

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDITOR FOR 1946

During 1946 there was a considerable increase in the number of manuscripts submitted to the Editorial Committee of the *Annals*. A total of 49 papers including 18 short notes were published in the 1946 volume of the *Annals*. The publication of these papers together with various official reports of the Institute and the Directory of the Institute required a total of 555 pages. Plans are already under way to expand the 1947 volume of the *Annals* to 600 pages.

During recent years there has been a very noticeable broadening of interest in the field of probability and statistical theory on the part of readers and contributors to the *Annals*. Contributors to the 1946 volume came from university departments of astronomy, biology, mathematics, sociology and statistics; from Army, Navy and other government groups; and from industrial laboratories and quality control departments. More recently, contributions have been received from physicists, chemists and other groups. More contributions are now being received from overseas than in previous years. Every effort is being made to keep the *Annals* balanced with respect to these various directions of interest in probability and statistical problems. It is believed that one of the most effective things which could be done for the readers of the *Annals* is to publish expository articles from time to time on new fields of development in probability and statistical theory. Invitations have been accepted by several individuals to prepare such articles.

Dr. Thornton C. Fry has asked to be relieved from the Editorial Committee, as of January 1, 1947. The Editor wishes to take this opportunity to express his gratitude for the service which Dr. Fry has rendered in connection with the editorial work on the *Annals* during the past nine years.

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