

117. Standards and practices in measuring reading knowledge of French and German for candidates for the doctor's degree.
118. The number of college students studying no foreign language, one, two, three, or more foreign languages in high school and in college.
119. Motives prompting high school and college students to elect foreign languages.
120. A study of the failures in modern foreign language courses and of the regulations governing these in different institutions.
121. Reactions of students to the kind and character of instruction given in modern languages.
122. The influence of the college entrance board examinations on modern language curricula and methods.
123. A study of examination papers written by candidates for teachers' licenses and certificates in modern languages.

ENGLISH NOTES

NEW OFFICERS

Officers of the English Section of the Virginia State Teachers Association elected at Norfolk on November 25 are:

Conrad T. Logan, State Teachers College, Harrisonburg, president; A. A. Kern, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, vice-president; J. R. L. Johnson, State Teachers College, Radford, secretary and treasurer.

An executive committee consisting of three members is to be named by the president.

A full report of the proceedings of the Norfolk meeting will appear in the next issue of THE VIRGINIA TEACHER.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS

During his incumbency as president of the English section, H. A. Miller of the

Petersburg High School has given much time and energy to effecting district organizations of English teachers with the purpose of bringing the teachers of Virginia eventually into as close a contact as English teachers in some of the northern and middle western states now enjoy. It has been thought that only by such methods may Virginia's teachers be organized into a professionally-minded group. The organization at present stands as follows:

District A—Miss Lulu C. Daniel, State Teachers College, Fredericksburg, president.

District B—(Tidewater English Teachers Association) Miss Lucy Brickhouse, Maury High School, Norfolk, president.

District C—Miss Eva Branch, John Marshall High School, Richmond, organizer.

District D—Mrs. C. B. Bowry, Burkeville, president.

District E—Miss Mary L. Goode, Jefferson High School, Roanoke, organizer.

District F—Miss Evelina O. Wiggins, E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, organizer.

District G—Garland Quarles, Handley High School, Winchester, organizer.

District H—

District I—Professor J. R. L. Johnson, State Teachers College, Radford, organizer.

District J—

District K—

A DEPENDABLE LIST OF FILMS

Teachers of literature working through their local motion picture managers and those having the use of machines in their own schools will find much assistance in the recently published list entitled *Selected Book Films*, compiled by the National Committee for Better Films of the National Board of Review, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City. The list contains names and addresses of film companies, suggests the audience suitability of each picture, and also indicates how long each picture has been in circulation.

A hasty glance at the list shows plays based on the novels and short stories of Bret Harte, Bulwer-Lytton, Emerson Hough, James M. Barrie, Jack London, Edna Ferber, John Galsworthy, Edward Hale, O. Henry, Richard Harding Davis, George Eliot, William J. Locke, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Dorothy Canfield, Harry Leon Wilson, Edith Wharton, Willa Cather, Booth Tarkington, Hamlin Garland, Leonard Merrick, and Edmond Rostand.

IN "THE GLEAM"

Another poem by a Virginia pupil appeared in the May issue of *The Gleam*, a magazine of verse for young people, published by the School and Poetry Association at Middleboro, Massachusetts. This bit of verse, written by Frances Vaughan, of the E. C. Glass High School, Lynchburg, is entitled "Poems." It follows:

Poems are like stars.
 Some burn bright. . .
 Shining gems
 With a radiant, hopeful light.
 Some burn low . . .
 Sacred candles
 With a soft white glow.
 In the highest heavens they shine . . .
 And to the saddened souls of men
 Clearly proclaim the love divine.
 Poems are like stars.

Teachers of English may receive *The Gleam* by applying to Miss Alice Sleeper, Simmons College, Boston, for membership in the School and Poetry Association, enclosing the membership fee of one dollar. Original poems by pupils may be submitted for publication only by teachers who are members of the Association.

ANOTHER MAGAZINE FOR THE CLASSROOM

The World Review was recently established in Chicago as a weekly magazine of special service to the schools, and has

achieved a phenomenal success. High schools and upper grades in every state in the union are now using it as a classroom text or for supplementary reading.

On the Editorial Advisory Board of *The World Review* are more than twenty of the leading educators and scientists of the country, including Luther Burbank; Hendrik van Loon, the author; Frank W. Ballou, superintendent of public schools of Washington, D. C., and president of the Department of Superintendence of the N. E. A.; Mary McKimmons, president of the N. E. A.; Professors Judd and Charters of the University of Chicago; Professor O'Shea of the University of Wisconsin, and other prominent educators.

Following a merger with *Our Weekly World*, the combined publications will be known as *The World Review*, and the principal offices will remain in Chicago. Herbert Askwith, formerly of the English Department of Harvard University, and for several years publication director of *The Independent*, is editor.

VIRGINIANS ATTEND NEW YORK MEETING

Miss Mary Clay Hiner, of the State Teachers College at Farmville, and Conrad T. Logan, of the State Teachers College at Harrisonburg, both attended a meeting at Teachers College, Columbia University, during Thanksgiving week. Representatives of teacher-training institutions from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina met to work on a course of study in English which they have been collaborating on for the past six months.

Because the New York conference was called at this time, Mr. Logan was unable to attend the meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English in Chicago, where he was scheduled to conduct a round-table discussion on the topic, "Securing Literacy Among Prospective Teachers."