

The general organization for compiling the *Record* is now working much more smoothly, and the accumulation of arrears due to the war has at last been practically cleared off. The whole of the manuscript for the 1925 volume was in the printers' hands before the middle of April, 1926, and there seems no reason why it should not be published in July, which will be much the earliest date that has ever been achieved. Such prompt publication will greatly enhance the value of the work to entomologists.

Sundry Publications.—A further sum of £9 17s. 9d. has been received during the year from the sale of thirty-five copies of the book on tsetse-flies by Major E. E. Austen and Mr. E. Hegh. The total number of copies sold is now 440, and these have brought in a net return of £216 17s. 9d., as against an expenditure of £285.

Eight papers dealing with material sent in to the Bureau for identification have been published during the year under the arrangement by which we contribute towards the cost of publication. In the *Annals and Magazine of Natural History*: One by Professor M. Bezzi (Tachinid Flies), one by Mr. E. Brunetti (Conopid Flies), one by Mr. G. E. Bryant (Phytophagous Beetles), one by Professor T. D. A. Cockerell (Bees), two by Mr. J. R. Malloch (Muscid Flies), and one by Mr. A. Zimmermann (Water-beetles). In the *Annals of the Natal Museum*: One by Mr. B. P. Uvarov (Grasshoppers). Our payments for these amounted to £36 8s. 8d.

Library.—Accessions during the year included 555 bound volumes and over 1,180 pamphlets, bringing the respective totals up to 4,805 and 8,930. The number of serial publications (including annual reports) currently received is now over 920.

The card catalogue of the contents of the library under authors' names is growing steadily; the index to the pamphlet collection and monographs is kept up to date, while some seven hundred volumes of the serials were thus catalogued during the year.

The number of books and pamphlets issued on loan during the year was 408. The Imperial Bureau of Mycology, the Tropical Diseases Bureau, the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, the Empire Cotton-growing Corporation, and the University of Birmingham were among the institutions availing themselves of the Bureau's library loan service.

The appended table indicates the expansion of the library during the past five years:—

Year ended 31st March,	Bound Volumes.		Pamphlets.		Total Volumes catalogued.
	Total.	Annual Increase.	Total.	Annual Increase.	
1922	2,752	505	4,200	700	550
1923	3,220	468	5,000	750	1,000
1924	3,674	454	6,500	1,500	1,800
1925	4,250	576	7,750	1,250	2,800
1926	4,805	555	8,930	1,180	3,500

Staff.—In accordance with the resolutions of the Entomological Conference, the vacant post of senior assistant has been filled by the appointment of Mr. D. S. Wilkinson, Government Entomologist in Cyprus. Mr. Wilkinson will give half his time to assisting in the general executive work in the head office, and the remainder will be devoted to a special study of the parasitic wasps of the families Ichneumonidæ and Braconidæ.

Appendix I.—Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year ended 31st March, 1926.

	Received.			Expended.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Government grants	9,815	12	9	..	..	..
Interest on deposits	392	9	4	..	..	..
<i>Review of Applied Entomology</i>	549	1	6	1,272	6	0
<i>Bulletin of Entomological Research</i>	390	4	6	698	1	10
Salaries	..	..	..	7,841	15	5
Queen's Gate office	..	..	..	640	9	2
Library	..	..	..	233	1	11
Office and library furniture	..	..	..	123	5	6
Scientific equipment	..	..	..	18	0	0
Travelling-expenses	..	..	..	26	3	6
Translations	..	..	..	5	5	7
Specialists' fees	..	..	..	125	15	9
General expenses	..	..	..	145	6	7
Sundry publications	..	..	..	30	3	8
<i>Zoological Record</i> ("Insecta")	67	10	3	41	13	3
Tropical African Fund	10	3	9	..	..	..
Conference	..	..	..	57	5	7
Provident Fund	..	..	..	372	7	9
Suspense	..	..	..	200	0	0
	£11,225	2	4	£11,831	1	6