

## CONSERVATION OF SCHOLARLY JOURNALS

The American Library Association created this last year the Committee on Aid to Libraries in War Areas, headed by John R. Russell, the Librarian of the University of Rochester. The Committee is faced with numerous serious problems and hopes that American scholars and scientists will be of considerable aid in the solution of one of these problems.

One of the most difficult tasks in library reconstruction after the first World War was that of completing foreign institutional sets of American scholarly, scientific, and technical periodicals. The attempt to avoid a duplication of that situation is now the concern of the Committee.

Many sets of journals will be broken by the financial inability of the institutions to renew subscriptions. As far as possible they will be completed from a stock of periodicals being purchased by the Committee. Many more will have been broken through mail difficulties and loss of shipments, while still other sets will have disappeared in the destruction of libraries. The size of the eventual demand is impossible to estimate, but requests received by the Committee already give evidence that it will be enormous.

With an imminent paper shortage attempts are being made to collect old periodicals for pulp. Fearing this possible reduction in the already limited supply of scholarly and scientific journals, the Committee hopes to enlist the cooperation of subscribers to this journal in preventing the sacrifice of this type of material to the pulp demand. It is scarcely necessary to mention the appreciation of foreign institutions and scholars for this activity.

Questions concerning the project or concerning the value of particular periodicals to the project should be directed to Wayne M. Hartwell, Executive Assistant to the Committee on Aid to Libraries in War Areas, Rush Rhees Library, University of Rochester, Rochester, New York.

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Harry Ward Foote, professor of chemistry at Yale University, died January 14, 1942. Although his work during the forty-two years he was a member of the Yale faculty was chiefly in physical chemistry, his early training under S. L. Penfield created an interest in mineralogy which he always retained. In the years 1896-1899, he described the new minerals bixbyite, clinohedrite and roebingite (all these with Penfield) and wellsite (with J. H. Pratt), and published important papers on the formulae of tourmaline and of ilmenite. In 1911-1914, he published a series of papers with W. F. Bradley on isomorphism in minerals, which included data on nepheline, analcime, albite, chrysocholla, calcite and dolomite. Some of his papers in physical chemistry were also of mineralogical interest, such as his studies of the physico-chemical relationships between calcite and aragonite, of the solubility relations of darapskite and of schairerite. Many members of the Society had the good fortune to attend his lectures on the phase rule, in which he called attention to geological applications.

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