THE ORGANIZATION OF A GENERAL INTRODUCTORY COURSE IN SOILS WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE LABORATORY EXERCISES

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Early in 1923, a sub-committee of the American Society of Agronomy was appointed to study the laboratory work in elementary soils as given at the several agricultural colleges in the United States. Late in the spring requests for copies of the current laboratory outlines were sent out accompanied by a questionnaire. Most of the material requested was received by July 1. Replies to the questionnaire were received from thirty-nine institutions teaching courses in soils. Twenty-three sent laboratory outlines to the committee, while nine failed to answer letters addressed to them. Of the sixteen departments answering the questionnaire, but sending no laboratory outlines, practically all were making drastic changes in their laboratory procedure and felt that they had little of a constructive nature to offer.

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