During the past year the committee has cooperated with the Secretary in getting out about 250 letters to Governors of the several states and to Presidents, Deans, Directors of Experiment Stations, and Directors of Extension in the Land Grant Colleges, calling attention to the necessity of conserving the soil and to the necessity of soil surveys in all areas as a basis for planning and for soil management and investigations.

Many favorable responses were received, but in many places it is believed that the problem of soil investigation and soil conservation is being neglected in order that other projects may be advanced. It is believed that such practices and policies can result only in the ultimate collapse of agriculture both as a business and as a way of living.

The various papers presented on this program go far in confirming the opinion that a concerted effort must be made if the process of soil ruin is to be arrested before it destroys the nation.

For this reason it is recommended that increasing attention be given to the problem of soil conservation, not only from the standpoint of controlling soil erosion, but also to those cultural practices on the farms which prepare the way for destruction by erosion.

Recognizing the fact that the nation must become soil conscious, the chairman has appeared before the general assemblies of several colleges and universities and before the local and state meetings of various civic and cooperative organizations where it was possible to deliver illustrated addresses on soil erosion and soil ruin.

From the general interest shown by the various audiences, the chairman believes that much can be done to arouse the interest of our people in their soil if we earnestly and sincerely do our part. Every member of this association should do his best.

Illustrated talks, radio addresses, and newspaper articles are excellent means of spreading the gospel of soil saving.

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