

deal of study and enquiry on the part of the Exhibit Specialist and enabled him to undertake the task of dealing with enquiries on such products. The Exhibit Specialist also devoted a considerable amount of time to work in connection with the preparation of matter for publication.

LIBRARY

The reference library, which deals with the technology of woods, the products therefrom and related matters, was materially extended and improved. Literature bearing on many phases of the subjects mentioned has been collected and analysed for the past nine years and the reference library thus built up is an invaluable aid to the technical staff in their investigative work.

INFORMATION FURNISHED

The supplying of technical information in answer to inquiries relating to woods and products manufactured or derived from woods, is an increasingly important function of the Laboratories. The work involves a careful study of the available data on the subject in question and, in some cases, tests or investigations, the final step being the compilation of a report which is forwarded to the enquirer. Well over five hundred such enquiries received attention during the year, a greater number than in any previous year. The continually growing demand for the services of the Laboratories which is indicated