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FROM THE WISCONSIN CHAPTER

Madison, Wisconsin,

November 14, 1917

At the last convention of the Society of Sigma Xi held in New York City, December 27, 1916, Columbia Chapter introduced a motion to discontinue publication of the QUARTERLY. See page 27, March issue of SIGMA XI QUARTERLY. The Wisconsin chapter believes this matter is of sufficient importance to justify its thorough discussion by each local chapter. We are opposed to the QUARTERLY for the following reasons.

1. Sigma Xi, as a national organization, is not seeking to advance a specific line of investigation, as most scientific societies are, and, as constituted, has no propaganda or mission that justifies a journal.

2. Comparatively little matter vital to the chapters or to the membership is conveyed by the QUARTERLY, and when this is padded into a journal, matter is introduced which is not only useless, but beneath the plane of the organization.

3. The QUARTERLY is seldom read by our local membership, which is evidence that it does not convey to them useful or vital information.

4. Any local address worthy of dissemination among our general membership has a ready avenue of publication in one of the many reputable and well established technical journals.

5. Financial Tax. We have taken pride in trying to accomplish something worth while on a minimum of expense. Our local dues for many years have been \$1. Why spend nearly 50% of our income for something which does not stimulate and promote? To raise our dues would be a deterrent.

6. The purely business part of our transactions and minor notices can be well taken care of, as formerly, by leaflets issued preceding and following the annual convention.

Finally, we maintain that the efforts necessary to continue the QUARTERLY are out of proportion to any benefits derived from it. We urge that your chapter fully discuss this matter, and instruct your delegate previous to the convention.

C. I. CORP, *Secretary.*