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## Let's Stand Firm For Neighborhood Progress

WE were talking of corn clubs, canning clubs, demonstration work, and rural health and sanitation. "I think I appreciate as fully as anyone the importance of these things," said the teacher, "but the obstacles that have to be overcome at times seem simply too much for me. The young folks are generally enthusiastic

doctors' bills, sickness and death, but these people remain unmoved perhaps they hold Providence accountable, where man alone is to blame.

Friends, have you any such knockers in your neighborhood? Have you given thought to what may be done to overcome their indifference and even actual hostility? Upon many of them perhaps no influ-



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for better methods and better ways of doing things, but some of the older people, by making fun of our efforts, have made it hard for us to accomplish much. Just the other day, for instance, we had a canning demonstration, and the girls were enthusiastic; but some of the old folks, with their sneering criticisms, came near spoiling the whole thing. Then we've talked a good deal this summer about flies and

mosquitoes, and the young people of the neighborhood are thoroughly alive to the need of guarding against these disease-carrying pests; but some of their parents, I'm sorry to say, have thrown cold water on what they call 'this fool germ business.'

There are, it grieves us to say, more neighborhoods than one where some person is always waiting to throw a damper on any progressive movement, Encased in their shells of pessimistic conservatism, they are impatient at anything which threatens to upset the old order and introduce new and better ways of doing things. "Good enough for father, good enough for son," is their unalterable belief, and progressive ideas glance off their mentalities like water off a duck's back. Boll weevils and ticks may infest cotton and cattle, flies and mosquitoes may impose fearful burdens in the form of

ence can be brought to bear directly, but there are some things that we ourselves may do that will help.

First of all, let's unreservedly align ourselves with every progressive movement. Personally, we may actually know more about some things than our county demonstration agent; but does this in the least alter the fact that demonstration work is a great work, and that the

general adoption of demonstration methods will immeasurably benefit the average community? Is it not our duty, then, as progressive citizens, to back up the county agent in every way possible? Perhaps we may be well informed about all matters pertaining to health and sanitation, but does it follow that the same is true of everybody in the county? Is it not our sacred duty, then, to uphold the efforts of the county health officer and aid him in every way we can? And the same thing may be said in regard to our attitude toward good roads, consolidated schools, better teachers, and a host of other things that make for real progress.

There's only one way to outknock the knocker, and that is to stand positively and consistently for progress. It's not enough that we merely believe in better things; we must believe in them strongly enough to work and fight for them if need be.

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