

REPORT OF THE EDITOR FOR 1947

During the past year the increase in the number of manuscripts submitted to the *Annals* has continued. More manuscripts have been received from foreign countries than in any preceding year. During 1947 papers were published by authors in Argentina, Australia, Canada, England, France and Sweden. If manuscripts continue to be received at the present rate it will not be possible to publish them in the *Annals* without further expansion. The gap between receipts of manuscripts and publication is likely to become serious by the end of 1948. The 1947 volume of the *Annals* contained 56 papers of which 25 were short notes. The total number of pages printed was 618, representing an increase of approximately 11% over the size of the 1946 volume. It now appears that increased printing costs will prevent a further increase in the size of the *Annals* for 1948. It is therefore extremely important that authors submitting papers to the *Annals* make every effort to keep their papers as brief as possible.

Contributions to probability and statistical theory are continuing to come in from a wide variety of fields. They were written by biologists, chemists, economists, mathematical statisticians, mathematicians and physicists, representing universities, government agencies and laboratories, business and industrial organizations. Some of these contributions are rather heterogeneous in quality of results and presentation. However, patient attempts are being made to have all papers with novel and interesting results suitably revised and published. Attempts to have expository papers prepared are being continued.

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