The instructions of this association to the committee appointed to make recommendations regarding the future field of this organization were to consider three propositions; first, continuing the organization in its present form; second, enlarging the field of the association to include the whole subject matter of soils; and third, combining with the American Society of Agronomy or other organization. In the event that the committee recommended an expansion of the field of work it was also to suggest a suitable name for the organization.

As to the future scope and allocation of the work of this association, the committee has found it difficult to reach a satisfactory conclusion. It does not believe it wise, at this time, to recommend the formation of an association dealing with the whole subject matter of soil science, since this would doubtless be considered as infringing on the rights of the American Society of Agronomy and since such a plan should have the general sanction of the soils men of the country, rather than those concerned primarily with soil survey work.

There is a general feeling among the members of the committee that one strong organization representing the general subject of agronomy, with distinct sections for soils and crops, is preferable to two or more organizations dealing with different phases of the agronomic field. Should the soils men withdraw and form a new organization there would be danger that neither the old nor the new organization would survive. On the other hand, the soil work of the country is already represented by a rather strong periodical, "Soil Science" and it is possible that an organization of soils men might be able to use this as an official organ and by a narrowing of interests form an association with greater vitality than the general agronomic organization. This, however, seems rather doubtful, and the committee is not ready to recommend such a radical departure at this time.

With reference to making this association a part of the American Society of Agronomy there are some real difficulties. There is no doubt that a simple fusing of the two organizations would result in the oblitera-
tion of this one. Moreover, the setting apart of a certain session of the Agronomy Society program for the consideration of soil survey problems would not serve to bring together a representative number of soil survey workers.

The only plan that seems at all feasible in the matter of an organic union with the Society of Agronomy is to ask that association to establish a soils section, or possibly a field soils section to which one or two days may be given for the consideration of soil survey work, if the soils men should withdraw from the present organization.