

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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To the Council of the Ohio Academy of Science:

The greater part of last year's report was composed of the story of the pictures of the charter members. Thanks to the officers of the Academy and to the Editor of the *Journal* they were published in the July issue as a part of the History of the Academy written by Mr. W. H. Alexander. Reprints were purchased and a copy was sent to every person who had supplied a picture. Many favorable comments were received and a few extra copies were sold.

The sales of publications amounted to \$20.55 including sales tax. While not a large sum it was a little more than twice that of the preceding year. An itemized account of the sales and

this amount less 49 cents expended for fifty sales tax stamps have been given to the Treasurer of the Academy. Twenty-seven copies of the Special Papers were sold of which thirteen were Dr. W. G. Stover's Agaricaceae of Ohio. Also the paper on Preglacial Drainage of Ohio became popular again. Dr. Stover's paper has led in the number of copies sold for several different years and also over the past twelve-year period with a distribution of 93 copies. The one next to it was Max Morse's Batrachians and Reptiles of Ohio with a total of 55 copies during that time.

A statement concerning the foreign exchanges may be of interest. It was reported to the Council last year that the Business Manager of the *Journal* had sent notices to each exchange outside the Western Hemisphere stating that the issues of the *Ohio Journal of Science* would be held here until normal times unless the recipient wished them sent at his own risk. In due time fourteen such replies were received. They were from places in England, Russia, India, China, Java, and Australia. However, starting with the next issue, No. 3, for May, 1942, the *Journal* will not be sent to these nor to any place even in the Americas outside the United States itself. Strict censorship regulations have made this necessary, and unless there is some change in them it will likely be our policy as long as the war lasts. Nearly seventy names will be removed from the active mailing list and the Business Manager will send each one a notice to this effect. The only foreign periodicals that are now being received on exchange are coming from England and her dependencies, Central and South America, and only this week from Portugal and Sweden.

Some interest has been shown lately by various libraries in completing their sets of the Annual Reports and Special Papers of the Ohio Academy of Science. Requests have come from Mexico City, Florida, and Missouri, and an order for a nearly complete set has just been received from Louisiana. There is a large stock on hands of all the Annual Reports and a fairly large supply of nearly all the Special Papers. Four of the latter have been withdrawn from general distribution to conserve the stock for the sale or exchange of complete or nearly complete sets. There are 16 copies of Dr. Lynds Jones' Birds of Ohio, 14 of Dr. F. L. Landacre's Protozoa of Sandusky Bay, 9 of Dr. Raymond C. Osburn's Fishes of Ohio, but only one copy of Professor J. H. Schaffner's Trees of Ohio, which had been his own personal copy. The remaining seventeen papers range from 51 copies to 614, with half of them having more than 95 copies. Of the Annual Reports only two have fewer than one hundred copies in stock and fifteen have more than two hundred.

The members of the library committee have had some recent correspondence concerning the distribution of this stock and they will welcome any suggestions for effective means of putting some of it into circulation. So far two plans have come to mind. One is to send the price list again to book dealers for it has been several years since this was done. However much of the material in the Special Papers has been replaced by later publications by other authors so that there is not likely to be a great demand from dealers for these earlier papers. So the second plan will probably produce more immediate results. The new Union List of Serials is now in press and will be issued during the coming Summer. As it will give the periodical holdings of all the large libraries of this country and Canada it will be a simple matter to note the numbers of the publications of the Ohio Academy of Science which are lacking from the sets in these libraries. Then offers can be made to supply them either on an exchange or a sale basis as the case may be. The results will be reported next year.

Only two new exchanges were added during the year but they are both quite desirable and were offered voluntarily. They are the American Geographical Society for its Geographical Review and the Reading Public Museum for its scientific publications.

Respectfully submitted,

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