

bers engaged in the study of minute forms of life, has been quickened. The microscopical curator will always be ready to attend meetings of the Institute, or other sections, when the use of the instrument is desired. A small collection of slides has already been secured for the section's cabinet, and more are expected.

Two years ago when the Institute contemplated the completion of the museum upstairs, this section became responsible for two years for the interest on the mortgage of \$1,000, which was given to raise the necessary funds, and we are glad to say that this has been paid, and the section is now free from debt or liability.

Not much progress has been made in our department of the museum. We merely desire to draw attention to the fact that biological specimens cannot be mounted without money, and that our section has absolutely no source of income except grants from the Council of the Institute.

W. E. MIDDLETON,
Secretary of Biological Section.

The officers for next year are: James H. Pearce, President; W. E. Middleton, Secretary.

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