Annual Report

After the annual meeting of the association, the secretary issues a report showing receipts and disbursements for the year, the outlines for experiments to be conducted during the year, and the addresses and discussions at the annual meeting. The object of this report is to keep the members who are unable to attend the meeting in touch with the work of the association.

Identity of Members

In order that pure bred seed growers may be identified with the association, tags and sample seed envelopes which bear the name of the association are furnished to members at cost. The side of the tag opposite the name is provided with blanks for purity and germination test. The tags are placed on all containers of pure bred seed grains shipped to the buyer: The tag bears the trade mark of the association, and state regulation provides that it can be used by members only.

Dissemination of Pure Bred Seed Grains

The Agronomy Department of the University is breeding field crops for higher yields and better quality. For a number of years, comparative values of over 500 different varieties of field crops have been studied. As soon as a special bred variety is found to be superior to others, it is used as foundation stock and is placed in the hands of members of the Experiment Association in various parts of the state. These members compare the new field crop with the ones they are already growing and report the results of their trial to the secretary of the association. If the results are favorable, the association makes a special effort to disseminate the pure bred grains among its members. This method is used with all field crops.

Every member is entitled to receive an amount of pedigreed seed sufficient to plant a trial plot. He may receive one variety of seed each year until all the varieties he grows are pure bred varieties. Each member of the association becomes a center of pure bred seed grains for his locality. Many farmers in his immediate neighborhood obtain pure
bred grains from him either through purchase or exchange. In this way, the pure bred field crops have been widely disseminated in a short period of time.

Breeding Plots at the Experiment Station

**Yield Reports**

All members who receive pedigree grains are required to send a report of the yield in comparison with other varieties. Even after the common variety is discarded, this report is sent so that an average yield for all pedigree grains may be found which will be compared with the general average yield of the particular crop throughout the state. The differences in yield are tabulated in the annual report of the secretary.

**Annual Grain Show**

Every year a grain and field crop exhibition is held in connection with the annual meeting. About $500 are offered in cash premiums in addition to those offered by manufacturing companies. Silver cups are offered for winning exhibits by a number of the grain dealers, newspapers, etc., throughout the state. Several millers in the state offer a special