THE APPROVED SEED PLAN OF THE MISSOURI CORN GROWERS' ASSOCIATION. 1

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At the second annual meeting of the International Crop Improvement Association, held in Chicago on December 1, 1920, it was shown that much work is being done in a number of States to stimulate the production of better seeds and to obtain a wider distribution of improved strains of high-yielding crop varieties. At this meeting the plans of several of the State seed organizations were explained and their work discussed. One noticeable thing throughout the meeting was that while all these organizations have a common purpose, the means used to bring about the desired results differ widely. In view of this fact it may be of some interest to note the plan now used by the Missouri Corn Growers' Association. The essential purposes of this plan are:

1. To stimulate the production of better seed by members of the association.
2. To test this seed and to put the association's official approval upon the best of it.
3. To advertise officially the approved seed and in every way to promote its use.

There is perfect cooperation between the Missouri Corn Growers' Association and the Field Crops Department of the College of Agriculture, and only such crop varieties as have yielded high in tests conducted by the Field Crops Department are recommended by the association and sold thru its approved list.

The first work of the association is to stimulate interest in the use of pure seeds of high-yielding varieties thru educational work. This is accomplished largely by means of a State corn show held in Columbia in January of each year, by various seed production and yield contests, and thru the work of the extension specialists in field crops, some of whom work with county agents and others with teachers of vocational agriculture in the Smith-Hughes schools. The association members are induced to secure the best seeds for planting and are then

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