

## EDITORIAL

AT THE MEETING in Ann Arbor in 1928 the question of a W. O. C. library was presented. At the Des Moines Meeting in 1929 the report of the Committee shows that two institutions had indicated a willingness to accept the library on terms agreeable to the Club. These institutions were the University of Michigan and the Iowa State College. The report of the Library Committee and the text of the Agreement with the University of Michigan were printed in the *WILSON BULLETIN* for March, 1931. This report includes the following paragraph: "The original plan includes the establishment of one or two additional libraries of a similar, though possibly less technical, nature; one to be located somewhere in the south, and another, perhaps, west of the Mississippi River. Preliminary steps have been taken looking toward these additional libraries, but it was the Committee's policy to secure the culmination of the first one before taking active steps toward others."

As a member of the first Library Committee the present writer may state that it was the Committee's intention to proceed with the establishment of the other libraries as soon as suitable locations could be found. At the time the original committee was functioning the Iowa State College had agreed to accept the establishment of a library on the same terms agreed to by the University of Michigan. The Iowa State College has a beautiful new stone library building which is fire-proof and provided with ample space. Ornithological research is being carried on as actively here, perhaps, as anywhere in the middle west. There are arguments in favor of concentrating our support on the existing library at Ann Arbor. But a good case may also be made for getting under way whatever additional libraries may be considered feasible. The conclusion is that it may be wise for the Club to again take up the consideration of a library west of the Mississippi River. The writer has been informed that the proposal from the Iowa State College is still open.