Agronomic Affairs

D. W. Robertson of Colorado Becomes New ASA President

D. W. Robertson, head of the Department of Agronomy at Colorado A. & M. College, assumed the presidency of the American Society of Agronomy at its 1961 meeting at State College, Pa., on August 29, and will serve as the group's leader during the coming year.

Dr. Robertson succeeds H. P. Cooper, dean and director of the School of Agriculture at Clemson Agricultural College, Clemson, S. C. The new vice president of the Society is H. E. Myers, who served during 1950 as president of the Soil Science Society of America. Dr. Myers is head of the Department of Agronomy at Kansas State College.

Dr. Robertson was born at Dumfriesshire, Scotland, in 1893. He received his undergraduate degree in agriculture from the University of Manitoba in 1918, his M.S. degree from the University of Minnesota in 1920, and his Ph.D. degree also from the University of Minnesota in 1928. He has been affiliated with Colorado A. & M. College since 1920.

Subscription Rates to Society Publications and Membership Rates in Society to Increase December 1

An increase in membership rates and in subscription rates to publications of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America will become effective December 1, 1951, as a result of decisions taken by Society officials at the recent annual meeting of the organization at State College, Pa.

Membership rates in the American Society of Agronomy and subscription rates to the AGRONOMY JOURNAL will be increased to $11.00 per year in the United States, Canada, and Pan-American countries, and $12.00 elsewhere. The same rates will apply to membership in the Soil Science Society of America and to the PROCEEDINGS of the Society.

SOILS: THEIR GENESIS AND CLASSIFICATION

By C. F. Marbut. Madison, Wis., Soil Science Society of America, 134 pages. 1951. $2.50 plus postage.

Soils: Their Genesis and Classification is a set of 10 lectures presented before the Graduate School of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture by Dr. Marbut in 1928. In the words of C. E. Kellogg, present chief of the Department's Division of Soil Survey, it "contains the central core of Marbut's concepts as applied to the soils of the United States," and it holds much that is fundamental in modern soil science. Although the book is a stenographic transcription of the lectures delivered before an audience, it has little if any of the weakness of such a presentation; rather it represents the well-developed and orderly thinking of a keen and logical mind. This reviewer found it enjoyable reading. Recommended for all library collections on soils.