THE FORTHCOMING SITUATION IN AGRICULTURAL WORK

The American Association for the Advancement of Science represents the recognized and organized sciences. One by one new groups have been added to it, as those groups have won public recognition and have demonstrated that they are interested broadly in the enlargement of human knowledge. Half the letters of the alphabet are required to designate these groups represented in organized sections, indicating the breadth and vitality of our scientific inquiry. The last of these sections is agriculture—not the occupation agriculture, but the assembly of scientific research that deals with the problems of the occupation and of the living resulting from the occupation. We begin the work of this section to-day. It means much, I think, for this work that it has now been recognized as worthy to occupy a place on the programs with the older and the better standardized groups. I hope that we shall be worthy of the fellowship; and I trust that the Association itself will gain something by what we and our successors may bring to it in the future.

There is no field of scientific research that belongs exclusively to agriculture and not to other groups. The peculiarity of the research in this field lies in its association for the purpose of improving a great industry and of making a particular contribution thereby to the national life. The

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