

An Memoriam.—During the period of formation the *ANS* lost two of its most active supporters: Dean Christian Gauss of Princeton University and Professor Randall Mills of the University of Oregon, the former at the end, the latter at the beginning of a distinguished career.

During its first year of existence the *ANS* regrets the loss of three of its charter members.

J. A. C. Leland, a native of Janesville, Ohio, and a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, was one of the first to join our Society. His special field was the history and folklore of the American Indian. He contributed a number of articles on names of Indian origin to *Western Folklore* and was represented with two items in the first issue of *Names*. The article "Indian Names in Missouri," printed in this issue, is the last product of his pen.

Clara Hough Hisken of Tehama, California, was likewise one of our first members, joining the *ANS* on the 27th of May 1952. For many years she was postmaster of Tehama; in 1948 she published an excellent monograph of her home town, *Little City by the Big Trees*. An article for *Names* on the origin and meaning of the much disputed name of Tehama remained, unfortunately, unfinished.

C. G. Campbell died in August in far-away Benghazi in Libya. He was a Scot who had spent the larger part of his life in what Europeans call the "Near East." His field was the folklore of Arabic countries and he had published several books on the subject. His short but significant contribution on page 48 of our first issue shows that we lost in him a co-operator in an interesting and little cultivated field of onomastics.



Important Notice.—The weeks following the completion of the first volume are naturally the most critical in the life of a new periodical. The renewal or cancellation of memberships and subscriptions will be an unflinching proof that *Names* and the *ANS*

have, or have not, stood the test and fulfilled the expectations of readers and members. The hearty welcome which *Names* has received by a large number of scholarly and literary periodicals and a number of important newspapers, and the absence of criticism in letters to the editor and to other officers of the Society should not cause too much optimism: silence is often disapproval. There are doubtless many scholars who expected a strictly scholarly and academic magazine similar to *Beiträge zur Namensforschung*; there are certainly many others who would prefer a popular publication without any scholastic ballast. Let us hope that the majority of readers will recognize that we have brought some things that are new, original, interesting, and useful in the first volume; let us hope that they will realize that a periodical can not be perfect until it has become established and has evolved a definite character. It is a good omen that so far more than thirty libraries have renewed their membership for 1954, and only one has given notice that no renewal will be made.

This "important notice," however, is directed not so much to members who have definite opinions about the value of *Names* and of the *ANS* as to that large section who forget or postpone. These friends should realize how important it is for the future of our Society that the 1954 dues be paid promptly. By the first of March we have to know how many copies of the first issue of the second volume we should order to be printed. We should be extremely grateful to members who have gained enough confidence in our organization to pay several years in advance. We bless that charter member in San Francisco who paid dues for the first five years before even the first issue of *Names* had been published.

Back Numbers.—Membership applications and subscription orders received after January 1, 1954, will start with March 1954 issue. However, our stock of 1953 issues is still large enough that new members and subscribers who wish to have a complete set of *Names* may still purchase the first volume for the regular price of \$5.00.

Enclosed in this issue is an invoice for 1954 and a return envelope. Members who wish to have their special field in onomatology added to their names in the 1954 roster should use the back side of the invoice for this information. Members who have already paid their dues for 1954, please disregard the invoice.

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“Random Notes on the Names of People” is the first contribution of one of our very active and interested members. In a future article Mr. Saroyan will tell our readers how authors and poets select the names for their characters.