

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SECTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1905.

To the Board of Managers:

During the past year there were held no less than 32 meetings of the Sections, all of which were given up to the presentation of papers on subjects of scientific and technical interest, or to the discussion of live topics of general utility.

Much of the material printed in the *Journal* is derived from this source, and the uniform excellence of these articles affords the best testimony that could be desired to the value of the work of the Sections.

In accordance with resolutions passed by both Sections, the Chemical Section and the Physical Section have been united into a single Section, under the title of the Section of Physics and Chemistry. This union has received the Board's sanction.

The report of the Secretaries follows.

JAMES CHRISTIE,

Chairman Com. on Sectional Arrangements.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., January 3, 1906.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE SECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1905.

To the Committee on Sectional Arrangements:

The Sections of the Institute have just completed a year of gratifying activity. There were held 32 joint meetings, which were generally well attended, while the subjects presented and discussed were, as a rule, highly interesting and instructive. The *Journal* has benefitted greatly by the abundant supply of valuable material derived from this source.

The Sections in the past year, returned to their original plan of conducting their respective business affairs directly, instead of through an Executive Committee. It is thought that this will have the effect of keeping alive the idea of separate organizations, which was being gradually lost under the Executive Committee plan.

WM. H. WAHL,

For the Secretaries.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., January 3, 1906.