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HELP ENLIST YOUR NEIGHBOR BOYS AND GIRLS

"SOMEHOW I can't feel it's quite right," said an old, white-haired uncle of the writer's once, an old uncle who had a farm adjoining ours, "somehow I can't feel that it's quite right that I didn't have when I was young all this information about better methods of farming, all this scientific knowledge that makes farm work so much more profitable and so much more interesting. It doesn't seem right that I have had to live my life out blundering along in the dark, working by main strength and awkwardness, when my whole life would have been more interesting and more fruitful if I could only have learned while young the lessons I have now learned in my old age."

We shall never forget the words of this worthy, hard-working old farmer as he talked, realizing as he did that the helpful light and knowledge of modern methods had reached him only after his strength was spent and the end of life in sight. He longed so for another chance—another life in which he could have taken advantage of all the new spirit in agriculture and new knowledge about agriculture.

Of course the farm boy of today has a far better chance to learn all these things than our old uncle had in his youth. And yet with all the progress that has been made, not one boy in ten is studying agriculture in the schools; not one boy in ten is in corn club or pig club work; not one boy in ten ever attends a farmers' institute. And the same condition exists with regard to girls and the new knowledge about home-making. Not one girl in ten is studying home economics or domestic science; not one girl in ten is in canning club work; not one in ten attends a women's institute.

Nine boys in ten, nine girls in ten, are not being reached. The problem before the forces of progress in the South today, therefore, is to reach the unenlisted 90 per cent of our boys and girls and save them from the tragedy of *The Knowledge that Comes too*

Late. We men and women of this generation in the South today—we must make the South a Land of Plenty, a Land of Beauty, a Land of Rural Comradship. We must see this before we die—and "seeing of the travail of our souls, we shall be satisfied." And the one way, friends, that this high hope and ambition may be realized is by reaching the nine boys in ten, the nine girls in ten, who have not yet been enlisted in this new crusade.



THREE LITTLE "THOROUGHBREDS"
The Boys and Girls of Today Will Be the Men and Women of Tomorrow—Let's Give Them a Chance and Help Them to Do Their Life's Work Better

scientific agriculture and home-making. We must reach them by other means.

Next year, therefore, it is going to be the highest purpose of The Progressive Farmer to carry to these boys and girls the ABC fundamental facts and principles needed in modern farming and home-making. And at the same time it is our hope that these lessons will be read with interest and appreciation by many of our older folks who "didn't have a chance" when young and so have picked up their knowledge by scraps, and therefore incompletely.

We appeal to all Progressive Farmer readers to join in this effort to reach the nine boys out of ten, the nine girls out of ten, who should be reached. Help them not only to read the articles in The Progressive Farmer and to read other good papers, but help them to read the best books, get them to join corn clubs, pig clubs, canning clubs, debating clubs; and resolve now that you will do your part to save the boys and girls of your neighborhood from the world-old tragedy of *"Knowledge that Comes too Late."*

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