CARLOS GRANT WILLIAMS

CARLOS GRANT WILLIAMS was born January 18, 1863, at Gustavus, Trumbull County, Ohio. He was a farmer boy, and early in life became a farm manager. The common grades constituted his schooling. A keen intellect and strong character soon made him outstanding. He was early interested in the scientific aspects of agriculture, experimented on the home farm, and became a correspondent of farm journals. He was in demand as a lecturer at Farmers' Institutes.

In 1903 he became Principal Agronomist and first head of the new Dairy Department at the Ohio Experiment Station. He soon relinquished the dairy work and devoted his whole time to agronomy. He was recognized among the earlier plant breeders of the country for his work with corn and the small grains. He published many bulletins and papers on his research work and continued to correspond with farm papers.

When Doctor Thorne retired as Director of the Ohio Station in 1921, Doctor Williams succeeded him. This position he held till his retirement in 1937. He was ever a reader and student, with wide interests. A charter member of the American Society of Agronomy, he served as President in 1925-26.

Doctor Williams passed away at his home in Wooster, Ohio, October 4, 1946.—C. A. LAMB.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE 1947 meeting of the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America is scheduled for the Netherland Plaza Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 18 to 21, 1947. The registration fee for members was increased to $1.00 and for nonmembers to $2.00.

A program committee consisting of the Vice President, as Chairman, and the program chairman of each of the Divisions was approved. This committee shall be responsible for coordinating the various general and sectional programs and preparing them for publication.

The committee on Bibliography of Field Experiments was discontinued.

Dr. R. J. Garber was reappointed to represent the Society on the Union of Biological Societies and Dr. M. T. Jenkins was reappointed to represent the Society on the National Research Council.

J. D. Luckett was reelected Editor and G. G. Pohlman was reelected Secretary-Treasurer.

G. G. POHLMAN, Secretary.

AGRONOMIC AFFAIRS

PRESENTATION OF HISTORIC GAVEL TO THE SOCIETY

THE real beginning of agricultural research and education in the United States in the 1860's has a profound significance to members of this Society. In 1862, during the most crucial war in our nation's history, the United States Department of Agriculture and the Land Grant College and University system were established. In 1868, immediately following the war, a building to house the Department of Agriculture was erected in Washington, D. C. This building provided the first planned facilities for the research and other activities of the Department, and was the center from which grew the present organization and its intimate relations with every State College and Experiment Station. For these reasons this structure should carry a meaning in our thinking comparable to that of any other building where epic history has been made.

After 60 years of service to American agriculture, the old building gave way to the march of progress and was torn down in 1928.