

"WE HAVE WITH US"

INTRODUCING THE JOURNAL OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE

After nine years of "*innocuous desuetude*" the JOURNAL of the Tennessee Academy of Science herewith makes its initial appearance for the year 1926. The change from "Transactions" to "Journal" was decided upon by the Executive Committee who have arranged for the publication of a quarterly journal instead of the "Transactions" which appeared in 1912 and again in 1917. The present issue is the January number and the other numbers will appear in April, July and October. The Editor points with pride to the names on the editorial staff and will be glad to have articles submitted to him directly or to any member of his staff.

The JOURNAL is the organ of the Tennessee Academy of Science and will endeavor to give a faithful and interesting account of its work. Half of the present issue is necessarily devoted to bringing its history up to date but the pages of the next JOURNAL can be devoted to articles on scientific subjects almost exclusively. The Editor welcomes news about any members of the Academy; any reports of special research work that is being done here in Tennessee; and brief articles and abstracts of papers that have been prepared on scientific subjects. In this way the columns of the JOURNAL will be both scholarly and interesting to its readers. Our space will be limited to thirty-two pages this year but as the need grows for more space, it is likely that this journalistic baby will grow into a larger and more useful manhood. At present our Sanctum Sanctorum has neither wastebasket nor scissors; so take advantage of our present situation and send in your contributions.

A PRACTICAL PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR, 1926

"LET'S ALL GO TO WORK"

Our President, Mr. A. F. Ganier, gives his inaugural message elsewhere in this issue of the JOURNAL. His article is a plea not only for scientific research but also stresses the need of pulling together if we expect to get results. Read his appeal to our members and then look over the following program of work and decide which ones you can best aid in attaining a worthy goal. Some phases of the following program were outlined by Dr. S. M. Barton more than ten years ago.

1. Active support of the State Geological Department in its various enterprises. A resume of the past year has been furnished the JOURNAL by State Geologist, Hugh D. Miser.

2. The establishment of a State Biological Station at Reelfoot Lake. Enough talking and writing has been done in the past ten years. Let's have action from the committee recently appointed by the President.

3. Efficient support of the State Department of Forestry; the work of this Department is making wonderful progress now but the need for more trees and better trees is more insistent than ever.

4. A Natural History Museum for Tennessee. Our present Game Warden is the best man Tennessee has ever had on this job and he is making overtures to the Tennessee Academy of Science and to the Tennessee Ornithological Society which ought to bring definite and immediate results.

5. *Three hundred members* for the Academy by November, 1926. Every member of the organization at present should take notice of what Dr. McGill did while still a layman among us. He got sixty new members. You ought to get *two* in the course of the next few weeks. That will make the 300 members and then some; also a bigger JOURNAL and an Academy of Science worthy of the Volunteer State.

SUDDEN DEATH OF DR. SAMUEL M. BARTON

News has reached Nashville of the unexpected death of Dr. S. M. Barton, who has been a member of the Academy since its foundation in 1912. He served as its first treasurer, later as vice-president, and in 1917 was honored with the presidency. His contributions to the programs and to the general work of the Academy made him one of our most valuable members. Proper recognition of his service to this organization will be made in a more extended memorial article which will appear in the April number.