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PROFESSOR MASSEY WILL WRITE FOR THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

It will be good news to thousands of our readers that Prof. W. F. Massey, who has recently severed his connection with the Practical Farmer, with which he has been so long and so successfully identified, will hereafter contribute regularly to *The Progressive Farmer*. Certainly no man in Southern agricultural work has made a greater reputation than Professor Massey, and probably no agricultural writer in the entire country has a greater following.

On page 3 we are printing the first of Professor Massey's regular contributions to *The Progressive Farmer*, and from this time on we shall publish a letter from him regularly each week.

Our readers will do well to let their neighbors know that Professor Massey's writings hereafter will be found regularly in our paper.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR TIMBER CROP?

The facts in regard to our timber supply mentioned elsewhere in this week's paper unmistakably indicate the coming of a lumber famine and should cause every man who owns a foot of timber land to do some serious thinking.

Thousands of our farmers have already sold their timber at less than half its potential value, and many thousand others are wantonly wasting their substance through carelessness in handling their woodlands.

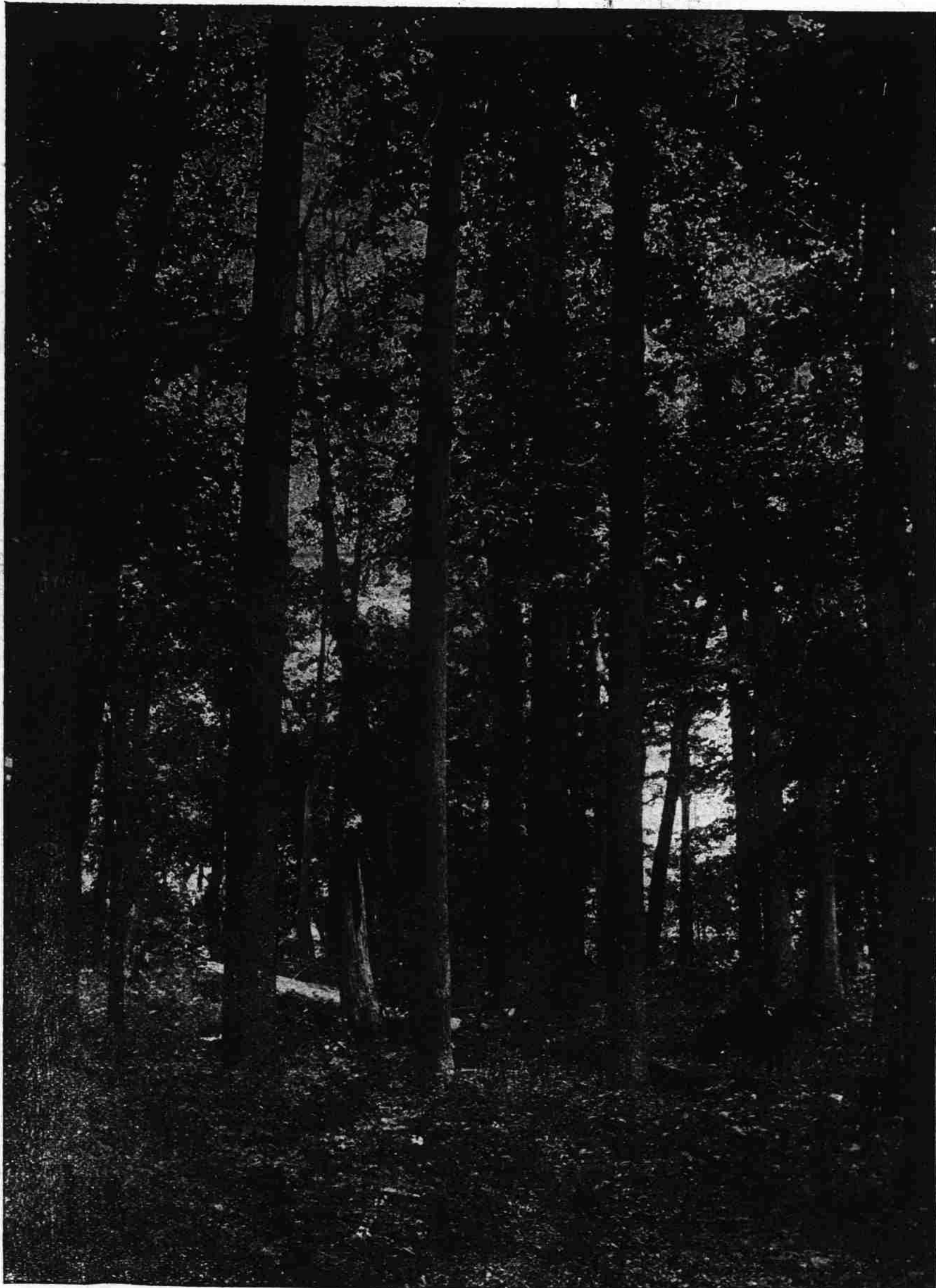
The timber is a crop just as surely as corn or cotton or tobacco—even if it does take a little longer to mature—and for twenty-five years to come no other crop in America will increase in value one-half so rapidly.

We must learn more about the proper management of our forests. We must adopt wiser methods of growing and handling our Southern timber crop.

PRESIDENT MOORE INTENDED TO SAY 500,000 BALES.

In the cotton reports printed last week, President C. C. Moore, through a typewritten error in his office, was made to estimate North Carolina's cotton crop for 1907 at 700,000, where he intended to say 500,000. Mr. Moore sends the following letter of correction:

I did not intend to say 700,000 bales, for I do because we have perfect crop weather and an expect see how it is possible for conditions now to



"A WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA FOREST SCENE." (From June World's Work. Courtesy of Doubleday, Page & Co.)

Coming Timber Famine Means High-Priced Lumber.

The most astounding article in this week's *Progressive Farmer*—in fact, one of the most astounding that has appeared in any paper this year—is the official declaration as quoted on page 10 that the country is now consuming lumber just three times as fast as the forests grow it and that the consumption for ten years past has increased twice as fast as the population of the country. For every farmer who owns a foot of Southern timber land, these unquestioned facts mean much: a coming timber-famine with higher lumber prices than the country has yet seen.

bring about a result within 100,000 bales of last year's crop. I intended to write 500,000 bales for the 1907 crop, and if we make that it will be tremendously late fall.

It is deplorable to hear of merchants in some parts of the State contracting cotton for October delivery for export around twelve cents, when all indications point to a fifteen cent market.