responsibilities for Scholarship." There will also be addresses by Henri Peyre and Helen White, the titles to be announced later.

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OUR ASSOCIATION grows increasingly aware of the international aspects of its purposes. We have been invited to name a delegate to the United States National Commission on UNESCO, and Dean Henry Grattan Doyle is our current representative. Our annual compilation of *RESEARCH IN PROGRESS* is international in scope. At the Detroit meeting, the Executive Council authorized the formation of a Committee on International Cultural Cooperation in the field of the Association, and Helen White has accepted the chairmanship.

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THE MLA is one of the constituent societies in the American Council of Learned Societies, and participates in the endeavor of the ACLS to advance the interests of the Humanities in America by encouraging, initiating, and promoting research in humanistic studies. Read the report of our delegate to the ACLS in the March Supplement. Applications for ACLS aid in publication should be made through the MLA Committee on Research Activities, in care of the Secretary of the Association.

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THE 1947 edition of *RESEARCH IN PROGRESS* will reach members soon, but compilation of the 1948 edition has already begun. The cooperation of MLA members in securing data from non-members (including Ph.D. candidates) is earnestly desired.

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MEMBERS are urged to read, in the advertising pages of this issue, the two special announcements made by the Association, The Macmillan Company, and the Oxford University Press.