

9. Germany.....	106
10. Italy.....	146
11. Netherlands	25
12. Norway.	30
13. Portugal	7
14. Russia	37
15. Spain	18
16. Sweden	18
17. Australia.....	31
18. British India and China	34
19. Japan and Java.....	20
Total.	2,307
III. New exchanges.....	39
IV. Total number of exchanges.....	435
V. Periodicals subscribed for, same as last year with the exception of "Hardwicke's Science Gossip," which has been discontinued.....	31
Total single copies of these received.....	769
VI. Number of volumes bound during the year.....	306
VII. Number of publications taken from Reading Room and Library during the year.....	1,900

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Librarian.

REPORT OF THE BIOLOGICAL SECTION.

The section has to report a year of progress and prosperity.

The regular fortnightly meetings have been held throughout the year, and the attendance has been satisfactory.

A schedule is attached showing the papers read—22 in all.

As this section is to a large extent educational in its objects, it is not required that the papers read should be the result of original research, and we would welcome the assistance of some of the many members of the Institute who are well qualified to give us much information that would both interest and instruct.

The microscope which our last report mentioned as having been purchased but not then arrived, has been received, and by its means many points in the papers read before the section are illustrated, and the enthusiasm of those mem-