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CONCERNING THE JOURNAL.

The Board of Control of the OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE wishes to make the following statement so that members of the Academy may be intelligently informed as to the place of the JOURNAL in the life of the Academy.

In 1900 the Biological Club of the Ohio State University began publishing the *Ohio Naturalist*. Some years later the *Naturalist* became the official organ of the Ohio Academy of Science, and was thus sent to each member. By 1915 the Academy had widened its scope to include other branches of science than biology and geology, and in recognition of this increasing activity the name of the journal was changed to THE OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE.

Since then the JOURNAL has continued as an outgrowth of the *Ohio Naturalist*, serving continuously as the official publication for the Academy, and is now in its thirty-fourth year. It has welcomed and has promptly published articles in the various sciences other than the biological sciences. It has served as a repository for a large amount of information on the natural history and geology of Ohio. Its files present a fertile field for the worker in science who must know what has been done in the past in Ohio science.

At present the Ohio Academy of Science pays approximately half of the cost of publishing the JOURNAL. The other half is paid for by the Ohio State University, supplemented by income from outside subscriptions, sale of back numbers, etc. Thus the cost of publishing the JOURNAL is more than double the price to the subscriber. More than 400 subscriptions and exchanges go outside the state of Ohio, the majority to foreign countries, so that the JOURNAL is widely distributed and internationally available.

The Ohio State University and the members of the Academy benefit from the foreign mailing list because many of them

constitute exchanges, putting expensive and valuable foreign journals on the library shelves where they are available to all members of the Academy.

Considerable prestige to the Academy results from the publication of the JOURNAL, since few other state Academies support as creditable a publication. The demand for back numbers is brisk, evidencing the desirable type of articles which it is the editorial policy to publish.

In helping to support any science journal the individual knows that only a small percentage of the papers published will be of immediate interest to him, but that without his co-operation none of the papers could reach the public. There is doubtless as much of direct interest to the majority of the Academy members in the OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE as there is in any of the national society journals.

As the Academy receives prestige and a convenient outlet for publishing from the JOURNAL, so the JOURNAL derives its very life from the Academy. Without the support of the Academy the JOURNAL could not hope to exist. The mutual benefit derived by the Academy (which in the last analysis means the individual members of the Academy) on the one hand and the OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE on the other hand is not something to be lightly tossed aside.