AGRONOMIC AFFAIRS

MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

November 17 and 18, 1927

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. W. L. Burlison, at 9:30 A. M. on Thursday, November 17, at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, Ill. About 200 members and visitors registered and more than 225 were present at the different sessions.

The following special committees were appointed: Nominating, L. E. Call, M. F. Miller, and C. A. Mooers. Auditing, R. I. Throckmorton and R. J. Garber. Resolutions, R. W. Thatcher and C. R. Ball.

The program as arranged was presented, two sections meeting in the afternoon. The program is given on page 1148.

The annual dinner was held at 6:30 P. M. in the Congress Hotel, 135 attending. President W. L. Burlison delivered an address on "Meeting our Responsibility in Agronomic Research" which appears on pages 1049 to 1059 of this issue of the JOURNAL. The business session was then held.

OFFICERS REPORTS

R. W. Thatcher, Editor, presented his report which upon motion was accepted.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

The JOURNAL of the Society is passing through another very successful year. Volume 19 will be nearly a duplicate of Volume 18, which was by far the best one in the history of the Society, at least so it seemed to the Editors.

Most of the credit for the editorial work on the JOURNAL for this year is due to the Assistant Editor and Business Manager who has carried almost the whole burden of the editorial service, especially since the change in professional engagement of the Editor on September 1 last. At the beginning of the year, by mutual consent the Editor was relieved of all responsibility for the actual printing of the JOURNAL and confined his editorial services to the approval of manuscripts and the necessary accompanying correspondence with authors. Since September 1, the latter service has been rendered also by Mr. Luckett, with only an occasional advisory contribution from the Editor.

In comparison with last year the first eleven issues contain 1048 pages instead of 1056 for the same issues last year. The material which is at hand and in type for the December issue will fill at least as many pages as were printed in that issue last year, so that Volume 19, as has been said, will be an almost exact duplicate of Volume 18 in size.

During the year there were received at the editorial offices a total of 140 manuscripts. This is nineteen fewer papers than were received during the preceding year, but the latter included a considerably larger proportion of short book reviews, abstracts, and notes than was received this year. The papers received are distributed among the several classes as follows: Symposium papers, 37; contributed articles, 91; book reviews, 4; notes, 8; total 140. Of these 13 were returned to their authors for one reason or another. Of the remainder, all but two, which were received after November 1, will have been published when the December issue comes from the press.

The printing of the JOURNAL has continued under the contract with W. F. Humphrey, of Geneva, N. Y., at the same rates as in former years. However, there has been a somewhat larger income from advertising than ever before and a