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FOREWORD.

It has been declared fitting that as the President of this Association and Chairman of the Publication Committee we place before the readers of this issue of our Journal a few words of opinion and desire giving if possible a foreword of the years necessities and possibilities.

Through two years of trial and experiment the Journal of our Association has been in existence, the second volume proving to be a great improvement over the first one. Since prior to the Columbus meeting no one knew whether it would exist to make another volume it will therefore surely be gratifying to the members of the Association to know that it will continue for another year, plans now being under way to make it more valuable than ever.

This publication is the expression of an Association whose policy is to advance poultry education. That this educational work is growing rapidly in ways that can be expressed in figures was shown by the last report of the Committee on Education and Experimentation, the data of which will be shown in future issues of the Journal. It was news to many of us to know that there are today 289 people doing poultry work in educational institutions in all but one state of the union. Numbers of workers and financial support mean much to our educational desires, but the larger problems with us as educators today, are methods and kinds of work. Many of us have been working along blindly for many years without regard to type of experiments or methods used by other colleges and stations. For some time there has been a plea for standardization of work

and method, and at the Columbus meeting a motion was made to appoint a committee to take up this question, and we may now hope for some constructive results along this line in the near future.

To obtain full cooperation and expression of the membership of the Association through the Journal requires a maximum of support. Every member must realize that the paper will be successful just as we make it so. Ideas, suggestions and constructive criticisms will be gratefully received by the Publication Committee. Information relative to work in the different institutions will make the paper newsy as well as educational. Waiting for the other member to do this will not strengthen such features, and so when the editor asks for assistance during the coming year, hearty support will enable him to carry out the policy of the Publication Committee. Contributions in the form of articles are desirable and will be appreciated by the editor. Most of us know what we want to see published and our contribution will help make the Journal as we would wish it to be.

Of the 289 people doing educational work only 117 belong to the American Association of Instructors and Investigators in Poultry Husbandry. The members that are now on the roll are all in good standing, and their numbers are increasing, but every person eligible should join hands with an Association that can be a help to him. Our band of workers is really very small when compared with other educational groups, but there is no reason why we should not all unite in this organization. No sacrifice is necessary. It is simply a matter of doing.

Application made for entry as second class matter at New Brunswick, N. J., P. O.

The Eighth Annual meeting was a signal success. Harmony and enthusiasm pervaded the entire time. One member spoke of the fact that at every meeting, everyone was always present. This is not a fact at most conventions, but among college poultrymen there seems to be a great desire to get something out of the programs at their various meetings. Apparently they go to the meetings for a purpose, as good attention was given the very full and educational program at Columbus. The material in the papers was, in most cases, well worked out, indicating that some splendid material will be available for Vol. III of the Journal.

The entertainment and courtesies extended to us by our hosts were thoroughly appreciated. Everyone felt that they were desired and welcomed at Ohio State University and left Columbus with complimentary thoughts towards the Institution and those who entertained them.

The place and time of the next meeting was discussed at Columbus and there was considerable variance of opinion. It is suggested that everyone with an idea about the time and place for the coming convention write to the President or Secretary of the Executive Board before January 1, 1917, voicing his opinion. This will enable the authorities to have some outside ideas when considering the formal invitations.

As our Association grows in size, age and experience, let our efforts and co-operation be materially increased so that our influence may be felt in the field of education as it never has before.

A. G. PHILIPS.
Indiana.

OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Our annual convention held at the University of Ohio at Columbus during the first week in August, was eminently successful. President M. A. Jull presided throughout all sessions. The Association was formally welcomed by Professor Thompson of Ohio State University in a most inspiring address. The response to the address of welcome given by Professor A. G. Philips of Purdue University follows:

"To say that we are glad to be welcomed by you, President Thompson, and to be here at this meeting is unnecessary. Our presence is sufficient evidence, but we are, nevertheless, pleased to be welcomed.

The purpose of our meeting is that we may prosper in our undertakings with the poultry industry. To prosper is to work, to help and to be helped, to learn faith by perplexity, to reach truth through wonder—this is what it is to prosper.

We are a group of educators, leaders,

investigators, molders of opinion, and spreaders of the gospel of good poultry husbandry. The college and the university are the fountains of all that is good in education, and we come here for our annual meeting to seek inspiration and renewed vigor, that we may go back to our homes better equipped to carry on our work.

Ohio State University is chosen as our gathering place, because it is located in a region of prosperous poultry and its poultrymen are leaders in the poultry field. The west is yet in the infancy of its poultry education, but already its response to leadership has gone by leaps and bounds and it is worthy of this recognition from our Association.

What has it meant to have this organization among the people of our country? What do we do that is constructive? We represent an industry that is growing and not only in numbers and value, but in respect and dignity. The business of poultry raising is ennobling and worthy of the best efforts of any one. To succeed with poultry is not easy, even though we can count the value of the industry in hundreds of millions of dollars. Methods of farming are changing every year, not only due to increased knowledge, but also to the forces of circumstance. We are told that the animal meat supply is not keeping pace with the increase of population. If this be true, then the hen has more work to do. The wonderful food values of the fowl and her eggs are known and appreciated, and if the beef and pork do decrease, she can go on and meet the deficiency. The agricultural condition of today lends itself better to the raising of hens than ever before and so the poultry business must grow and grow right.

To the college poultrymen the honor and necessity of seeing that this development, which may go ahead without us, is guided properly. We can do this. We have been of influence in the past and will continue better in the future.

The magnitude of our efforts is great. Today we have all but four colleges and universities doing work on an educational nature with poultry. Last year these institutions administered instruction to 7600 students, worked on 100 experiments, carried on many demonstrations with farmers, published 120 bulletins and pamphlets, and extended information in innumerable other ways. To do this 241 men and women have been employed, \$250,000.00 spent in equipment and \$225,000.00 spent in running expenses, making the total \$475,000.00. Such expenditure of resources is no small thing, but its greatness is of recent development. That which has been done has been brought about largely through education, resulting in support