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SEXUALITY IN MUCORS¹

THE keywords of the vice-president's address and the symposium which followed it last year were *Organization, Coordination and Cooperation* in botanical research. It is not my purpose at this time to discuss these topics further. A botanical committee of the National Research Council has been selected for this purpose. A second committee was chosen by the Botanical Society of America two years ago to help the first committee and last year a third committee was appointed to help the other two. The organization seems sufficiently complete unless I might suggest as a humble member of this last-named committee that a new committee be formed at this session to help us also in our deliberations which have not as yet taken place.

One of last year's speakers, in distinguishing types of true research worth while from investigations unworthy of the name, held up to ridicule a hypothetical investigation of a ham sandwich and the pseudo-scientist who would attempt a monographic treatment of such a subject. In defence of the maligned sandwich, a correspondent has offered the following lines:

Sandwich perched by the lunchroom wall,
I lift you down from the perches.
Hold you here, ham and all, in my hand.
Little sandwich! But if I could understand
What you are, ham and all, and all in all,
I should know what true research is.

It is not of so broad a subject as the sandwich in its entirety, neither of the ham nor of the bread between which it nestles that I wish to speak. Rather it is the mold that sometimes grows on the bread that encircles the ham, or more especially the less commonly

¹ Address of the vice-president and chairman of Section G, Botany, American Association for the Advancement of Science, St. Louis, December 30, 1919.