A full decade has passed since the Bureau of Soils of the U. S. Department of Agriculture began soil survey work. This line of soil study has steadily increased in usefulness and popularity. At the present time it is the basis of much important work, not only by the Bureau, but also by a very considerable number of our experiment stations. It is appropriate, therefore, that the members of this association should inaugurate a discussion of the present status of soil survey work and the relation of this work to some of our important agricultural problems.