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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As expressed in the Constitution of the Society for the Advancement of Criminology, the Society has specific purposes and should serve its membership. However, the Society is nothing without its members. It is through the Society that members can express themselves professionally. Your new officers hope, therefore, that you will take an active interest and participate in the organization so that it might function effectively. Much credit is due your Secretary-Treasurer for taking hold as he has. This Bulletin and related material is indicative of his efforts. Future issues will depend upon your contributions, comments and suggestions.

William Dienstein

CONSTITUTION

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Constitution for each member. Please go over it carefully and take the time and effort necessary to inform the secretary of any change suggestions to be submitted at the next meeting.

MEETING MINUTES

Attached are minutes of the following two meetings for the information and guidance of the entire membership:

1. General Meeting -- Berkeley, Calif., April 4, 1953
2. Executive Committee -- Menlo Park, Calif., April 12, 1953

A sectional meeting was held in Chicago on February 24, 1953 which minutes will be published and distributed upon the receipt of same from Professor Ralph Turner.

DUES

1953 Dues are due and payable. Prompt execution of this little chore in accordance with the enclosed bill-heads and return envelopes will be appreciated.

AUGUST MEETING

Los Angeles area has been selected as the location for a national meeting in August. Exact time and place during the period 17th - 21st to be selected and announced shortly.

It is hoped that a large turnout of the membership will be present to accomplish some of the objectives of the organization.

A.P.A. REPORT

Attention of all members is invited to the PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE AMERICAN PRISON ASSOCIATION TO THE 1951 CONGRESS OF CORRECTION, the title of which is "Suggested College Curricula for Correctional Service Education", which was presented at the Berkeley meeting and is discussed briefly in the enclosed minutes. Copies may be available from the A.P.A. and would be a valuable addition to any member's library.

PUBLICATIONS

It is requested that articles of Society interest be written by members

and submitted to the secretary for publication. These articles will be handled and promoted by the Publications Committee.

Letters to the Editor will be published by the Editor in the interest of promoting policies and stimulating thought on subjects of mutual interest to Society members.

It would be appreciated if members would indicate outlets for S. A. C. published material -- such as state

level organizational journals which might be interested in reproducing manuscripts originating in the S.A.C.

EDITORIAL & PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

The April 12, 1953 minutes indicate a committee appointment pending a permanent chairman. Suggestions and applications for this position are invited.

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EDITORIAL

The Society for the Advancement of Criminology has a big job to do. Those interested in the future of Criminology and its related specialties must literally "pick themselves up by the bootstraps" and marshal the energy and effort necessary to accomplish the mission of this Society.

There are pillars of strength in Criminology scattered throughout the United States. These strong points which are centered in various academic and intellectual communities have, to a great extent, not made the most of their opportunities by joining in a common coalition by discussion of mutual problems. Distance has diluted the potential strength which could be gained by periodic conferences and contacts.

This geographic difficulty can be overcome in part by participating in Society correspondence, publications and attendance at meetings. It is hoped that each and every one of the readers of this bulletin will make the immediate effort to sit down and write a note, either formal or informal, as to his thoughts and reactions in respect to the several questions and requests which have been raised in this bulletin and enclose same with the return of the dues envelope.

LOWELL W. BRADFORD
Temporary Editor