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In conclusion, the editor begs to tender his sincere thanks to Mr. W. A. D. Lees for his most timely and valuable help as assistant editor during the year.

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AGRICULTURAL GRASSES AND FORAGE PLANTS OF THE UNITED STATES BY DR. G. VASEY.

The new and enlarged edition of Dr. Vasey's Agricultural Grasses has been received. It is a large pamphlet of 148 pages and is illustrated by 114 plates. The printing and get up of this work are of the usual excellent quality of the United States documents. It is largely a revised edition of that of 1884; but much valuable new information has been added. In the present report the principal forage plants, other than grasses, which are employed in agriculture, are treated of. The plates are very fine and will be invaluable to those wishing to make a study of grasses. Pl: 1-4 are devoted to illustrating the different parts of grasses, and a glossary of the terms used in describing these plants is given.

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