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Dean R. E. Buchanan
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My dear Dean Buchanan:

I have your letter in regard to the list of foreign agricultural research publications with the inquiry as to the use we are making of this list in getting adequate exchanges.

The library has been delaying this matter until a satisfactory policy could be formulated by the experiment station. The experiment station has delayed the formulation of a policy in regard to exchanges, waiting for recommendations from Professor Converse and the Librarian. The Librarian has been delayed in making these recommendations on account of the pressure of correspondence in regard to the price of German periodicals. However, recommendations have now been formulated and forwarded to Professor Converse. Within a day or two they will be forwarded to Professor Stevenson for any consideration you and he care to give them.

I find that we have not had requests for any publications represented on the list of the agricultural research institutions, except in so far as we have them in the library. The publications which we do not have in the library and for which we do have requests are those in Veterinary Medicine and Science rather than those in agriculture. I still have hopes that in the course of time the foreign literature in agriculture will be more greatly used. For that reason, I believe we should develop our exchanges more than we have, although in some cases in engineering the use of foreign literature has seemed to decrease instead of increase.

The most valuable exchanges we can have, in my opinion, will be the doctoral theses of certain selected European universities. I have had personal interviews with a number of European librarians on this matter and hope to develop it this year. In the meantime if our recommendations in substance are adopted, we shall be glad to see what can be done with the development of exchanges of foreign agricultural publications in the hope that sometime they will be used.

Yours very truly,

Charles H. Brown

Librarian.

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