Respectfully submitted,

C. H. PACKARD.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FORMATION OF LOCAL BRANCHES.

In looking over the membership roll of the Association, your Committee on the Formation of Local Branches decided upon Detroit and Buffalo as the best locations for new branches. But we regret to report that our efforts to inaugurate Branches in these cities have been unavailing. From Detroit we got the information that a Branch could easily be started, but that there was lacking the sort of enthusiasm essential to its permanency. It was the belief of the active local members of the Association that the necessary enthusiasm would come after this annual meeting. This belief is shared by your committee.

Your committee found that several attempts had been made to start a Branch in Buffalo without success. There were not, and are not, sufficient enthusiastic local members to maintain interest in a Branch.

During the year two new Branches were inaugurated: one at Columbus, Ohio, and one at Jacksonville, Fla. And, following some correspondence from your committee, the activity of the Branch of San Francisco was revived.

As a result of its experience, your committee believes that the number of members required to inaugurate a local Branch should be reduced below twenty-five, and would suggest that it might be advisable to restrict representation in the Council to Branches having twenty-five members.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Craig, Chairman. Franklin M. Apple.