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SOME BASIC CONSIDERATIONS IN PLANNING FOR RESEARCH IN SOUTHERN PROBLEMS¹

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THERE are so many existing organizations that scientists, as well as others, have long since grown weary of the addition of more organizations with more or less duplication of purpose, more meetings to attend and more papers to be read. Every new organization which is to succeed must justify itself in terms of a distinct purpose and plan of activities. The Southern Association of Science and Industry, organized with the purpose of bringing together science and industry in the South in the effort to focus scientific research upon the problems and the resources of the South, may, I believe, be adequately justified.

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This organization has had its beginning under the sponsorship and direction of persons who are prompted by a larger consideration than their own research or the industries which they represent. Recognizing the limitations under which the South is laboring and realizing the opportunities which lie here and the part which scientific research and industry may play in the development of these, they have committed themselves to the task of bringing together the research talents of scientists in this area and the resources of southern industries to contribute what they can toward the building of a greater South. This is a worthy purpose and one which has not hitherto been undertaken in a comprehensive way in the South. Scientific research is capable of making a great con-

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