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PAPERS READ BEFORE SECTION E.

An American Geographers Union: Wm. M. Davis.

There is to-day no geographical society in the United States of organization and rank similar to those of the Geological Society of America. It is believed that the advance of geographical science would be promoted by the organization of a professional society in which only those who have published papers based on original observation should be eligible to membership. A method of beginning the organization of such a society is suggested.

The Concentration of Geographical Publications: Israel C. Russell. (Read by title.)

The immediate welfare and future development of geographical science demand that there shall be a union or concentration of the several journals, proceedings, magazines, etc., now issued by geographical societies in North America, and one well-written, well-edited, well-illustrated and well-printed monthly magazine issued. Some of the advantages of such centralization are:

The convenience of reading or consulting one publication instead of many.

Less expense, as may be judged, of issuing one publication in place of several.

The much less expense to subscribers of one publication instead of ten or more as at present.

The larger audience to be secured by one centralized bureau of publication than by any one