REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TERMINOLOGY.

Your Committee on Terminology begs to report that, owing to the conditions arising out of the war, the work of the Committee has been practically suspended during the past year, but it is purposed now to continue it with vigor. Thus far four contributions to the subject have been published, and when the whole subject has been covered it is proposed that these be combined and published as an official glossary.

Yours very truly,

C. V. Piper,
Chairman of the Committee.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR.

Because of the increased cost of publication and the reduced income of the Society due to loss of members to military service and for other reasons, it has been necessary to curtail the year's volume of the Journal of the American Society of Agronomy. Including the December number, the volume consists of 360 pages, as compared with 432 pages printed in 1917 and 400 pages printed in 1916. Not including the December number, the forms for which are not yet made up, the 1918 volume has included 41 papers by 55 authors, representing 19 States and the District of Columbia. This is one more paper than was included in the considerably larger volume of last year, showing a desirable tendency toward shorter papers. To illustrate these papers, 9 plates and 46 text figures have been used.

The editing of the Journal has been accomplished with considerable difficulty, as the editor has been either traveling or on emergency work outside Washington during all except two months during the year. It has often been difficult to reach him promptly with papers for publication or with proof, and consequently the promptness and regularity of issuance of the Journal has not been up to the desired standard. As a large agricultural library has not usually been at hand, it has been impossible to check many of the citations of literature, and therefore these have not always been as accurate or as uniform as could be wished. The editor has refrained from resigning only because he has felt that others who might do the work are as heavily loaded with emergency duties and perhaps as badly handicapped as he.

Necessarily, the size of the annual volume is dependent on the Society's income. It is hardly likely that printing costs will further increase, so that if the present membership can be maintained the 1919 volume should be at least as large as the one just published. With the favorable conclusion of the war, however, the Society's membership should be largely increased, and this increase will naturally bring prosperity to the Society's publication. The maintenance or the progress of the Journal of the American Society of Agronomy is dependent largely on the whole-hearted support of the Society's membership.

The editor regrets exceedingly that it is not possible for him to attend the eleventh annual meeting of the Society, the first that he has missed since his official connection with the organization. He trusts that it will be a very interesting and successful one, and that it will mark the beginning of a new era of progress for the American Society of Agronomy.

Respectfully submitted,

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Editor.