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*Sullivant Moss Society Members and*

*Subscribers to The Bryologist:*

The plan of reorganization as outlined in my recent circular letter has been modified in order to embody some of the suggestions of those who kindly gave time and thought to the matter. The large number of replies was a source of surprise and gratification. The Society being now the owner of *The Bryologist* outfit, its officers become, logically, the Advisory Board, including the curators of the Herbaria and Foreign Exchanges, eight in all. The Officers for 1911 have appointed Dr. A. J. Grout Editor-in-chief, with the office of publication at New Dorp, New York. As Associate Editors, Dr. Best, Dr. Evans, Profs. Holzinger and Riddle have consented to serve.

Some misapprehension has arisen from my too brief statement as to the deficit. The question has been asked: Why can a new and untried plan succeed financially when *you* have failed to make ends meet? The answer is this: I felt free to use my own money in ways I would not have done had I been accountable to a Society or any person or persons. Owing to ill health I was obliged to employ a high priced city printer who could and would come to me instead of my going to his office. In this way it also came about that supplies were ordered from him which possibly could have been bought cheaper elsewhere. For the same reason advertisements were obtained only as the few, by exchange for the most part, came to me. My deficit represents, therefore, a perfectly free-will gift, for which I ask neither reimbursement nor pity. The time has come, however, when the interests of the publication will be best served by a division of labor, the work having outgrown the ability of any one person to do well.



It is, therefore, quite within bounds to expect that the increase in Society dues, and in the subscription price will, with income from advertisements, and reduced general expenses enable the Society to publish a journal maintaining its previous character in all respects. It is hoped that each one interested in the continuance of the Society and its publication will bring it to the notice of any one likely to join in our work.

The subject of the offerings has been questioned by some, since printing members' names with address has opened the way to demands for collecting and forwarding of specimens especially from members in remote foreign countries. This has come to be a tax on membership, therefore, several have requested to have their names dropped from the Society, while remaining subscribers to *The Bryologist*. This state of affairs should not be allowed to continue. Requests for specimens should be made only from those offering in the Exchange Department. It is urged that *any* member having *anything* to offer will communicate the specimens to the custodian of the group, who will send lists to the editor for use from time to time. In the near future it is expected to establish an "Exchange Bureau" on similar lines to that of our English friends, and to publish a check list on thin paper at small cost. Any suggestions will be gratefully received.

In turning over *The Bryologist* to the Sullivant Moss Society I wish to thank all who have so ably seconded my efforts to build up a strong society of students of cryptogams with the journal as a means thereto. I feel that I have every reason to be, not only satisfied, but proud of the results of my ten year labor. I have enjoyed it all and only wish I were able to continue and to do more than in the past. I mean to do quite as much tho in a less conspicuous role. As Treasurer of the Society I am on the Advisory Board, and expect to contribute all in my power to the increased usefulness of our Society and its publication.

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