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## V. COÖPERATION BETWEEN OUR SOCIETY AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

In some regards our Society and the laboratory section of the American Public Health Association cover similar subjects. Both organizations have attempted to standardise technique and methods, both have published so-called standard methods. Members of our Society have been prominent in the American Public Health Association and vice versa. I suggest that some form of coöperation be instituted which would prevent any useless duplication of work. The two societies should work together, for in unity there is strength, and projects to be initiated by each might well be considered jointly, not necessarily by the whole society in convention, but at any rate by responsible committees of each.