

urge no further change in this direction. It was also found desirable to relieve the regular Committee of the burden of editorial work, for which purpose a paid editor has been employed. In most respects, this plan has proved satisfactory, though it will doubtless be well to further modify and improve the working of the Committee in this direction, particularly if additional funds become available.

An effort has been made to offset a certain portion of expense of publication, by the insertion of advertisements. Very little encouragement has been met with, or is to be hoped for in this direction, the three advertisements so far obtained, not returning very large profits.

One of the most important works of the Committee has been in extending the list of exchanges. Many former exchanges were found to have dropped off entirely. Most of these have once more been placed on our list and are regularly received, while a large number of new ones have been added, so that the list now embraces 178 regular exchanges in all parts of the world including some of the most important scientific journals published.

The work of the Society was chiefly represented in the publication of the *RECORD OF SCIENCE*, and the Committee trust every effort will be made to continue its publication under competent management. It has been our endeavour to make it a representative Journal of Canadian Science, but the very many difficulties encountered, have often rendered it impossible to properly approach this ideal. One of the great difficulties is found in securing papers of a proper character. This might be overcome, to a large extent, were the incoming editorial committee to be composed of a paid editor, who should be primarily and chiefly responsible, and and four associate editors representing different branches of Science. The work of necessity falls upon one or two at most, before the printer is reached, and it is most desirable that every editor, or associate editor, should be capable of passing judgment upon articles in his particular department, as well as able to contribute original articles.

The Treasurer, Mr. P. S. Ross, then read the following Report :—