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The attached Bulletin has been sent out to the Presidents and Secretaries of all Centres, the first concrete step to be taken under the National Observing Programme. That this has been at all accomplished is due entirely to the fact that Miss Williamson kindly volunteered to draft the document; an act much appreciated by the writer at a time when various personal affairs have left little time for astronomical matters.

With the advent of the regular meeting season in most Centres, we are ready for the second step. This should take the form of a similar bulletin from each Co-ordinator, to each Centre, outlining the work of the Section, and so far as it is possible to do so, a resume of what is already being done by members of the Society. The exact nature of the bulletin is of course left to the discretion of the Co-ordinator involved. It is my understanding that several bulletins have been ready for some time and are awaiting the go-ahead.

It should be noted that provision has been made for the National Office to aid in the duplication of these bulletins and should anyone require this service they are requested to forward a copy to the writer who will arrange for the work to be done. Similar steps can be taken if it becomes necessary, to provide instruction and report forms. Casual correspondence with Centres ought not to become a burden in terms of either cost or labour and it will probably be unnecessary to call upon the National Office for assistance.

Also attached is a copy of the mailing list which is current for this year. This will be changed as the various Officers, etc. change, but the co-operation of Co-ordinators will be needed to keep the names of observing contacts up to date; such changes should be reported as soon as possible.

As we begin this new activity in the affairs of the Society I have the uncomfortable feeling that some profound statement is called for, but, being ill-equipped for the shore, have not dredged up anything befitting the occasion. Instead, I will remind you that the aims of this Programme; the exchange of data, the fostering of interest in observing, and the general knitting together of the Society, depend for their realization upon the word COMMUNICATION.

Initially, prepared summaries of observations within each field will be published in the Journal from time to time, when details of the procedure have been determined. We are all aware that while this will serve to get observations into print, it does not in fact fulfill the aims outlined above, something more informal, and new, being required. Even if every Centre published a newsletter which was sent to every member of the Society (an impossible situation) I am still certain that our aims would not be achieved simply because newsletters are too local. Until such time as a National Newsletter is established we will have to get along as best we can.

Finally, we must have communication among the members of this Committee so that we may have the benefit of all suggestions pertaining to the functioning of this organization. I welcome all correspondence and hope that we may all become better acquainted as a result of this work.

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