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A MESSAGE TO NORTHERN FARMERS.

WE ARE sending this issue of The Progressive Farmer to 50,000 Northern farmers with the hope that it may serve to interest them in the South and give them a truer conception of Southern conditions and Southern opportunities.

The motto of this special issue is "Come South," and we have tried to show, by the actual experiences of men from other sections, that the South is a good place to come to. Realizing as we do that it is yet largely an undeveloped section, and that one of its great needs is more thrifty, intelligent white farmers, we extend the invitation in all heartiness and sincerity, confident that its acceptance will result in good to all.

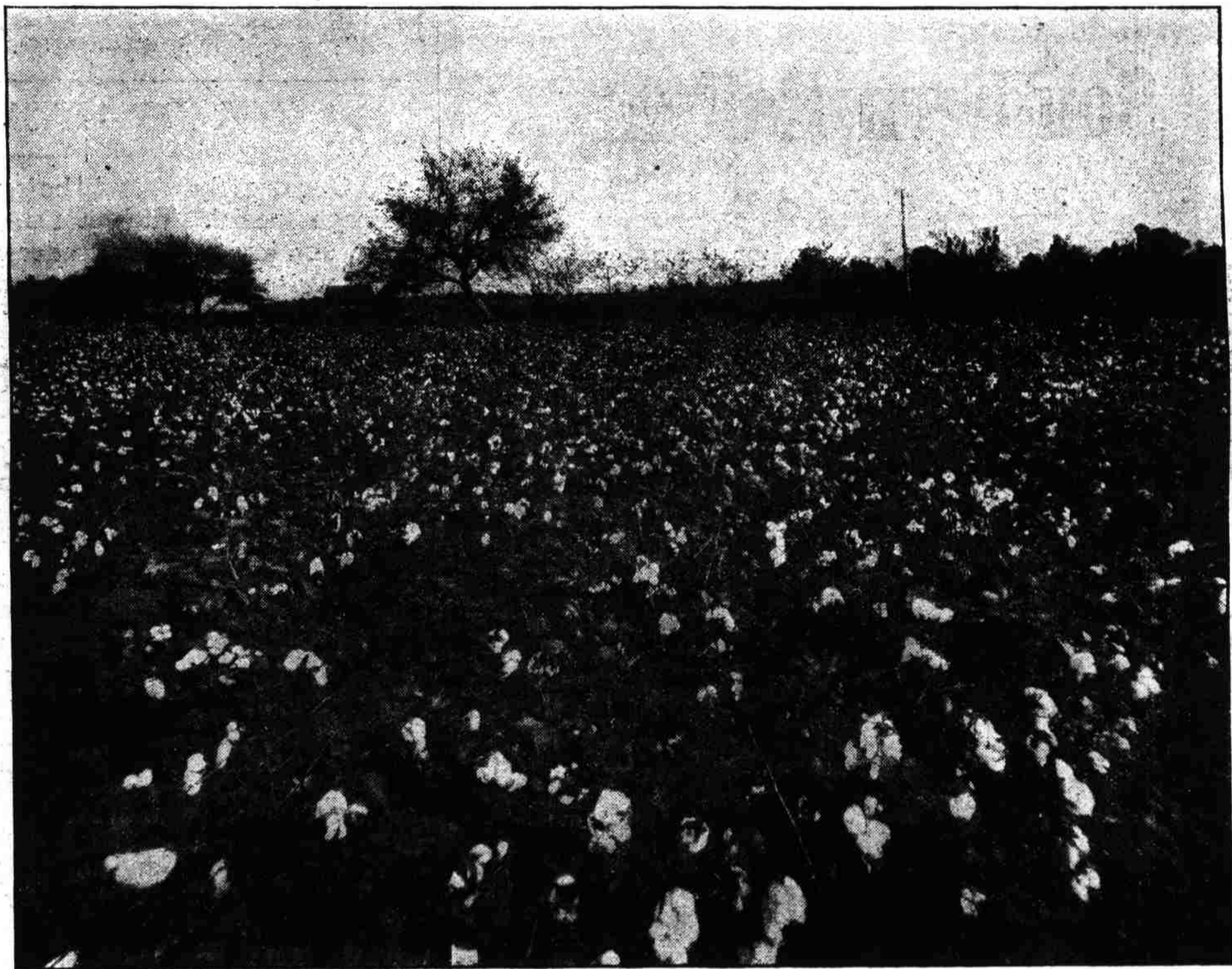
We have never advised the man who is satisfactorily located and doing well to move simply for the sake of change. We have said before, and we repeat it, that if more of the energy now spent in changing locations were devoted to the betterment of conditions at home, every section of the country would be better off. When a farmer changes his location there should be some real reason for the change.

"We know, however, that in all sections there are men who feel that they have good reasons for changing their place of residence, and that there are many young men, just starting out, who are looking for the most desirable place of residence.

Now, we are not going to say that the South is the best place in the world, that it is next door to Eden, that here "every prospect pleases," or anything like that. It might be the best place for one man and a very bad place for another man. It has its advantages and its disadvantages. Both, we think, are set out in the letters in this issue—letters written by men who have come South from other sections. One can find almost any sort of proposition in the group of States embraced in our territory. The South is a great big section, and it is not all alike, either as to natural conditions or as to inhabitants.

We can say with full confidence, however, that the good places far outnumber the bad, and that many of those which may at first sight appear hopeless to the stranger are really full of promise. Volumes could be filled with the stories of men who have taken our so-called "worn-out" and "worthless" lands and found a rich reward in reclaiming or improving them.

Come South, then, Mr. Farmer, if you have decided to make a change. Our word for it, it is a good place to come to if you will use sound judgment and reasonable care in making the change. Don't buy land you have not seen; don't believe some land agent's impossible stories of wealth with-



"AWAY DOWN SOUTH IN DIXIE"—COTTON FIELD IN SEPTEMBER. EARLIEST BOLLS JUST OPENING.

out labor; don't imagine that you must exactly follow your own methods here, or that because conditions are different from what you are used to, they are necessarily bad; don't despise Southern people or fear them—in short, investigate and consider and know what you are doing, just as you would in any other business transaction, and you will find the South a good place to live in and a land of wonderful opportunity

FEATURES OF THIS ISSUE.

THE FEATURE OF THIS ISSUE IS THE LETTERS FROM FARMERS WHO HAVE COME TO THE SOUTH FROM OTHER SECTIONS—READ ESPECIALLY THOSE ON PAGES 5, 6, 10, 12 and 11.

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The Poor Soils of the South, Page 18.

Pointers on Selling Breeding Stock, Page 20.

Mr. Butler's Plea for More Cows on the Farm, Page 21.

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Commissioner Watson's Report of South Carolina Crops, Page 34.