

The Society also has a chart that has undergone a number of revisions, and which in its present form represents what is considered necessary for a proper description of an organism. These two contributions are excellent, but not enough. We want full descriptions as per Society chart of all known organisms, and we want them properly named and classified according to our latest classification. Here then is a splendid task for the Society, a task seemingly of great magnitude, but with proper organization and coöperation we should be able to surmount all obstacles, and produce a new determinative bacteriology approved by the Society, and all interested in bacteriology. Such a publication from its intrinsic value would find a place in every laboratory and succeeding generations of students and workers would rise up and call us blessed.

We have a membership of a thousand. If each one would pledge himself to give a full description of an organism assigned to him, what a magnificent start it would be. I trust the Society will accept this suggestion and formulate the necessary committees.

XI. TEACHING PROPAGANDA FOR BACTERIOLOGY

A subject, the study of which may not only serve on account of its educational value by enlarging our knowledge of nature and training the powers of observation and judgment, but also because of its sheer practical utility as the servant of medicine, pathology, sanitation, industry, agriculture, and household life; should have a well defined place in all our colleges and universities, and possibly in secondary schools. Yet we find that it is not mentioned in the curriculum of eight of our agricultural colleges. In many medical colleges it takes a subordinate place, and in many institutions having comprehensive courses in botany and zoölogy no course is given in bacteriology. Surely this is not right. Several past presidents of our Society have spoken about the value of the subject from the educational and practical aspects, notably the late Prof. W. T. Sedgwick and Professors Bergey, Marshall and Jordan, and there are excellent references in our literature as to the place the subject ought to