Appeal for Aid to Libraries

About a year ago the Council of the Society appointed a committee charged with recommending to the Council a policy for bringing to libraries which have been injured by the war such aid as it would be possible for the Society to give. This committee consists at present of Professors Garrett Birkhoff, H. E. Bray, Arnold Dresden, Will Feller, Gabor Szegö, and A. W. Tucker.

A great deal of time and thought has been spent in obtaining enough information concerning the status of mathematical libraries abroad to formulate such a policy, and in getting into contact with agencies, private and semi-governmental, which have been created for similar purposes. As a result of these efforts it has become clear that the need is very great, particularly for books and periodicals published during the years 1939 to 1946, and that the Society will have to call on its individual members for assistance.

Accordingly the Council adopted on April 24, 1946 the committee's recommendation that a notice be published in the Bulletin "asking members to send what books, journals, and reprints they care to contribute to a collection to be sent to devastated libraries."

It is on the basis of this authorization by the Council that the present appeal is made. Please send material to be contributed for this purpose, prepaid by parcel post or express only, and addressed as follows:

AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY
Butler Library, Columbia University
New York 27, N.Y.
FOR FOREIGN LIBRARIES

It is important that no part of this address be omitted.

Only material in good condition can be used for this purpose.

Contributions in cash should be made out to the American Mathematical Society and sent to the Society, 531 West 116th Street, New York 27, N.Y., with the notation "For Foreign Libraries."