

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

As retiring president I wish to thank those that assisted the association over a critical period,—its organization and first year. Mention should certainly be made of the aid from the Committee on Biological Science Teaching, the organization delegates, the executive board, and the hundreds of biology teachers that pledged their support and paid their membership dues prior to organization. This support is indicative of the fact that there was a need for this type of association.

The affiliated locals should be encouraged during the next few years. This is a fertile field and will contribute materially to the parent organization. The formation of additional locals rests with the biology teachers of a given region; but support can come from the national after formation. It will be from the groups of affiliated locals that future leaders of the national will be selected. Attention must also be given to the educational studies being made or started by the local chapters. Such studies can well be the nucleus for the study of biological problems national in their scope.

The journal also commands attention. It is with regret that the next volume of *THE AMERICAN BIOLOGY TEACHER* will, in all probability, be under the direction of a new editor-in-chief. Mr. Herskowitz has set a high standard—this must be maintained. The journal is the official organ and commands your support.

In conclusion I sincerely hope you give the same cooperation to the new Executive Board as you did the first. We cannot all be officers, nor write dynamic articles for publication. However we all can help the National Association of Biology Teachers materially with our membership dues and aid in securing new members.

M. C. LICHTENWALTER

OUR NEW OFFICERS

1939-1940

At the December meeting the executive board of The National Association of Biology Teachers appointed a nominating committee for the purpose of making nominations for the offices of president-elect, first vice-president, second vice-president, and secretary-treasurer in conformance with the regulations prescribed by the constitution of the association. Dr. D. F. Miller was appointed chairman of the nominating committee. Ballots were mailed during February to all paid up members and returned votes were counted after April 15th. The results of that election are as follows:

President-elect: George W. Jeffers, State Teachers College, Farmville, Virginia.

First Vice-president: Miss Villa B. Smith, John Hay High School, Cleveland, Ohio.

Second Vice-president: Charles C. Herbst, Beverly Hills High School, Beverly Hills, California.

Secretary-treasurer: P. K. Houdek, Township High School, Robinson, Illinois.

Our new officers take over their duties on July 1, 1939, and will remain in office for one year.

In addition our president-elect for the present year, Malcolm D. Campbell, Dorchester High School for Boys, Dorchester, Massachusetts, will become president for the coming year.

Our sincerest congratulations to our new officers.

Exchange Service

Frank Shaw, Junior College, Can Luis Obispo, California, will exchange marine animal forms and representative local botanical specimens for biological materials from other parts of the country.