The problem of preparing the soil survey report is one which causes considerable difficulty. The matter has been discussed at previous meetings of the Association, committees have reported and various individuals have discussed the question of how to improve the reports. But the best way to prepare and publish these reports is evidently still an open question.

It is not the purpose of this paper to do more than convey to the Association the ideas and suggestions of the various members of the committee. The diversity of opinion is so great and there are so many factors complicating the situation that the time is evidently not yet ripe to make definite recommendations or specifications for the publishing of soil reports.

In the first place, some states publish a separate soil report and find the plan most desirable. Prof. A. T. Wiancko, of Indiana, however, writes as follows:

"I have never been favorable to issuing two separate reports, one by the Bureau and one by the state. It seems to me unnecessary, and it also looks like lack of coordination and cooperation. In this state we adopted a plan of issuing only one report consisting of two parts, the first part dealing with the classification and technical description of the soils, and the second part with their management, based on chemical analyses, results from experiment fields, etc., and discussions of what the farmer on the particular soil type may do to make it more profitably productive. In case you have not seen this type of report I am sending you one under separate cover. This partly meets our ideas and is not very expensive, which is important with us because we have no special appropriation for soil survey work. However, we hope soon to be able to go a little farther and include in Part 2 some experiment field data and some good illustrations. The single joint report idea I think could be still further developed and made to cover all the needs, and at the same time give the cooperating agencies full credit for their respective parts in the work. The cover and title page of our reports as now constituted is not satisfactory to us, as it is to all appearances a U. S. Department of Agriculture publication and the state appears to be in a minor role as cooperator." Prof. Wiancko probably expresses the viewpoint of many others. Whether or not the single report idea is favored, the suggestion of a combination report somewhat like the Indiana plan may appeal to those who are not financially able to publish a state report. It is a combination of the technical report of the Bureau with the popular report of the Experiment Station.