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from this Fund will not be sufficient to pay salaries, buy expensive books, or to pay for extensive binding.

The purchase and shelving of complete bound sets of the large array of zoological periodicals issued in all languages all over the world is the outstanding need of the Blacker Library, and these acquisitions should be continued from year to year to the exclusion, if necessary, of other activities.

1. PURCHASE OF PERIODICALS. For obvious reasons now is the time to buy zoological items quoted in pound sterling. The rather large list of Wheldon and Wesley's offerings is now in your hands. All titles not in the Library should at once be ordered subject to the usual 10% discount. I sincerely hope Professor Willey will assist in choosing all such desiderata from that and other lists. Wheldon and Wesley are now holding their offerings until they hear from you.

After considerable correspondence I have induced Fock of Leipzig (the largest German dealer in zoological periodicals) to give the Blacker Library a discount of twenty per cent (20%) off his catalogue prices of periodicals, and he will shortly mail you duplicate lists and catalogues with the items that are now in stock plainly marked. I think we may safely order from him 12,000 RM worth, less 20% - but not more for the present.

I think these lists should be scanned on arrival and "action" taken forthwith.

2. I place a limit on the cataloguing of the Blacker Library items because there will probably be no further funds available for the purpose after July 1932. Have you any suggestions?

3. I have, as you know, given Forbes - the British Museum binder - orders to repair and bind such books as have recently passed through my hands in London for the Blacker Library. He does his work quickly, very well and cheaper than it can be done in Montreal. He will do the same for any of the Wheldon and Wesley orders, rendering his account in due course to the Blacker Fund. Other unbound volumes you will have to deal with in Montreal, as seems best to you.

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