LOOKING FORWARD IN FIELD HUSBANDRY

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During the past five years this Society has accomplished a number of desirable things. It may not have done as much as its founders hoped it might do, but its record to date is one that need not make any of us ashamed.

In the first place, it has enabled us to get better acquainted, personally and officially. We know more about what is being done by other agronomists than we could possibly have learned by merely reading reports. At our annual meetings we have found time to become acquainted and as a result have learned to like one another better. We have followed the old adage, "Get acquainted with your neighbor, you might like him," and we have found it to be true. This, in itself, has been no mean accomplishment.

DEVELOPING TEAM WORK

Little by little we have been able to develop a spirit of professional feeling, professional ethics, if you please, which cannot help but redound to the advantage of our members.

We have developed team work which is absolutely essential to success in solving certain types of problems and in doing certain kinds of work economically. For example, six stations are now working on a uniform project for developing a method of cropping which will take the place of part of the summer fallow. A similar group of stations have begun the work of growing seed rye of specified varieties for the purpose of supplying other stations that wish to conduct variety tests of rye. We have also learned voluntarily to apportion our own work so that there is less overlapping and duplication than there was before. At the University of Saskatchewan, for example, we have discontinued all forms of tillage and cultural experiments, knowing that a vast amount of valuable work of this character is being done by other stations, the results of which we can apply. We are concentrating our efforts upon plant breeding, seed distribution, and studying the fundamental principles of crop rotation and soil fertilization.

We have made a distinct advance in the field and bin inspection of registered seeds, judging of field crop competitions, and visitation

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