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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL PROGRAM

THE Committee on Municipal Program was appointed in 1913 to consider the original "Municipal Program" adopted in 1900 and if desirable to draft a new model charter and home rule constitutional amendments embodying the result of subsequent study and developments. This committee presented a partial report to the meeting of the League in Baltimore, in November, 1914, in the form of sections dealing with the council, the city manager and the civil service board. The committee held two day sessions in New York, April 8 and 9, 1915, at which time these sections were carefully revised and sections dealing with the initiative, referendum, recall and other electoral provisions were considered and added, and a partial draft of the constitutional provisions, which had been presented at the Baltimore meeting was completed. Another meeting of the committee was held in New York, September 14, 1915, at which further revisions were made, and the financial provisions added as well as the two appendices treating of proportional representation and franchise provisions, all of which were included in the tentative draft. The Program was again submitted to the League at its annual meeting in Dayton on November 19, 1915, and the sections were approved by the members there present. The document was referred back to the Committee on Municipal Program for further amendments, and these amendments as adopted at a meeting of the committee in Philadelphia, December 27 and 28, 1915, are also contained in the following Program.

The Committee on Municipal Program consisted of: WILLIAM DUDLEY FOULKE, Chairman, Richmond, Ind. M. N. BAKER, of the Engineering News, RICHARD S. CHILDS, New York City, JOHN A. FAIRLIE, University of Illinois,