

DEMONSTRATION WORK.

Something About What the Rowan County Farmers are Doing.

J. S. Hall, who is the county agent of the Farmer's Co-operative Demonstration Work, now being conducted in numerous sections of the state, was in the city last week. Mr. Hall called at THE WATCHMAN office and gave us the following as the result of a number of experiments which have been tried by those co-operating with him:

"After summing up the results of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration work on forty-eight farms in this county, I find an average yield of corn of forty-seven bushels per acre at an average cost of fifteen cents per bushel, when not counting anything for rent of the land. If we allow \$5 per acre for land rent, which is over six per cent interest on a valuation of \$80 per acre, we get the average cost as a little less than twenty-five cents per bushel.

"The largest yield was made by S. A. Dean, on Ed. R. Overman's land. Mr. Dean made one hundred bushels per acre, without the use of commercial fertilizer. He had built up the soil, used good seed and worked the land well. Tom Foster, of Cleveland, made ninety-three bushels per acre without any fertilizer; P. J. Cross, of route No. 2, Salisbury, made seventy-six bushels on one acre of land; F. R. L. Shaeffer, of Barber, made sixty-one bushels per acre; R. A. Trexler, of Rockwell, made 192 bushels on three acres of land, or sixty-four bushels per acre; J. Q. Foreman, of Salisbury, gathered fifty-eight bushels per acre; W. L. Harris, route 2, Salisbury, made a yield of forty-seven bushels per acre; E. B. Walton, of Barber, made sixty-three bushels per acre; H. M. Agner, of Route 8, Salisbury, made fifty bushels per acre, and J. L. Glover, of Barber, made 580 bushels on ten acres or fifty-eight bushels per acre. We have very few men who made less than forty bushels per acre on the demonstration farms. We expect to get even better results this year, since we started earlier in the season and had more time to get plowing done in the fall.

Our demonstrators and co-operators, of which we have quite a number more in the county, think well of Dr. Knapp's methods. Of the eight counties in the western part of North Carolina, engaged in demonstration work, Rowan stands first in average yield of corn per acre. We expect to lead again this year. While demonstration work does not cover all the land cultivated in corn in the county, yet it shows what can be done on our soil by intelligent farming. The yields the past year were made with very little fertilizer. We do not advise the use of heavy applications of fertilizer, but prefer to practice a system of soil-building which will bring the land up so that it will make from fifty to seventy-five bushels of corn per acre, without the use of too much fertilizer. Our aim is to grow abundantly of such crops as cow peas and clover to add humus and fertility, and to deepen the soil by the proper kind of deep breaking of the land. We hope to see the day when we will make an average of forty bushels per acre, instead of eighteen, as now.

Prof. O. B. Martin, has recently been put in charge of "Boys corn club work" under Dr. Knapp. Next season we hope to have him organize the boys of our county, unless it is done by the State Department of Agriculture or some other organization. We must by good farming show the boys that agriculture is a pleasant and profitable employment.

SCHOOL CLOSSES.

Superintendent J. Y. Joyner lead the Principal of the Occasion.

The commencement exercises of the Salisbury graded school were held last Friday night at the school building. The graduating class numbers the following:

John Busby, Chas. Coggin, Edith Walton, William Rainey, Marguerite Britain, Rudolph Roesch, Mary Bruner, Kenneth Brown, Ralph Thomason, Eva Fraley, William Taylor, Alton Davis, Annie Krider and Livan Ross.

The follow programme was carried out in substance: Invocation Rev. Byron Clark. Address of welcome by John Busby, president of the class. History of the Class—Marguerite Britain. Class Prophecy—Rudolph Roesch. Class Song—Class. Annual Address—Dr. J. Y. Joyner.

Chorus—High school. The diplomas were presented to the class by W. E. Pharr, of—? Announcements by Superintendent Griffin. The address of Dr. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is said to have been a fine effort. It abounded in excellent advice to pupils and wise suggestions for teachers.

"THE REAL MARK TWAIN."

Some Complimentary References to the Work of Dr. Archibald Henderson.

In another part of to-day's issue will be found one of the most delightful articles The Observer has been privileged to print in some time. It is entitled "The Real Mark Twain," and is from the pen of Dr. Archibald Henderson, of the State University. In it Dr. Henderson gives a near view of the great humorist from personal association and treats his subject more entertainingly. Dr. Archibald Henderson is regarded by many competent authorities as the South's leading critic of literature. His articles appear in leading magazines in America, Europe and the Scandinavian countries. Certain of his essays have recently been reviewed at length in such foreign publications as "Bühne und Welt," Berlin; "Comœdie," Paris; "Review of Reviews," London; "M. A. P." (Mainly About People), London. He has recently published essays in France, Belgium and Germany; and his most recent publications in this country are: "The Career of Bernard Shaw," The Arena, January, 1909; "The Philosophy of Bernard Shaw," The Atlantic Monthly, February, 1909; "The Evolution of Dramatic Technique," North American Review, March, 1909; "Mark Twain," Harper's Magazine, May, 1909.

Dr. Henderson's essays have called expressions of high commendations from such distinguished authorities as Prof. William James, of Harvard; Gilbert K. Chesterton, Her Von Wollman, Byron Rhinhard von Willebrand, Monsieur Auguste Hamon, Prof. Wm. J. Phelps, of Yale University, etc. In speaking of Dr. Henderson's appreciation of him, Maurice Maeterlinck, the great Belgian genius, wrote: "Your appreciation is one of the most subtle, most penetrating, and best informed in our whole modern movement, that it has been my pleasure to see," a most remarkable tribute.

Of the "Important Books" to be published by Houghton, Mifflin Company this year, the leading announcement reads: "George Bernard Shaw: The Man and His Work," by Archibald Henderson. An unusual and arresting book, written with the active assistance of Mr. Shaw and with a characteristic preface by him.

Dr. Henderson has recently paid Mark Twain a visit at his beautiful new home, "Stormfield," at Redding, Conn. He has recently received a request from the leading German Review, The Deutsche Revue, to prepare an appreciation of Mark Twain for the German reading public. Dr. Henderson was paid a signal and almost unprecedented tribute in the publication of his authorized appreciation of Mark Twain in Harper's Magazine; for it is virtually unheard of for the magazine to publish an essay about any living man.—Charlotte Observer.

IMPORTED CORN.

South Africa Coming to the Front as a Corn Producing Section.

Perhaps coals have not gone to Newcastle; certainly Greenland has not imported ice. No foreign sugar has entered the customs precincts of Cuba, but corn in merchantable quantity has been brought to the United States, where the domestic production is more than 2,000,000,000 bushels annually—at least 80 bushels per capita.

American corn sells in New York city at 75 cents a bushel, and recently a shipload of that cereal, pronounced as good in quality as the Iowa or the Missouri product, arrived at the metropolis and was laid down for 58 cents a bushel, which, with the tariff duty of 15 cents a bushel added, made the cargo cost the importer less than the domestic article could be bought for.

This corn came from South Africa, and it is claimed that the corn belt of that dependency is immense in extent and the soil and climate as favorable for the growing of the crop as any region in this country. If that be true, the world, including the United States, is to be congratulated. It means cheaper food—meat as well as bread—for all the nations of Europe and the rest of mankind.

Cheap food is the greatest blessing a people can have, and hunger has caused more revolutions than tyranny. A well-filled larder makes content, and peace and prosperity are wont to prevail where bread and meat can be had for little labor or less money.

South Africa, whether it remain a part of the British empire or become an independent republic, will be an eminent and powerful nation before this century fulfills its fifth decade. Rich as it is in the precious and base metals, and other spoils of the mine, it is also a magnificent agricultural and grazing country. Development, such as railroad construction and other internal improvements, is progressing rapidly. Briton and Boer have become as good friends as Yankee and Rebel in the United States, and in both republics—for South Africa is substantially a republic—the former enemies vie with one another in a generous rivalry for the achievement of the victories of peace.

This importation of African corn should serve to admonish the American farmer that he must conserve the soil, plant better seeds, and practice a better, more thorough, and more intelligent cultivation.—Washington Post.

A sow that has recovered from cholera without having her general vigor lessened is much more valuable, other things being equal, than a sow that has never had cholera. If keep, she is an insurance against cholera completely destroying your prospects for a future meat supply.—Raleigh N. C., Progressive Farmer.

NEEDFUL KNOWLEDGE.

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