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## A Plea

Sometimes prosperity hurts us. The Editor of the WILSON BULLETIN is pleased to report that we are now receiving more manuscripts than we can publish promptly. This state of affairs has existed for some time, but we have not mentioned it publicly lest we might thereby lose some good material. However, the situation can no longer be ignored. Our authors have been very patient and considerate. But when it comes to waiting two or three years for publication we can not expect authors to submit. The question is now before us whether we shall henceforth decline articles which can not be given prompt publication, or accept them and hold them indefinitely until the authors complain, or enlarge the BULLETIN to better take care of the material offered.

It is expected, of course, that the latter plan will be preferred. How, then, can it be accomplished? We can not expect to continue to run along on small donations, much as they are appreciated. We will not expand and incur a deficit. The dues can not be increased. In the absence of an endowment fund we will have to rely upon an increased income from an increased membership. At the present time our total membership is a little below par in numbers, because of a rather large loss in delinquent members. If we could make up this loss and still add 100 new members, we would be able to add eight pages regularly. If we could secure 200 new members, we could add sixteen pages. The Editor believes that he can fill this additional space with good ornithological matter. Does the problem interest you? How many will try to secure the new members? If you will even secure one new member, and a few others do the same, we can succeed. Are we stationary or moving?—The Editor.

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