1. SHOULD THE RESULTS OF AGRONOMIC RESEARCH BE PUBLISHED IN BULLETINS, OR IN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS, OR BOTH?

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It has been the hope of the leader that this symposium will serve two purposes: One, that it will afford an interesting program to those who are in attendance at this session of the annual meeting; the other, that when the papers presented here are published in the Journal of the Society, they will both set certain standards and serve as guides for authors in their preparation of manuscripts for future publication.

In outlining the program for this symposium, it seemed to be logical to set down the question which is the topic for this paper as the first phase of the subject to be discussed. Then, since the writer has served as the Director of four different experiment stations and is now serving as the Editor of the Journal of this Society, it seemed that he might be in an appropriate position to discuss both sides of the question. Hence, it was determined to assign this topic to the leader of the symposium to present as its opening paper. This paper has been made a brief one, with the deliberate intention to permit more time to be available for subsequent discussions of more technical phases of the general subject of the symposium.

The question "Should the Results of Agronomic Research Be Published in Bulletins, or in Scientific Journals, or Both?" is not simply a query which can be answered by a positive affirmative statement based upon clearly evident facts. It is rather a topic for discussion, in which each of the several alternatives presented has its advantages and its disadvantages to be considered.

The question is based on the assumption that a large proportion, at least, of the agronomic research of the country is being done at those institutions, like the state experiment stations and the United States Department of Agriculture, which have regular series of bulletins in which the results of their research may be published. There are, of course, notable exceptions to this general rule; but to these the second alternative of publication in scientific journals will usually apply.

Again, it should be understood that this particular discussion deals only with the publication of the results of agronomic research in

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