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Field Marshals of Public Education in Three States.



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THIS WEEK'S PAPER—SOME RANDOM COMMENT.

Ladies and gentlemen, our Educational Number! We are happy to make the introduction and hope you will find this week's paper growing upon you as you make its further acquaintance. This is the Fourth of July—Independence Day—and the sentiment of Aunt Mary's letter on our Social Chat page could not have been more felicitous than the one with which she has caused it to glow from beginning to end. If you are not already enlisted heart, hand, and soul in the campaign against illiteracy and ignorance, enlist to-day. Join the ranks of those who are waging a truceless war to separate ourselves from the thralldom of ignorance and to establish the reign of enlightenment, progress, and power.

Three State Superintendents of Public Instruction are telling in this week's Progressive Farmer what the farmers can do to obtain better educational advantages for their children and how they can do it. "Better Schools for the Country Children," the heading carried by Superintendent Joyner's article on the second page, furnishes the keynote for this number of The Progressive Farmer, a note that sounds clear and strong through Superintendent Martin's article on page 3 in behalf of the boys and girls of South Carolina, and Superintendent Eggleston's on page 4 in behalf of Virginia's farmer boys and girls.

There are two things to be done: (1) Provide better school facilities; (2) take advantage of the facilities after they are provided. How these better facilities can be provided in any community where they are needed is set forth in the three articles by these field-marshals of education in three States, and the importance of earnestly taking advantage of educational training is finely presented by Rev. Hight C. Moore on page 6 in his classical and sympathetic message to Farmer-Son, and on page 14 by Prof. Conner of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College, and by Dr. R. T. Vann, President of the Baptist University for Women, Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Moore, imbued by experience with sympathy for the farm-boy and his

aspirations, and with a mind and pen oozing with the poetry and prose of rural life, has a message that should stir and stimulate to higher effort every farmer-boy who reads it—and we hope they will all read it. Professor Conner knows how education and special training helps to better farming and to a more efficient life, and he tells the boy who would win at farming that he must know his business—and gives his reasons. What shall I do for my daughter? is a question which Dr. Vann helps the farmer girl's parents to solve. The boy, you know, can knock along somehow; but the girl? Well, read Dr. Vann's message for yourself.

But while giving some extra thought to the boys and girls—the best crop of all—we have not neglected the usual departments of The Progressive Farmer. Mr. J. A. Hoyt explains the proposed plan for cotton banks for which Mr. E. D. Smith and his associates will wage a thirty days' campaign in South Carolina. Prof. W. F. Massey writes of the great need of Southern uplands—the resurrection of the dead skeleton of sand and clay into a living soil by being clothed richly in humus. Mr. A. L. French follows upon a kindred line with the wonderfully interesting topic of making an all-the-year-round pasture, so handled and grazed that land and pasture will improve from year to year.

As it is not too soon to consider what green feed you will give to your laying hens this winter, Uncle Jo comes to time all right with a good article on whole turnips for this purpose—something you will do well to remember when you get to making your turnip patch now pretty soon.

These are Institute days, and they are among the richest, too, that come the way of the farmer and the farmer's wife who are progressive enough to take full advantage of them. The program for North and South Carolina Institutes you will find on page 15.

And, finally, you will find on page 13 something that we were prevented from giving you in its regular place in our last issue for June, namely, Suggestions for July Farm Work by our Mr. T. B. Parker and Dr. Tait Butler. These you will be sure to find helpful in guiding you to the best forehanded uses of these July days on the farm.

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COMING FARMERS' MEETINGS.

Peanut Growers' Association, Suffolk, Va., July 5th.
Mutual Protective Association of Bright Tobacco Growers, Danville, Va., July 16th.
Virginia State Farmers' Institute, Roanoke, Va., August 13th, 14th, and 15th.
South Carolina State Farmers' Union, July 25th, 26th, and 27th.
North Carolina Farmers' State Convention, Raleigh, August 28th, 29th, and 30th.
Rural Letter Carriers' Association of North Carolina, Durham, N. C., July 3rd and 4th.
North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance, Hillsboro, N. C., August 13th and 14th.

It will be of interest to our readers to know that Orby, after winning the English Derby, won the Irish Derby also last week, beating six competitors.