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PRESENT STATUS OF THE ASIATIC CHESTNUT PLANTING AT GEORGIANA, ALA.

The planting at Georgiana, Ala., located on the property of Dr. Watson, was visited on May 15, 1940.

At the last visit in the late fall of 1939 the trees were found to be in good condition but in need of releasing from field pines which had seeded into the old field in which the planting was located. The trees were released at the time of the visit, but only to an extent that would prevent them from being overtopped by the pines.

Since that time Dr. Watson has had the pines completely removed from the planting. Just what effect this will have cannot, at this time be determined. At present the trees show off to good advantage.

The effect of the unusually cold winter of 1939-40 seems to have been ~~negligible~~ negligible. All trees are apparently uninjured, or at least no injury is showing.

The late freeze on April 11, 1940 killed all leaves and new growth present at that time. The trees have overcome the effect of this with new leaves. The only effect now noticeable is complete absence of all flowers. The dead material may be seen hanging on all branches of all varieties of both Castanea crenata and C. mollissima.

There have been no losses from other causes since the last records were taken.

There is no evidence of sunscald at this time. The complete removal of the pines may eventually result in some trouble from this cause.

The removal of all pines, including a large patch not in the planting, frees an area about the same size as that now in chestnuts. This could probably be obtained for planting any varieties which it might seem desirable to try under the conditions present at Georgiana. I mentioned to Mrs. Watson that we would write late this coming fall on that subject.

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