

THE LIBRARY OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

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The Library of the Tennessee Academy of Science is a project of such importance that our members should become better acquainted with its aims and the service which it ought to render them in their work. The library belongs to our members; it is theirs to use and to enjoy. It is housed in the Vanderbilt Library at Nashville and is open to all members on week days during the hours that the library of Vanderbilt University is open. During the summer months when the library of Vanderbilt University is closed, this library is open to all members of the Tennessee Academy of Science, but for only a short time each day.

Members of the Academy that live away from Nashville and so cannot avail themselves of the library at Vanderbilt may yet secure any of the publications or books that the Academy owns by borrowing from the library. In this case the member is required to pay transportation on the books or pamphlets both ways and to return them within two weeks. He will be held responsible for the publications until they have been checked back into the library. This scheme makes it possible for any member to read the publications along the line of his interest even though they are not in his local library. This service seems so important that it is hoped to gradually enlarge the library until it includes a fair sample of all scientific publications as well as a good book collection. This will take time because the editor at present has little leisure for this type of work. While the academy library at present is not large the report of the librarian on page 121 of this JOURNAL lists the titles of seventy-three scientific periodicals of which number fifty-six are currently received. All of this material has been received in exchange or as a gift from Dr. J. T. McGill. For increasing the exchanges and books received for review the editor will devote much time in the future. He hopes to find some member to take over this phase of the work with the rank of exchange editor. Our members can also help us to increase our library by presenting reprints of papers which they published elsewhere or by presenting books which they do not at present have use for. Many of our members have been interested in some particular phase of science such as ornithology and have collected quite a good deal of literature, including complete or almost complete sets of JOURNALS. At their death there is a possibility that this material will be sold or scattered and be of little interest or use to the scientists of Tennessee. One good way to be sure that this material will be preserved and be of use to other people is to will your library to the Tennessee Academy of Science. If any of our members wish to consider a matter of this kind, the editor will be very glad to advise with them.