

THE DESIRABILITY OF AN ECOLOGICAL SURVEY
OF ILLINOIS BASED ON PLANT ASSOCIATION.

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The oft-repeated words "vanishing data" have no more apt use than in connection with our native plant associations. The state should be systematically surveyed by botanists and zoologists, and maps should be made, showing the distribution of the associations. Where topographic maps have been published, and especially where geologic folios exist, this work should be much more easily accomplished than elsewhere. A start has been made at this work in Chicago, but much co-operation is necessary for success. The Academy might well take up such work as this officially.
