AGRONOMIC AFFAIRS

PRESIDENT KEIM ISSUES STATEMENT ON THE ANNUAL MEETING

THE annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy will be held November 10 to 12, 1943, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

In 1917, W. M. Jardine in the December number of the Journal (Volume 9) made the following statement: "Upon our entry into the war, the government had need of the immediate services of every industry, every organization, and every individual, and the response came promptly and loyally from every quarter. Agronomists at once evinced an all-pervading desire to bring to the immediate assistance of the country every ounce of their strength which might be put to practical use. They frequently proved to be the logical men to form "ways and means" committees for devising plans whereby the maximum production could be secured from every man, every horse, every machine, and every acre of ground, quickly, and at the same time jeopardize in no way the permanence of agriculture. Campaigns for increased crop acreages were initiated and carried to successful completion. Seed stocks were inventoried and made available for those in need. Information on every conceivable point relating to agriculture was given to the public through correspondence, public addresses, and the press. This successful participation of agronomists in emergency work is a splendid tribute to their usefulness. It will be continued with increasing vigor."

The agronomists of 1943 have the same responsibility. It is for like reasons that the Executive Committee of the Society feels that the 1943 annual meeting of the Society should be held. Our annual meeting is not a convention, but it is a gathering of scientific workers who probably contribute as much to the food effort of the world as any other organization. The agronomists in every state and in the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture have the responsibility of promoting food production to the maximum. It is the opinion of the officers of the Society that the best interests of the food effort will be served