

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE FOR 1916.

Much progress in the work of the Library has been made during the year, and the number and importance of the accessions from the usual sources are approximately the same as those of last year. The binding of serials has been kept well in hand, and 115 separate sheets of maps have been mounted.

A notable addition was made during the recess in the form of numerous volumes and pamphlets presented by Mr. R. D. Oldham, F.R.S. The series obtained from Mr. Oldham's Library is particularly rich in seismological literature, and three serials in this branch are new to the Society's Library; they are the Publications of the Japanese Earthquake Committee in Foreign Languages, the Bulletins of the Imperial Earthquake Investigation Committee, and the Bollettino della Società Sismologica Italiana. Two other serials were presented—the Annual Reports of the Cape of Good Hope Geological Commission from its commencement until 1911, and a complete set of the publications of the Société de Spéléologie, Paris; the former is a valuable addition on account of its rarity,

and the latter on account of its being the only complete set now in a London Library. In all 91 Volumes of serials have been added.

Thirty-nine Volumes of separately-published works were also chosen from Mr. Oldham's Library; most of them were new to the Society's collection, but certain duplicates were selected on account of their use for purposes of circulation.

A series of pamphlets, reports and extracts (numbering altogether 156 works) forms an important part of this new addition. Indian geology is represented in this section by 45 publications, several rare reports being included. There are 47 papers on Earthquakes, 32 on Permian Glaciation, 9 on Petrology, and 7 on Palaeobotany, the remaining 16 being of a miscellaneous character. Included also in Mr. Oldham's donation are seismograms of the North Pacific and South American Earthquake of August 16th, 1906 (published by the International Seismological Association) and an Album of Photographs of the Gohna Landslip of 1894.