

## TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# **EXPERIMENT STATION**

AT THE

Kansas State Agricultural College.

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1898-'99

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Manhattan, Kansas.} \\ 1900. \end{array}$ 



Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kan., January 29, 1900.

To his Excellency W. E. Stanley, Governor of Kansas:

Dear Sir —I herewith transmit, as required by act of Congress approved March 7, 1887, the Twelfth Annual Report of the Experiment Station of the Kansas State Agricultural College, for the year ending June 30, 1899, including the financial statement for that period.

Respectfully,

E. R. NICHOLS, Secretary Board of Regents.



## KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

BOARD OF REGENTS, 1898-'99.	Beginning of term	Expiration of term
Hon. E. T. FAIRCHILD, President Ellsworth, Ellsworth county.	Apr. 1, '99.	Mar. 31, '03.
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Hon. CARL VROOMAN	Jan. 7, '99,	Mar. 31, '01.
Hon. J. M. SATTERTHWAITE		Mar. 31, '03.
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Hon. T. J. HUDSON		Mar. 31, '99.
Hon. GEO. M. MUNGER Eureka, Greenwood county.	Aug. — '97.	Jan. 6, '99.
Hon. WM. H. PHIPPS	May — '98.	Feb. 8, '99.
PRES. THOMAS E. WILL, Secretary officio		

#### **EXPERIMENT STATION STAFF.**

( Departments are arranged in alphabetical order.)

#### COUNCIL.

THOS, E. WILL, A. M., Chairman ex officio.

H. M. COTTRELL, M. S., Agriculturist.

A. S. HITCHCOCK, M. S.,

J. T, WILLARD, M. S., Chemist.

E. E. FAVILLE, M. S, A., (Until December 31, 1898,) Horticulturist and Entomologist.

PAUL FISCHER, B. AGR., M. V. D., Veterinarian.

W. H. PHIPPS, B. S., Secretary.

#### ASSISTANTS.

F.C. BURTIS, M.S.*  J.C. HANEY B.S.  Assistant in Feeding and Field Work.  Acting Assistant in Feeding and Field Work.  Acting Assistant in Dairying.  Assistant in Dairying.
J.C. HANEY B.S Acting Assistant in Feeding and Field Work
D.H. OTIS, M.S Assistant in Dairving.
GEO .L. CLOTHER M.S Assistant Botanist
ROBERT, W. CLOTHIER, M.SAssistant Chemist,
PERCY J. PARROTT, A.M.†Assistant Entomologist.
WM. L. HALL, M.S. †Assistant Horticulturist.
C.W. PAPE, M.S

<sup>\*</sup>Absent on leave since January, 1899. †In charge of the Entomological Department since January, 1899. †In charge of the Horticultural Departmeut since January, 1899.



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## KANSAS STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE,

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#### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

#### Report of the Treasurer.

(July 1, 1898, to May 13, 1899.)

To the Board of Regents of the Kansas State Agricultural College:

Gentlemen--Herewith is submitted my report of receipts and expenditures on account of the Experiment Station for the period between July 1, 1898, and May 13, 1899:

Received from the treasurer of the United States	\$15,000.00 313.00
Total	\$15,313.30 11,168.74
Balance as shown by Secretary's record	
Unpaid vouchers	793.75
Paid to W. T. Voe. Treasurer	\$4,938,31

C. B. Hoffman, Treasurer.

#### Report of the Treasurer.

(May 13, 1899, to June 30, 1899.)

To the Board of Regents of the Kansas State Agricultural College:

Gentlemen — Herewith please find a report of my expenditures and receipts on account of the Experiment Station for the period between May 13 and June 30, 1899:

Received from C. B. Hoffman, ex-Treasurer, cash	
Received from C. B. Hoffman, ex-Treasurer, unpaid vouchers, \$987.97 March and April cash in College Secretary's hands 194.22	
Balance as shown by Secretary's record	\$4,144.56 400.13
TotalPaid approved vouchers Nos. 343 to 456	

W. T. YOE, Treasurer.

#### Report of the Secretary.

To the Board of Regents of the Kansas State Agricultural College:

Gentlemen —Herewith is submitted the following report of the financial affairs of the Experiment Station of the Kansas State Agricultural College for the year ending June 30, 1899, as prepared under directions from the United States Department of Agriculture. The several items of this account are covered by vouchers approved by the disbursing officer, certified by the Secretary, and allowed by the President and the Board of Regents:

Experiment Station, Kansas State Agricultural College, in account with the United States appropriation, 1898–'99:

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To receipts from the treasurer of the United States as per appropriation for fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, as per act of congress approved March 2, 1887

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proved March 2, 1887	. \$15,000.00
Cr.	
By salaries	2,499.30 1,994.40 139.60
Freight and express	$76.04 \\ 29.73$
Chemical supplies	83.25
Seeds, plants, and sundry supplies. Feeding stuff s	288.13
Library	161.15
Furniture and fixtures	217.83
Scientific apparatus	
Traveling expenses	207.13
Contingent expenses	18.63 160.08
Total	\$15,000.00

We, the undersigned, duly appointed auditors of the corporation, do hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the Experiment Station, Kansas State Agricultural College, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899; that we have found the same well kept and classified as above, and that the receipts for the year from the treasurer of the United States are shown to have been \$15,000, and the corresponding disbursements \$15,000; for all of which proper vouchers are on file and have been by us examined and found correct, thus leaving no balance.

And we further certify, that the expenditures have been solely for the purposes set forth in the act of congress approved March 2, 1887.

(Signed)

J. S. McDowell, E. T. Fairchild,

W. T. YOE,

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ATTEST: E. R. NICHOLS, Custodian,

Auditors.



#### Financial Statements.

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	Total.	\$7044.22	2848 06	2179 72	142 22	102 03	29 73	83 25	337 44	258 67	203 99	126 83	217 83	665 13	1029 88	265 72	18 63	160 08	\$15,713 43
	General.	\$575 37	189 65	303 85	2 15	4 80		:	20		:			:	:		10 36		\$1086 38
	Veterinary.	\$956 86	164 84	86 00	80 50	29 45		17 85	56 75	80 20	58 42	14 25	71, 00	369 81	80 10	31 56	1.27		\$2098 86
9.	Botanical,	\$1125 01	132 59	243 50	10 00	18 81			62 32		145 57	8 80	146 83	:	:	54 54	5 00		\$1952 97
, 1898–'9	Chemical.	\$975 00	155 66	271 26	6 35	8 22	29 73	44 74	30 48			:		182 32		:	:		\$1703 76
Expenditures by Departments, 1898-'99	Horticul- tural and Entomo- logical,	\$1611 98	1093 67	420 59	7 76	30 21		14 45	151 79			32 30	:	100 00		155 64		160 08	\$3778 47
	Farm,	\$1800 00	1111 65	854 52	35 46	10 54		6 21	35 90	178 47	:	71 48		13 00	949 78	23 98	2 00		\$5092 99
Expenditures		By salaries	Labor.	Publications	Postage and stationery	Freight and express	Heat, light, and water	Chemical supplies	Seeds, plants, and sundry supplies	Feeding stuffs	Library	Tools, implements, and machinery	Furniture and fixtures	Scientific apparatus	Live stock	Traveling expenses	Contingent expenses	Building and repairs	Totals



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### **Supplementary Statement.**

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To receipts from other sources than the United States for the year end-	
ing June 30, 1899: Farm and garden products	.\$713.43
Cr.	
Labor	\$348.76
Publications	185.32
Postage and stationery	2.62
Freight and express	25.99
Seeds, plants, and sundry supplies	49.31
Library	42.84
Traveling expenses	58.59
	\$713.43

Respectfully submitted.

LORENA E. CLEMONS.

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Kansas Agricultural Experiment Station

#### REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

To the Board of Regents of the Kansas State Agricultural College:

Gentlemen—We present, as required by law, the following outline of the Station work for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, leaving all detailed statements for bulletins already issued or to be issued on completion of experiments already under way.

An annual report and nine bulletins, covering 254 pages of valuable information, have been published, in editions as follows:

No. 81	No. 86 10,000 copies.
	No. 87 15,000 "
No. 83 10,000 "	No. 88
No. 84 15,000 "	No. 89 15,000 "
No. 85	Eleventh Annual Report, 1,500 "

The subjects treated are shown in the following:

#### Outline of Bulletins.

BULLETIN 81. September, 1898. Farm Department. 38 pp.

Feed and Care of the Dairy Cow.— Gives information in regard to fall calving; treatment of the cow before, at and after calving; best conditions for milk production; composition of the feed; succulence; variety; appetizing rations; feeding for quality of butter; 100 rations; feeding the individual; feeding to de velop; value of the different feeds; buying feed; summer feeding; water; shelter, comfort, and kindness; salt; keeping records: individual cows.

Bulletin 82. January, 1899. Horticultural and Entomological Department. 13 pp.

The Potato-stalk Weevil. — Giving a description of the food plants, habits and distribution of the weevil, and an account of the methods of controlling it. A number of plates illustrate the various stages of the insect and the plants upon which it subsists.

BULLETIN 83. April, 1899. Chemical Department. 16 pp.

Sugar Beets. —This bulletin gives the results of analyses of sugar beets in 1898, and includes a special study of them to ascertain the influence of locality, size of beets, thickness of planting, conditions of soil and culture, time of planting, and date of harvesting.

BULLETIN 84, April, 1899. Horticultural and Entomological Department. 31 pp.

Cold Storage for Fruit.— A description of methods of refrigeration of storage houses, with plans for a farm cold storage building, employing ice for the maintenance of the low temperature. Results are given on apples, pears, peaches plums, grapes, tomatoes, and cucumbers, kept at various temperatures in the

storage houses of Topeka and Kansas City. Methods of picking, packing and shipping fruit for cold storage are discussed, as Well as matters anent the production of fruit of such quality as will keep well in cold storage.

Bulletin 85. April, 1899. Botanical and Farm Departments. 16 pp.

Investigations of the Growth of A Alfalfa in Kansas. — Gives interviews with leading Kansas alfalfa growers; feeding value of alfalfa; pasturing alfalfa; failure to get a stand; favorable conditions of growth; feeding notes.

Bulletin 86. June, 1899. All departments. Comprises Press Bulletins Nos. 1 to 34. 62 pp. (See below.)

Bulletin 87. April, 1899. Botanical Department. 30 pp.

Native Agricultural Grasses of Kansas. — Contains descriptions of twentynine species of forage grasses, accompanied by maps showing distribution in the state, and cuts of most of the species, illustrating the habit of the plant.

BULLETIN 88. May, 1899. Farm Department. 8 pp.

Keeping Milk in Summer. — Describes structure of a cheap milk house and cheap methods of handling milk which enabled the College dairy to deliver milk in good condition forty-eight hours old to the Manhattan creamery during the hot weather of July and August.

BULLETIN 89. June, 1899. Chemical Department. 22 pp.

Soil Moisture. — This bulletin details experiments extending through two years in respect to the influence of fertilizers on the moisture of soils in pots and in plats; also the effect of various kinds of tillage on the conservation of soil moisture.

## Press Bulletins, 1898-'99, Mimeograph Bulletins, and Weather Reports.

In addition to the regular bulletins outlined above, the Station has issued forty-five press bulletins. This is a new feature, the first one being printed in August, 1898. These bulletins are designed to be brief, timely and readable expositions of topics which may not yet be fully worked out for publication in a regular bulletin, or may be too fragmentary for that form, or they may summarize in a popular way a more extensive publication; in general, they embody results of our own experimentation, though at times containing other pertinent matter. These press bulletins have been sent to the newspapers of the state and to many outside of the state, and have been received with much favor; a number of them have been sent to our entire mailing list. The interest in them and their value seemed to warrant putting them in more permanent form, and the first thirty-four have been collected, and reprinted as Bulletin 86. A complete list, with the name of the department issuing each, is subjoined.

A large number of short articles or paragraphs, consisting of mat-

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ter similar to the press bulletins, have been multiplied by means of the mimeograph, and distributed to a selected list of the agricultural papers of the country. They have been used with a freedom very gratifying to their authors, but due credit is not always given to the Station.

A monthly summary of the weather, including a comparison with the record for the preceding forty years, and general averages for fortyone years, has also been issued. This has been prepared by Prof. E. R. Nichols, of the Department of Physics, and has been furnished the press the next day after the completion of the month.

#### LIST OF PRESS BULLETINS.

1. Wheat Experiments Farm. 2. Keeping Milk in Hot Weather Farm. 3. The Fringed-wing Apple-bud Moth Horticulture and Entomology. 4. Soil Moisture and Soil Stirring Chemical. 5. Blackleg* Veterinary. 6. The Sand Plum Horticulture and Entomology. 7. Kafir-corn for Fattening Pigs * Farm. 8. Some Reasons why Fruit Does not Set Botanical. 9. The Peach Twig-borer* Horticulture and Entomology. 10. Fall Preparation for Alfalfa Seeding * Farm.
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4. Soil Moisture and Soil Stirring
5. Blackleg*
6. The Sand Plum
7. Kafir-corn for Fattening Pigs *
8. Some Reasons why Fruit Does not Set
9. The Peach Twig-borer*
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10 Fall Preparation for Alfalfa Seeding * Farm.
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11. Celery
12. The Balanced Ration
13. Seed Breeding
14. The Fruit-tree Bark-beetle Horticulture and Entomology.
15. Kansas Sugar Beets for 1898
16. Actinomycosis (Lump-jaw, Big-jaw) Veterinary.
17. Hardy Ornamental Shrubs
18. Notes on Weeds
19. The Potato-stalk Weevil Horticulture and Entomology.
20. Possibilities in Corn Improvement
21. Winter Protection of Peach Buds Horticulture and Entomology.
22. Grazing Grasses of Western Kansas Botanical.
23. The Spring Canker-worm
24. A New Crop for Kansas Farmers (Soy-beans)Farm.
25. Alfalfa Hay for Fattening Hogs
26. Toenia fimbriata (Fringed Tape-worm) Veterinary.
27. Sugar Beet Experiments for 1899 Chemical.
28. Treatment of Winter-injured Trees Horticulture and Entomology.
29. Milking Scrub Cows
30. Lice on Animals*Veterinary.
31. Potato Scab Botanical.
32. Blackleg (A)* Veterinary.
33. Blackleg (B)*
34. Get Ready for the Drought
35. Dysentery in Calves and Other Young Animals, Veterinary.
36. Experiments with Swine-plague or Hog-cholera, Veterinary.

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No.	Title.	Department	issuing
37. Kafir-corn, Alfalfa Pork*	Hay and Soy-beans fo	or . Farm.	
33. What is a Digestion E	Experiment?	. Chemical.	
39. Skim-milk Calves			
40. Orchard Cultivation	*	. Horticulture and	Entomology.
41. Digestion Experiment			
42. To Rid the House of F	lies	· Horticulture and	Entomology.
43. Selection of Seed Whe	at	<sub>.</sub> Botanical.	
44. The Profitable Straw	berry Bed	. Horticulture and	Entomology
45. Early Plowing and M	Ioisture Conservation	. Chemical.	

#### Other Work.

Farm Department.—The chief line of work for the year in the Farm Department has been the production of drought-resisting crops and the developing of best methods of feeding these crops for the production of beef, milk, and pork. Kafir-corn, soy beans and alfalfa have been the crops experimented with. We have had good success in developing a practical field method for inoculating the soil with the root-tubercle-forming microbes of the soy bean. Feeding experiments have been made with alfalfa hay, soy beans and Kafir-corn for feeding dairy cows, fattening hogs and calves, and with skim-milk for calves and for hogs.

Experiments have been made in keeping milk sweet during the summer, with the result that during the hot weather of July and August we were able to deliver milk sweet to the creamery when forty-eight hours old, with an equipment that can be afforded by any farmer in the state. As rapidly as results have been secured, the information has been published, both through the newspapers and through bulletins. Three pamphlet bulletins have been issued by the Farm Department during the year, with a total of 63,000 copies, The department has also published eleven press bulletins, with a total of 86,000 copies.

Mr. F. C. Burtis, assistant in field and feeding experiments, was granted, at his own request, a leave of absence from February 1, to June 30, and Mr. J. G. Haney took up this line of work.

BOTANICAL DEPARTMENT.— The plant-breeding experiments mentioned in the report for the previous year have been continued. The crossed wheat of 1898 produced 3681 grains. These grains were planted in small pots, and afterwards transplanted in the fall. The young plants were surrounded by a zone of wheat for protection. The severe winter killed many of the plants. The survivors were carefully tended and produced a fair crop of seed. Considerable

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difficulty was experienced in combating the chinch-bug. Kerosene emulsion was freely used and the wheat was saved, though more or less injured, These seeds will be planted in the fall of 1899 and will be used to form the basis for selection in the future.

In the spring of 1898 a number of samples of corn were obtained from growers in various parts of the state. The Chemical Department determined the amount of nitrogen in these samples and thirty-three were chose for planting. In order to induce variation, these were crossed with each other in as many combinations as time and help would permit. Since some sorts are more suited to upland conditions and others to bottom land, a part of each sample was planted on an upland field on the College farm, and a part on rented town lots in bottom land. The results of the crosses were planted in a like manner this spring, 279 samples upon the College farm and 302 samples upon the bottom land. These will be self-fertilized this summer, a part of each sample with pollen from the same stalk, and a part with pollen from different stalks of the same sort.

In addition to the experiments in plant breeding, the department maintains a grass garden, in which our native and introduced grasses are studied with a view of adapting them to our conditions. A number of plants, such as millet, oats, and buckwheat, which have been sent out by the United States department of agriculture, have been sown, and their adaptability to our conditions observed.

Chemical Department.—In the work in connection with seed breeding, a series of analyses have been made to see if there is a relation between the specific gravity and the percentage of protein. These experiments have not yet reached definite results, and will be continued. Other work in this general line is in progress in cooperation with the Botanical Department. The work on soil moisture has been continued, and also that upon sugar beets, in cooperation with the farmer of the state. Some soil analyses are in progress designed to show the effect of the continuous culture of wheat as compared with a rotation of crops. Analyses incident to digestion experiments are also in progress, and it is designed to give this feature of our investigations greater prominence in the future.

HORTICULTURAL AND ENTOMOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.—The department has given much attention to the matter of fruit improvement. So broad is the field that the work has been pursued along several distinct lines. The seeds obtained by crosses made last year among the peaches and cherries have been planted. Other crosses have this year been made on plums and cherries, the effort being to secure the blending of good qualities of distinct varieties. Seeds of many varie-

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ties of the sand plum have been collected and planted, with the aim of improving the quality of the fruit by cultivation, crossing, and selection, until valuable varieties are produced for the arid portions of the state. Efforts have been in progress for two years to improve the strawberry by cultivation and bud selection.

We have endeavored to enlist the interest of the fruit-growers of the state in the matter of fruit improvement. They have been urged to observe the conduct of promising seedlings and bud variations. A generous response has been given. In consequence we have received many of these new fruits, to be tested; and the fruit-growers themselves are testing. On the whole, our work in fruit improvement has been most satisfactory.

We have to report a very successful year's work in the investigation of the preservation of fruits and vegetables by cold storage. The experiments begun last year have been carried out. A bulletin giving the results of the same was issued in April. A test of methods of growing celery has been carried on, and the results obtained were published in a press bulletin on "Celery."

Several methods of cultivating and mulching potatoes have been under test and valuable results were obtained. These are on file, but lack of funds has prevented publication. Methods of orchard cultivation and crops for green manuring the soil of the orchard have been under investigation. A partial report of results was made in a press bulletin on "Orchard Cultivation," Variety tests have been continued in orchard and small fruits, Variety tests in vegetables have proved year after year more unsatisfactory and impracticable and have, therefore, been largely abandoned.

The Entomological Department has continued the investigations as outlined in the preceding report. During the year the experiments with the potato-stalk weevil were brought to a close, and the results published in Bulletin No. 82. The alfalfa worm and the hornfly have, for the past season, received considerable attention, with the view of devising better methods for their control. In the experiments with the latter, tests were made of the various proprietary mixtures offered for sale upon the market; original mixtures were devised and tested, and a thorough trial made of miscellaneous remedies recommended in various publications, more particularly in reports from other stations. A bulletin embodying the results of this experiment will soon be forthcoming.

VETERINARY DEPARTMENT.—The work of the Veterinary Department consisted in a continuation of experiments begun in 1897–98, viz.: (1) Tuberculin tests of the College herd and newly acquired milch cows. (2) Press bulletins issued on the following subjects:



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Blackleg, tapeworm in sheep; *actinomycosis*; diarrhea in calves; swine-plague. (3) Roup in poultry and remedies for same. (4) Bacteriological examinations of milk and well-water. (5) Protective inoculation against swine-plague. (6) Protective inoculation against blackleg in cattle.

Blackleg vaccine has been prepared in the veterinary laboratory and over 30,000 double doses of vaccine have been distributed among stockmen. This was sufficient to protect from 30,000 to 60,000 head of cattle against the ravages of blackleg, which disease has been found to be alarmingly prevalent in nearly every county in the state. Extensive mortality statistics have been gathered, and from these a conservative estimate places the saving to cattle owners by the use of Experiment Station vaccine at the figure of \$60,000 (during the last six months). The object of the experiment is to discover the best methods of manufacturing reliable vaccine, the proper method and place of inoculation (which latter has been found to be of great importance), whether single or double vaccine is to be preferred, etc.

An extensive bulletin on the subject of blackleg will soon be published.

#### The Staff.

Secretary Graham, after many years of service, severed his connection with the Station and College at the close of the summer vacation, to accept a position in the Central Business College, at Sedalia, Mo. Professor Faville, of the department of horticulture and entomology, left at the Christmas holidays to accept the presidency of the National Farm School, at Doylestown, Pa. Mr. F. C. Burtis, assistant in feeding and field work, retired on leave of absence in January, and was succeeded by Mr. J. G. Haney as acting assistant in the same work. Mr. George L. Clothier, assistant botanist, spent about four months in the winter and spring in Cornell University in the study of seed breeding, during which time Mr. J. M. Westgate served as acting assistant botanist.

#### General Statement.

During the last year the Station has become much more thoroughly known, not only in this state, but in the country at large. This has been due, largely, to the diversification of our publications. It is the constant effort of the staff to make its investigations not only rigorously accurate scientifically, but to choose such lines of investigation as will lead to results of practical benefit to the farmer. Some of these investigations will require years for fruition; others are expected to yield immediate returns. That our efforts are appreciated is shown by numerous commendatory letters received, as well as by the comments of the press.



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The Station mailing list has increased greatly during the last year, and ought to increase much more, but this increase carries with it a corresponding diminution in the funds available for experimentation. There is also a constant growth in the Station correspondence, which necessarily requires the diversion of funds to the payment of clerical force. This correspondence now amounts to about 10,000 letters per annum. Applications for advice, information and publications are received from all parts of the United States and not infrequently from foreign countries. Thus far, while not advertising to do so, we have been sending our bulletins to all applicants, regardless of residence. The Station being supported by a federal appropriation, it seems fitting that no citizen of our country should be denied the benefit of its results.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. E. WILL.
H. M. COTTRELL.
A. S. HITCHCOCK.
J. T. WILLARD.
PAUL FISCHER.

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