

Although the public acknowledgement of the favors which we have received from individual bodies must, for the reason above stated, be postponed to another year, yet we cannot omit in this report a general recognition of the liberal spirit in which our applications have been universally met, and an expression of our regret that we have it not in our power to make any adequate return for the generous aid, which we have received from other Societies. From the almost entire loss of our own transactions by the fire, we could not even promise to complete the imperfect sets which many of them possess ; but as this is almost the only recognition we can make for their much more valuable contributions, we would recommend that exertions should be made to obtain from our old members and others as many back numbers of our own publications as possible. Such loose volumes are not often much regarded by their possessors, and I hope that any of our members, who can assist us in this respect, will remember the object we have in view.

There is another way in which we may hope to make some return to the Societies in the United States. Our own Government exchanges publications with the library of Congress and all the several State libraries, but, with the single exception of the Smithsonian Institution, it makes no recognition of chartered Societies. To enable us in some measure to requite to them the liberality which we, as a Society, have experienced from the State governments, we would recommend the adoption of a memorial, which we submit, praying our own Government to place at our disposal, for distribution, some copies of such of its publications as may be of general interest beyond our own borders.

The Society is aware that at a general meeting in October