THE A. PH. A. MEMBERSHIP.

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According to the list of members published in the 1904 Year Book and revised to April 1, 1916, we now have 2490, distributed throughout the 48 states, the territory of Alaska, the islands of Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippine Islands, Dominion of Canada and Europe. Over 50 percent of the membership reside in 38 of the largest cities. Compared with a similar tabulation made in 1904 the information to be obtained is interesting and of some value to the Membership Committee in its work.

	1904	1916	
Alabama	5	17	
Alaska	0	3	
Arizona	1	4	
Arkansas	18	24	
California	38	94	(San Francisco and Los Angeles 44)
Colorado	13	55	(Denver 33)
Columbia Dist	36	34	(Washington City 33)
Connecticut	30	18	
Delaware	2	7	
Florida	25	21	
Georgia	36	18	
Hawaiian Islands	2	I	
Idaho	1	6	
Illinois	95	179	(Chicago 119)
Indiana	36	78	(Indianapolis 25)
Iowa	48	56	
Kansas	15	25	
Kentucky	29	39	(Louisville 17)
Louisiana	28	26	(New Orleans 19)
Maine	25	28	
Maryland	65	73	(Baltimore 56)
Massachusetts	84	140	(Boston and suburbs 60)
Michigan	46	106	(Detroit 97)
Minnesota	28	47	(Minneapolis and St. Paul 35)
Mississippi	8	9	
Missouri	129	116	(St. Louis and Kansas City 92)
Montana	3	17	
Nebraska	16	42	(Omaha 15)
Nevada	1	2	
New Hampshire	10	6	
New Jersey	61	92	(Newark and Jersey City 21)
New Mexico	2	6	
New York	165	299	(New York, Brooklyn and Buffalo 216)
North Carolina	13	17	
North Dakota	4	8	
Ohio	88	137	(Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus 102)
Oklahoma	9	13	
Oregon	5	18	(Portland 8)
Pennsylvania	147.	229	(Philadelphia and Pittsburgh 151)
Philippine Islands	О	6	
Porto Rico	О	2	
Rhode Island	. 16	16	(Providence 12)
South Carolina	7	5	

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South Dakota.....
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Tennessee.....
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                        49
                           (Nashville 22)
Texas.....
                           (Dallas, Houston and San Antonio 16)
                   20
                        60
Utah.....
Vermont.....
                    9
                        15
Virginia.....
                   16
                           (Richmond 9)
                        32
                        38
Washington....
                           (Seattle 18)
                   10
West Virginia.....
                   I
                        26
                           (Morgantown 11)
Wisconsin.....
                           (Madison and Milwaukee 21)
                   23
                        37
Wyoming.....
                         2
Canada.....
                   20
                        17
                           (Havana 21)
Cuba....
                        29
Europe.....
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Grouping the states we find from the foregoing tables, our present membership located as follows:

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537 in the Lake group (III., Ind., O., Mich., and Wisc.).
329 in the South-West group (Mo., Kan., Cal., Ark., Okla., La., Tex., Ariz., and N. M.).
233 in the Southern group (W. Va., Va., N. C., S. C., Ga., Fla., Ala., Miss., Ky., and Tenn.).
223 in the New England group (Me., N. H., Vt., Mass., Conn., and R. I.).
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- 198 in the North-Western group (Minn., Mont., N. D., S. D., Wy., Ia., and Neb.).
- 167 in the Pacific group (Wash., Ore., Idaho, Nev., Utah, and California).

734 in the New York group (N. Y., Pa., N. J., Md., Del., and D. C.).

69 (the remainder) in foreign countries.

Seven states—New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio, Missouri, and Michigan—have 1206 or about one-half the entire membership. New York and Pennsylvania alone have 528 or more than one-fifth. Eleven of the states each have less than 10 members. In the states bordering the South Atlantic the membership has fallen off in the 12 years.

It is clearly evident that wherever meetings were held, the members living in the immediate surroundings stayed with the Association to a much greater extent, than in territory distant from meetings. This is clearly shown by Missouri's present enrollment. It is at this time 116. In 1905 or immediately after the Kansas City meeting we had 117. Previous to the St. Louis meeting (1901) we had only 51. Other states having a large membership show a like condition. Now if the Membership Committee was placed on a commercial working basis, as it was about 15 years ago, and the Committee given authority to spend sufficient funds to cover its legitimate expenses, I see no reason why the membership should not be doubled in the next 5 or 6 years.

In these days when a commercial value is placed upon everything, membership in our Association is also looked upon, more or less, as an investment, or business proposition, and we must show that it is worth the price.