SOME PROBLEMS IN AGRONOMY.

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Members of three organizations are gathered here tonight. One of these,\textsuperscript{1} and the oldest, was founded in 1880, to promote general agricultural science. The second,\textsuperscript{2} only nine years old, and which the speaker has the honor to represent, was organized in 1908, to promote particularly the study of farm crops and the soils on which they grow. It is thus one of the newest of the specialized societies. The third\textsuperscript{3} is an association of those engaged in applying to the business of modern farming the pertinent discoveries of agricultural science and economics.

In a good sense, these three societies typify the viewpoint of scientific workers in three overlapping periods, which may be called, without prejudice, the periods of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Yesterday,—when science itself was broad and unspecialized and education built on broader and more solid foundations, developing men with an inspiring breadth of knowledge and with capacity for wise and efficient leadership. Today,—when specialized education and specialized production are the rule, developing men with quickened insight into old problems and keen appreciation of the myriad new problems of the day. It fosters extensive experiment and intense

\textsuperscript{1} The Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Science.
\textsuperscript{2} The American Society of Agronomy.
\textsuperscript{3} The American Farm-Management Association.