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In spite of the war, enough papers in mathematical statistics have been proposed for publication in the *Annals* in 1945 to keep the total volume of material at approximately 450 pages, the level which has been maintained during the last few years. A total of 40 papers were published in the 1945 volume of the *Annals* of which 14 were short notes published in the "notes" section. The outlook for a sufficient number of acceptable papers to maintain the usual volume of publication during 1946 looks quite favorable. Many mathematical statisticians who were engaged in war work are now free to resume their research. In some cases statistical theory developed in connection with classified war research projects can be expected to be declassified in the near future and made available for open publication.

Most of the material which has been published in the *Annals* consists of original research or extensions of work already published in mathematical statistics as contrasted with material of an expository character. In view of the considerable number of newcomers into the Institute, as well as a general increase of interest in probability and statistics during recent years, it would be highly desirable to publish more expository or survey material. Invitations have been accepted by several individuals to prepare expository articles, but they have been so heavily burdened with extra work during the war that they have been unable to complete their tasks. It is hoped that circumstances will now permit the preparation of expository articles.

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