

SHROCK

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AIR MAIL

Professor Robert R. Shrock  
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Dear Dr. Shrock:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your "Sales Record of Index Fossils of North America". The "Index Fossils" is indeed a most useful work, of which you should be very proud. I am sometimes tempted to call it the American counterpart to the German classic Goldfuss (1826/44).

It is good of you to turn the royalties over to The Paleontological Society. Both The Paleontological Society and the SEPM are in need of more ample publication funds. Neither society receives financial help from the parent societies. Perhaps now is the time to revise the status of both societies with the objective of unification, which has my strong support.

I am at present very much preoccupied with an extensive work on the oysters, living and fossil. Enclosed separates show some of the trends being followed. Much of this work is a great surprise to oyster biologists. There are many new results on evolution, ecology, and taxonomy of this family in the offing.

With my warmest regards.

Sincerely,

H. B. Stenzel

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