

WORK OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Under the untiring leadership of its chairman, Armin F. Doneis, (of Box 105, Pharr, Texas,) the Membership Committee of EANA is engaged in a continuing effort to build up the current membership of the Esperanto Association of North America to a number more representative of the country as a whole. The plan is to have one local helper for each metropolitan center, or for each group of states. Extra copies of the Amerika Esperantisto were sent to 300 persons known to be (or to have been) interested in the movement, who are not presently members of EANA. Local members of the Membership Committee are asked to communicate with those persons, securing their membership if possible, and also to be on the watch for new members.

Here is a list of those requested to work as local members of the Committee.

South Atlantic states, Dr. Cecil Stockard.

Canada, Dr. J.J. Sussmith.

R.I., Maine, N.H., Vt., Miss Grace Randolph,

Philadelphia, Hugh Rouse.

Pennsylvania at large, Conrad Fisher.

New York City, Mrs. Cora Fellows.

Brooklyn & L.I., Mrs. H.W. Smart.

N.Y. at large, Fred H. McMann.

New Jersey, Ray M. Pease.

Ohio, William P. Vathis.

Michigan, Mrs. Clara J. Walter.

Illinois & Indiana, A.E. Regal.

Massachusetts, Miss Roan Orloff.

Wisconsin, Stanley A. Klukowski.

Minnesota, Charles Briggs.

Oklahoma, Miss Bernice Rayburn.

Iowa & Kansas, Miss Princess O. Jones.

Nebraska and Dakotas, Mrs. Rita B. Nuss.

Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Scherer.

California at large, Miss Helene Wolff.

Washington & Oregon, Wm. G. Adams.

Texas, K.A. Susuki.

Washington, D.C., E.G. Dodge.

A large majority of the above named helpers have already submitted to Chairman Doneis some sort of "report of progress," telling of efforts they have made, and a few of the initial responses. The letters from the committee members have been re-mailed to Washington, for the general information of the Washington office. There still remain a half dozen or so among these committee helpers who have sent in no report of their activities; yet it is decided to let their names remain on this public list, in the confident hope that their labors have at least been started; or if not, that they will take this as a reminder that a definite responsibility has been entrusted to them.

There have been some requests for publication of a detailed list of renewals and new members traceable to the "campaign." But frankly, the compilation of a report that would be truly responsive to this request is out of the question just at present, owing chiefly to the conditions of unusual pressure under which all the work of the central office of EANA -- including the publication and mailing of Amerika Esperantisto -- has to be performed at present. This work falls exclusively upon the volunteer efforts of two persons, (both of them "several decades beyond middle age,") these being the General Secretary, Joseph Leahy, (who now is working from 15 to 20 hours a day and every day with photographic work and conferences,) and E.G. Dodge of the Executive Committee, (who has to be away from the city of Washington nearly half the time.) Let our readers be assured, however, that the efforts made by the Committee are not being in vain. There has been a steady though moderate inflow of new members; also of renewals from former members. To separate those whose renewals are certainly traceable to the campaign from others who spontaneously renew at the end of the year of their former payment, might perhaps be possible (and instructive) under other conditions, but hardly at the present time.

The steady trickle of renewals and new recruits is not yet the full size stream that the proven value of Esperanto as a "cause" would merit. May the efforts of all faithful workers in all parts of the country be met by an ever increasing response.

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Since the above was typed, Mr. Dodge has also re-entered the government service, so he too will have little time to devote to EANA work. BUT in this dark moment, a BRIGHT RAY of SUNSHINE comes from our genial Financial Committee Chairman Doneis, who offers to take over considerable of the work of Central Office. Thank you Armin, say we all.

S-ro Ismael Gomes Braga, en Rio-de-Janeiro, while writing to a correspondent in Usono, called attention to some very pertinent passages from an English work, "International Languages and National Cultures," by Prof. Albert Guerard. That writer says: "In every man there slumbers a Hitler, eager to force his will and to assert the supremacy of his own tribe. Many Americans, not consciously imperialistic, take it for granted that when the world comes to its senses it will adopt the language as well as the fashions of Hollywood. - - - There is a language imperialism which is not identical but parallel with political imperialism."

To which S-ro Braga adds this pertinent comment, before further quotation: "Ja, ja, antaŭ pli ol unu jaro la brazila Registaro devis malpermesi en nia tuta lando la aperon de gazetoj en fremdaj lingvoj de imperialismoj, angla, germana, franca, japana, k.a. Nun oni presas gazetojn en Brazilo nur en portugala kaj Esperanta lingvoj."

"Kaj la profesoro iras antaŭen: 'Hence the moral significance of the international language idea, far greater than any material consideration. - - - Esperanto is transparently a Neo-Latin and a natural tongue. - - - It has retained for half a century a marked individuality, a weird and indomitable power of life. Hence the undoubted fascination it possesses; it is loved and hated as only a living thing can be. - - -. There was far more to Dr. Zamenhof's work than the purely linguistic side. He was unique among language-makers for a miraculous yet unassuming combination of idealism and practical sense. On the one hand he formulated, more clearly than any other in the field "la interna ideo," that burning faith in human brotherhood which remains our hope. - - - And it has the enormous advantage of being absolutely ready.'"

ESPERANTO IN UNIVERSITY EXTENSION -- MILWAUKEE. The University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee University Extension division) announced in its catalog a course for this autumn, "Esperanto. International Language," to be followed by a more advanced course, "Esperanto. International Life." Credit for making the necessary arrangements that resulted in cataloging these courses belongs to members of the Milwaukee Esperanto Club, particularly Prof. Dudley C. Brooks and Mr. Stanley A. Klukowski. The first class has been duly organized, under the devoted teaching of Professor Brooks. The newness of the course, combined with competition of war-time interests, prevented the extensive registration which was at first hoped. But the step in forward direction is none the less real, in that this university has added itself to the list of higher schools that recognize Esperanto as a serious cultural study. Far too generally a view has seemed to prevail in our country that Esperanto, due to relative simplicity, is something which people should be left to "pick up" by themselves, in case of interest. The time will come when high schools and universities alike must recognize that a thorough study of Esperanto is an exercise of the logical and linguistic faculties which has no superiors and few equals.

THE NOVEMBER "YOUTH'S INTER-AMERICAN BULLETIN."

As promised in our last issue, the November number of Youth's Inter-American Bulletin comes with Esperanto in full use, on an equality with the English, the Spanish, and the Portuguese. Each article in this 22-page magazine is printed in the four languages. The titles (Esperanto titles) of the four articles are these: "F.B.I.—Parolas"; "Instruistoj de Usono Studas la Lingvon Portugalan"; "La Anadarka Nukso"; "Floro-Ligno." And are the articles interesting? ("Read 'em, and see!") The one last mentioned treats of balsa wood -- lighter than cork. And the first contains observations by J. Edgar Hoover on the basic conditions of criminality, of goodness, and of peace.

For a limited time, this quadrilingual magazine offers a one third rebate to Esperantist subscribers; year, \$1.34; 6 months, 67¢. Send subscriptions to:
Youth's Inter-American Bulletin, Nyack, N.Y.

WASHINGTON, D.C. The Esperanto Club of Washington held its annual meeting and elected the following officers: President-Mrs. Frances McDowell; Vice-President-Mrs. Rita Beukema Nuss; Secretary-William Plampin; Treasurer-Miss Mabel Hamilton. The club meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the McDowell home, 1416 Allison St., N-W., and extend to all a hearty welcome. The Club meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30 in the McDowell home, 1416 Allison Street N-W., and extend a hearty welcome to all.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS TO OUR RENTAL LIBRARY.

Persons interested in the Book Rental Service of EANA may receive -- upon request, with stamp, -- a reprint of pages 3 and 4 of the May Amerika Esperantisto, which listed all the books and booklets available at that time. Later additions to the rental library have been announced in the September and November issues, and now, through generous donations, the Library can announce the following as further acquisitions:

- "Quo Vadis?" (Sienkiewicz); novel in two full volumes, tr. by Lidia Zamenhof.
- "La Rabistoj" (Schiller); drama; prose translation by Dr. Zamenhof.
- "Marta" (tragic novel by Orzeszko); from the Polish tr. by Dr. Zamenhof.
- "Fabeloj" de Hans Christian Andersen, (2nd and 3rd volumes); tr. by Dr. Zamenhof.
- "Ok Noveloj de Arnold Bennett"; tr. by Wackrill, (1919,) from the English.

"La Kaŭzo de la Senlaboreco" (by H.C.Mees in Netherlands, 1912.) This last, in spite of small size (only 58 pages,) is a brochure of such thought-compelling contents that it will circulate as a "book," rather than as part of any booklet-group.

Later in the winter, through generosity of a supporting friend, the Book Rental Service plans to issue in small booklet form an up to date classified catalog of all material on its shelves available to users of the Rental Service.

YES, SAVINGS STAMPS WILL BE WELCOMED, TOO.

All our members are now familiar with the fact that, if they wish the same group of dollars to help both our Government at war and the cause of Esperanto after the establishment of peace, they may do this by having one or more of those defense bonds -- which they will be purchasing in any case -- registered in the joint names of two members of EANA who will receive them for fiduciary purposes. The form of registration will be as follows:

"Joseph H. Murray, (5935 Cherokee Ave., Dearborn, Mich.,) or
Mrs. Clara J. Walter, (4652 Springle Ave., Detroit, Mich.)"

The latest suggestion, received and approved by the Executive Committee, relates to defense stamps. Undoubtedly some members of EANA who may not find themselves entirely ready to donate a complete bond in substantial amount would yet like to join with others in giving of a bond. In that case, please transmit the defense stamps without pasting them to a stamp book. And please send stamps in one dollar denominations, to be added to others of like form, for eventual \$100 bonds.

There is an old Scotch saying which applies to this chipping-in together. Sometimes it is quoted as, "Many littles make a mickle"; and others quote it as, "Many wickles make a muckle." But whichever you think it should be -- you get the meaning!

"AMERICAN-HELLENIC YOUTH HERALD", Cleveland, of Oct. 25th carries a very interesting article on "Esperanto in Greece" by William P. Vathis, Sec'y Esperanto Ass'n of Cleveland, who has written several articles on Esperanto in this, and other publications. We append a "clipping":

"In January, 1909, a Greek-Esperanto paper made its appearance, concerning which the deputies of the government of Samos decided that it should become state property, printed free of charge in the royal printing house and carry on its first page the emblem of the princeland.

Finally on October 8, 1910 there appeared a law, number 2342, which introduced Esperanto as a compulsory subject in all schools of the land. This is the first time such a measure has occurred anywhere. According to the publication "Greek Language Esperantist" of December 1911, Esperanto was taught in 31 cities and towns by 50 teachers to 1740 pupils.

In recent years Esperanto clubs and societies had spread through all of Greece and also penetrated to the islands, principally Mytilene, Crete and Cyprus. For years Esperanto has been taught in the Universities of Athens and Saloniki. The ministry of education published circulars encouraging the study of Esperanto in various schools. In 1927, two special courses in the tongue were given for 44 policemen in Athens."

 * Nur du lingvojn lernu tuj, *
 * Kaj ne pensu pri la tria: *
 * Estu unu de l' Patruj', *
 * De l' Homer' estu l' alia. *
