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COMMITTEE ON EXPERIMENTS.

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GENTLEMEN, It is with feelings of pleasure and gratitude that I call to order this the twelfth annual meeting of our Experimental

Union of pleasure because of familiar faces, associations, and recollections of by-gone days, of gratitude, because a kind Providence has smiled upon us and bountifully administered to our wants.

To you, the officers and students of our Alma Mater, the ex students, the honorary members, the visitors, and to all interested, we give a hearty welcome and extend the right hand of fellowship. We wish you all to feel at home in this meeting and free to discuss the important topics relative to our noble calling, agriculture. These gatherings, which are so conducive to the stirring of our nobler passions, true patriotism, and a love for our work, cannot fail to make lasting impressions for good on those who avail themselves of these privileges.

In reviewing the work of our Union since its inception we are struck with the progress it has made especially during the last three or four years. Our growth for the most part has been slow but firm. Formerly we were hampered by lack of funds; but now that our work is commending itself more strongly we are more liberally sustained, and I have the conviction that as we show the increasing importance and usefulness of our work we shall receive still greater aid. At present the Government grant is only \$200. To meet the growing tendency of our work fully double that amount is required. Some one has said that "this is the age of conventions." We think the statement true, and although farmers are slow in accepting the situation, yet a great deal of improvement in farming may be traced to suggestions made at such meetings. To-day we have opened such a convention and no doubt the discussions will be productive of much good. We must not stop at the convention, however. With the experiences of the past year we should be able to make this the best meeting of the series.

Greater energy and skill are required now than formerly to make farming pay. Keener competition, due to the development of the resources of other countries, the diminishing productiveness of our soils, and the financial depression now existing demand it. I believe, however, that our work in connection with this Union is helping and will help to a still greater extent this existing state of affairs. We, working in connection with other Experimental Stations of our Dominion, are arriving at results which will be of paramount importance to our agricultural interests.