The Steering Committee which was appointed at the last annual meeting of the Association recommended that the Chairman of this committee be authorized by the Bureau to spend some time in a well known lithographic plant for the purpose of becoming thoroughly familiar with the making of maps and to learn as much as possible about map construction from the inside so that this information could be of use to the Association and its members in the improvement of soil maps. Inasmuch as the Bureau did not authorize the Chairman to make this special study we have nothing to report on that particular phase of the work.

As a member of the Committee, Professor Krusekopf is to give an address at this meeting on the improvement of soil reports, we shall not take time to go into that phase of the question in this report. The Committee, as such, has held no meetings and we have had but little correspondence.

The improvements in soil maps to which I wish to direct your attention at this time, are those which are being attempted by the co-operative Soil Survey in Wisconsin. At the last annual meeting we exhibited before the Association a proof copy of the revised map of Outagamie County, Wisconsin. This map has finally been printed and a State edition of the report together with this map will soon be ready for distribution. A copy of this map is placed on exhibition for your inspection. It will be noted that the improved Legend which the map has is on the side instead of at the bottom. This became necessary on account of certain lithographic difficulties and not because of our desire to have the Legend on the side.

Our Jackson County map has been modified along the same lines and we are placing before you a copy of the map of Jackson County, Wisconsin which you will note has this revised legend at the bottom of the map in the space which was previously blank. On the Jackson map the new legend has required no extra space and the additional cost for 3,500 copies was only $75.

Our purpose or the main object in revising the legend is to make the soil map tell a complete story by itself and also to prepare it in such a way that it will be suitable as a wall map, which will permit it to be used in schools, banks and numerous other places.

It will be noted by inspecting this map that the various soil types have been arranged in textural groups and that the revised legend has been divided into five separate parts. The first part gives the "Name of the Soil", such as Superior clay loam. The second part gives a "description of the Soil and Subsoil" and for this particular type reads "Brown clay loam on heavy compact red clay." The third division gives the "Surface features and drainage," and for this type we quote the information that the soil is