SOME OUTSTANDING RESULTS OF AGRONOMIC RESEARCH
AND THE VALUE OF SUCH CONTRIBUTIONS

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Since the organization of the American Society of Agronomy about 21 presidential addresses have been delivered. A survey of these addresses shows that of the 21, only one or two have dealt with definite research results. In his presidential address to the Society on November 16, 1925, past President Warburton opened the address with this paragraph: “The growth of agronomic science since the founding of the American Society of Agronomy in this city, December 31, 1907, has been extremely rapid, and has been attended by an equally rapid growth of agronomic personnel. The title of agronomist was first applied to technical workers in this country in 1900, when three of the staff of the College of Agriculture of the University of Illinois were so designated. Of course, much had been done in the study of soils and crops prior to that date, but agronomy, as agronomy, has existed in the United States only during the past quarter of a century.” In the light of this statement and in the light of the fact that most of the presidential addresses in the past have been more or less of the prophetic or lecture type, it seems fitting at this time for your president to look backward over a period of years and deal with some of the outstanding accomplishments of agronomic research.

In preparing this paper, it is obvious that the writer was dependent upon the respective departmental heads to supply the material from the several experiment stations. It is to be regretted that quite a number of groups are not represented through failure to

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