

# 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. The 1949 Meeting is scheduled to be held at Stanford University, California, on September 7-9. Members desiring to read papers at the California Meeting should correspond at once with the appropriate 1949 Officers. See the tentative list at the end of the June *PMLA*.

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IF YOU have not yet replied to the MLA President's request for information on your wartime activities, please do so now. Recall our Resolution of December 30, 1941: "The Modern Language Association of America pledges itself, in this hour of crisis, unreservedly to national service, and places at the disposal of the government whatever special training its members may possess." You may help us still better demonstrate that this training, *especially in the processes of research*, developed unexpected and widely diversified usefulness. No matter how little you did, or how recently you joined, we need to know.

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NOMINATIONS to the Executive Council for the term 1949-52 are now in order. The Council has nominated Professors T. G. Bergin, Bernhard Blume, Margaret Gilman, M. Y. Hughes, E. J. Simmons, Stith Thompson, and W. F. Twaddell. For a list of present and past members, see the 1947 *Proceedings*, page 1291. See also By-Law II (page 1287), which stipulates that three additional names must be added on the Ballot by the Secretary on November 1. Who are your choices? To make this democratic 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. Forty-eight ballots were disqualified because they bore no signatures; two others were disqualified because they contained votes for four persons. Members may vote for no more than three of the ten nominees, and they may, of course, vote for only one or two if they wish.

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SIXTY-FOUR PAPERS were submitted to *PMLA* during the second quarter. Of these, 41 were concerned with English, 7 with German, 3 French, 3 American, 3 linguistic, 2 Italian, 2 comparative, 1 Spanish, and 2 miscellaneous. The distribution of papers published in 1949 will necessarily reflect the high percentage of articles now being submitted in the field of English literature. For members who deplore this distribution, the remedy is obvious.

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THE 1948 *Research in Progress* lists current studies (and addresses) of 3,550 scholars throughout the world—only 1,346 of them members of the MLA. Compilation of the 1949 *Research in Progress* has already begun, and every member is urged to contribute a notice of present studies.

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ALTHOUGH seven Purple Hearts have thus far been reported, no one has yet reported any member of the MLA as a fatal casualty in the last war, nor have we record of any. Can you report one?

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AT THE END of this issue of *PMLA* is a new feature, a compilation of "Academic Appointments" correcting and supplementing the last printed List of Members. This feature will be continued in the December issue, which will also contain a section on "Academic Vacancies."

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