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METHODS OF SECURING BETTER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND LABORATORY ZOOLOGISTS IN THE SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF GENERAL OR NATIONAL IMPORTANCE¹

THE Zoological Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture is particularly concerned with that branch of zoology commonly known as parasitology. The Animal Husbandry Division of that Bureau has a special interest in genetics, but as this is a subject that is receiving a good deal of attention from university zoologists at the present time the opportunities for cooperation with respect to the zoological work of the Animal Husbandry Division are perhaps better than they are with respect to the work of the Zoological Division. In any case it is not my purpose to consider the question of cooperation on problems in the field of genetics and my remarks on this occasion are made with reference to the possibility of securing closer cooperation between universities and the Department of Agriculture in research work in the field of parasitology.

The work of the Zoological Division consists chiefly in the investigation of the parasites of domestic animals and of those trans-

¹ A symposium before the American Society of Zoologists, held at Baltimore on December 26, 1918, Professor C. E. McClung presiding, included papers and discussions as follows: Representing the Bureau of Entomology, Dr. L. O. Howard. Discussion by J. G. Needham. Representing the Bureau of Fisheries, Dr. Hugh M. Smith. Discussion by Dr. H. B. Ward. Representing the Bureau of Animal Industry, Dr. B. H. Ransom. Discussion by Dr. Herbert Osborn. Representing the Bureau of Biological Survey, Dr. E. W. Nelson. Discussion by Dr. R. K. Nabours. Relation of the Council of National Defense and the National Research Council to the Advancement of Research, Dr. John C. Merriam.