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Political and Social Science,

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Dear Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that you have been elected a member of the

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SCIENCE.

The enclosed circular will explain the objects and methods of the Academy.

It is our desire to have the Academy include in its membership all those who are interested in the progress of the Political and Social Sciences.

Our success in the short time since the working organization was effected has been very gratifying, and shows how general a want is met by this Association.

It is earnestly hoped that you will co-operate in this work. Please indicate on the enclosed card whether you will accept membership or not.

Very Truly Yours,

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The American Academy of Political and Social Science was formed in Philadelphia, December 14, 1889, for the purpose of promoting the Political and Social Sciences.

While it will not exclude any portion of the field indicated in its title, yet its chief object will be the development of those aspects of the Political and Social Sciences which are either entirely omitted from the programmes of other societies, or which do not at present receive the attention they deserve.

Among such subjects may be mentioned: Sociology, Comparative Constitutional and Administrative Law, Philosophy of the State, and such portions of the field of Politics, including Finance and Banking, as are not adequately cultivated by existing organizations.

A special effort will be made to collect and publish material which will be of use to students and which does not now reach the public in any systematic way, as, for example, the texts in English of the Constitutions of leading foreign countries; regular accounts of current instruction in Political and Social topics at home and abroad; descriptive bibliographies; discussions of Municipal Government, etc.

It will be seen that the Academy will supplement the efforts of existing societies of similar aims, and will substantially strengthen their work by contributing its share to beget a deeper and more widespread interest in the general subject of Political and Social Science.

The plan of the Academy includes regular scientific meetings for the presentation of papers and communications, establishment of a library, and the dissemination of knowledge on Political and Social topics through its publications and by such other means as may seem suitable.

To carry on the work of the Academy satisfactorily, large funds will be necessary. The income of the Academy at present is derived from the Annual Membership Fee, which is \$5.00; the Life Membership Fee, which is \$100; and from the contributions of those who may be willing to assist in its work. It is desired to secure the establishment of prizes and fellowships.

Any one may become a member on being approved by the Council and paying the Annual or Life Membership Fee. Members are entitled to receive the regular publications of the Academy, submit papers and communications, and to attend and take part in all scientific meetings. Life members are exempt from all annual fees.

The list of members now includes the names of nearly all the prominent thinkers and writers on Political, Economic and Social topics in the United States and Canada, and many in Europe.

As an evidence of the interest which the foundation of the Academy has excited, it may be mentioned that the list of subscribing members ran up to over 1300 during the first ten months of its working organization.

The co-operation of all persons interested in the scientific investigation of Political and Social affairs is earnestly solicited.

The proceedings will be published in the form of a periodical,* which, together with such other publications as may be issued for that purpose, will be sent gratis to all members of the Academy.

Papers and communications which the writers wish to submit to the Academy with a view to their being read in a Scientific Session and subsequently published in the Proceedings, as well as applications for membership, should be sent to the following address:

American Academy of Political and Social Science,

Station B.

Philadelphia, Pa.

N. B.—Fees and contributions may be remitted by postal order on Philadelphia, or by draft on New York.

* PUBLICATIONS OF THE ACADEMY:

1. Annals of the Academy. Vol. I., No. 1. July, 1890. 164 pp., and cover.
2. Annals of the Academy. Vol. I., No. 2. October, 1890. 204 pp., and cover.
3. Constitution of Mexico. In press.
4. History of Statistics. In press.
5. Annals of the Academy. Vol. I., No. 3. January, 1891. In press.