

The secretary introduced the question of study groups in which he had become very interested through reading the reports of Chatham House. The study group was a new departure in that it was a small group, membership in which was by invitation only and in that it consisted of specialists in the subject under discussion. In reply to a request Mr. Hodson gave some further information on the working of the Gold Group.

It was suggested by Mr. Claxton that two or three times during the year the Secretary should send a memorandum to the branches informing them of the study groups and round tables which were being conducted by the other branches so that anyone who was interested in a particular group could communicate with its secretary and be kept in touch with its work by correspondence. He also suggested that the secretary of the Institute should keep in close touch with the Department of External Affairs so that if the Department were concerned with some more or less academic question with which they did not have time to deal themselves they might inform the secretary who would then submit the question to the different branches. Thus the Institute and its branches might assist the Department either upon specific points through the work of experts in groups or generally by reporting or developing public opinion upon a subject.

The secretary suggested that the groups might draw up reports of the conclusions of their study which could be submitted to groups in other branches studying the same problem and which might in their final form be published either in International Affairs, in Pacific Affairs, in the Queen's Quarterly or the Dalhousie Review, or be printed as monographs by the Institute.

(b) Qualifications for membership.

The secretary explained that the reason he had asked for the inclusion of this item in the agenda was that he might receive the benefit of the experience of the groups as to the types of member they had found most desirable. He would then be in a position to pass this advice on to those who would be in charge of the establishment of new branches.

At this point Mr. Savard brought up the question of publicity as being important not only in regard to membership but as involving a general matter of Institute policy which deserved discussion at the meeting. Mr. Savard stated that the