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THE Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, which held its twelfth annual convention at Washington, D. C., November 15th–17th, includes in its membership many of the State universities and scientific institutions in which instruction in many technical lines besides agriculture is carried on. It is a delegate body, each college being represented by its president or other officer, and each agricultural experiment station by its director or some other member of its expert staff. The institutions represented in this Association employ over 1,500 persons in their faculties, who are giving instruction to about 30,000 students. These institutions have over \$50,000,000 in permanent endowments, buildings and equipment, and an annual revenue of nearly \$6,000,000, of which more than \$2,000,000 is derived from funds granted by the United States. Besides the work of instruction, they are carrying on original research in different directions. This is especially true in many scientific lines relating to agriculture, over a million dollars being spent for this purpose annually. There are now pending in Congress propositions to establish, in connection with these institutions, experiment stations for investigations in mechanic arts and naval engineering, for which some of

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