HOW TO SUCCEED IN FARMING.

MR. EDITOR:-I have recently taken your paper and must say that I am pleased to see that you are doing so much for the great cause of agriculture. I have read numerous communications in your paper from members of the Farmers' Alliance in different parts of the South, and have attended several agricultural conventions at Raleigh and other places and have heard a great many speeches on agriculture. If you will permit me, I desire to elaborate the subject some. what differently from others that have herd.

Some of the orators in conventions attribute all the troubles of the farmer to the tariff, others to the home. stead, others to the bagging trust, sugar trust, meat trust, salt trust and all the various trusts that we hear of. Some writers in your paper and other newspapers say that the farmer buys teo much commercial fertilizer and fails to make home supplies. In reading Mr. Jones' report on labor statistics from the farmers in North Carolina, I was struck with the diversity of opinion of the different farmers. None of them seem to as to the cause of the agricultural depression, nor do they agree as to the best way of removing the troubles. All of us will concedthat the problem is a difficult one to solve, yet it seems to me that the success of the farmer depends on their leading qualifications-industry, good management or judgment and economy. Whenever you see a farmer who has the industry to work, sufficient judgment to direct that labor, and economy to take care of what he makes, he is very apt to be successful. Some persons say there is no money from farming in North Carolina. I think they are mistaken. I know two

farmers who own land adjoining; the soil of both plantations is about the same; one makes money, the other does not. The tariff, the trusts and other incidental drawbacks affect both alike. What is the cause of the difference? The one has industry, good has not.

I see that one of your correspond.

ents condemns the use of commercial fertilizers. He did not state his case properly. The reason so many fail to be benefitted by commercial fertilizers Birmingham convention without a is that they do not understand how to use them. They put them on land deficient in humus. All men must concede that farmers must have a superabundance of manure. Our lands are too much exhausted to cultivate without a plenty of manure. We cannot farm on the intensive plan, cultivate less land and manure it heavily. Hands charge no more to work land highly manured than they do poor land. The great question is, few lines, which may be of some inhow to get the manure. Farmers terest to the many readers of your must make large quantities of domes- valuable paper. I cannot boast of tic manure and then supplement that with commercial fertilizers. In passing over our State you see numbers can say this much for No. 212, that we of farmers who own cows and turn have some of as true Alliance men as them out on the range and never tread the soil of North Carolina. We bring them up. The consequence is have bult a hall to hold our meetings that they lose the manure and go to in and have raised in cash and subthe merchant, mortgage their crops scriptions our quota of the State for guano at credit prices and then Agency Fund. While we have a attribute all their troubles to the corner in meat, tariff, homestead, mortgage, trusts, etc. Of course these "hoisted their banners upon the pole things diminish his profits to some ex- of perseverance." Brethren, we have tent; but if one farmer makes money too many doubting Thomases in our in spite of all these troubles, another organization, and the better plan will can, if not deficient in other qualifica- be to get rid of them. I have had numtions. I have recently seen statistics bers of men, who have their names to show that the farms in the North- on the Alliance roll, to ask me what western States are covered over with I though the Alliance would be or do. for the South. mortgages. I presume that the cold My answer has invariably been, "it weather is the cause of it. The will be what we make it." Now, and pleasant. My own hired hands not worth a bushel of guano, and I have not lost over ten days from bad am sure I think as little of guano as With this great advantage, North the organization not to make it some Carolina is destined to be a great thing, but for it to make them somewants of themselves and mules and the fruit it bears. We have enemies Greeusboro, Raleigh and Greensboro, and buy guano at credit prices to fertilize in sheeps' clothing, and the worst part their crops. Of course people who about it is, some manage to get into and Knoxville. manage in that way will come to the Alliance; and, brethren, one mis-I saw a prosperous farmer a few flock. So let us be more cautious

days ago bring some North Carolina about taking in members and turn out bacon to a store and exchange for those we already have in the organisugar and coffee. I enquired of him zation who are not Alliance men in how he made so much money farm. deed and in truth. bors. He raised on his farm a large brethren advocate that doctrine. number of turkies, chickens and eggs, enough with his corn and meat to sup- MER. ply his family in clothing, shoes, flour, he made was entirely surplus. I through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER .made a few enquiries about his finances EDITOR.]

and was informed that he began since the war poor, but has by now bought and paid for two good plantations. If all farmers will follow his example the "Old North State" will soon bloom like the morning rose.

DUPLIN FARMER.

Your Committee on Cotton Bagging beg leave to report that the following resolutions express the sentiments of the Union County Alliance. Resolved, That we fully endorse the

proceedings of the Birmingham Conference of Farmers' Alliance and Agricultural Wheel as to covering for cotton bales, and pledge ourselves to sustain the movement by all possible, honorable means.

Resolved, That if we can possibly obtain it in sufficient quantity we will use bagging made of cotton, first of all, and second to this we will use any other material suitable rather than the jute bagging.

Resolved, That every Alliance mem. ber in Union county shall be firmly bound by these resolutions without any further action on the part of the Sub Alliance. And any member wilfully violating these resolutions shall be guilty of an offense against this order, and shall be sus, ended or expelled by his Sub-Alliance.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Alliance be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Secretary of every Sub-Alliance of Union county and to THE PROGRESSIVE FAR-

R. P. Davis, Ch'n; A. W. McManus, T. E. ASHCRAFT, THOS. C. GRIFFIN, Committee.

A LINE FROM CASWELL.

PINEY GROVE ALLIANCE, No. 762, July 6, 1889.

MR. EDITOR:-A word for our Alliance. We are progressing slowly, but firmly. We were organized May 5th, 1888, with eight charter members. We have initiated 26 up to the present, which includes most of the material in the neighborhood. We management and economy; the other have dimited seven males and dismissed three females to other Alliances, for their convenience. At our election of officers, we elected the present incumbents with slight exceptions. We endorsed the action of the dissenting voice. Hoping great success to our order and that all the members thereof may be subscribers to our valuable paper, I remain

> Yours fraternally, SECRETARY. "DOUBTING THOMASES."

WADEVILLE, N. C., July 9, '89. MR. EDITOR:—I will drop you a our Alliance, No. 212, like some of your correspondents do of theirs, but I

number of drones in the hive, we have some true Alliance men who have weather in North Carolina is warm | brethren, such members as these are weather since the first day of January. any man in the State. They joined agricultural State if the farmers will thing. They expected to get a sack use the proper industry, good man- of coffee and a barrel of sugar the agement and economy. Too many first time they attended a meeting farmers are moving to the towns and lafter joining and failed, and therevillages and renting their lands to fore became disheartened and began negroes. The colored tenants walk to abuse the Alliance brethren. We about all winter and spring in idle need not expect to be benefitted by security, make no domestic manure, other professions in life; they may raise no provisions and depend on speak flatteringly and write with a via Montgomery, and between Washing- Improve Your Lands Permanently, at Small Western meat and corn to supply the pen of applause, yet I judge a tree by ton and Birmingham, Richmond and

ing, when numbers of others could | Corn crops are looking well in this not make both ends meet? He re. section. Wheat is good, but a lot of plied that he penned his cows regu- it is damaged by the long wet spell. larlarly, like horses, and made large Cotton is a failure. We have just quantities of manure on his farm. had a series of heavy rains, which He said further, that he bought some have put farmers badly behind with guano for cash to supplement home- their farms. I want to ask one quesmade manure; that he put the guano tion, which I hope the President of on land well supplied with vegetable the State Alliance will answer through matter, and put a plenty of home. the columns of your paper. Does all made manure on other land. He said farmers have to have the same opinthat he made enough corn and meat ion, on all political questions, to be and some to spare to his needy neigh. true Alliance men. Some of our

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