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Why Should Not Our Country Women Have Local Clubs?

IN next week's Progressive Farmer Mrs. Hutt will make an appeal for the organization of farm women's clubs all over the South. It is an appeal which we are confident will have the hearty sympathy and approval of all the thoughtful and wide-awake farmers in our Progressive Farmer Family.

Just as there is imperative need for the organization of farmers for the solution of the farm man's problems, so there is imperative need of the organization of our country women, not only for the solution of the farm woman's problems but also for better co-operation with the farm men in solving the many and pressing issues of "Better Farming, Better Business, Better Living."

This movement will also do much to increase the attractiveness of country life. The poverty of the social life, the absence of opportunities for mingling with their sisters, is one of the main reasons why so many women prefer town life to country life. Then, too, in the great crusade for education and organization and co-operation, there must be team work by the men and women on the farm. A widespread organization of farm women will co-operate with the Farmers' Union, and the success of the women will inspire the men to greater energy and redoubled efforts. In Ireland, where organization and co-operation have achieved results far surpassing any yet under way in this country, it has been found desirable to have a separate organization of the farm women; and when the writer was there last summer he found that this very matter—the organization of the "Society of United Irish Women"—was the liveliest feature of the work of Sir Horace Plunkett's "Irish Agricultural Organization Society."

We must organize the farmers' wives and daughters. We must have women's clubs in the country as there are women's clubs in towns. The woman, the helpmeet and partner of man, must be asked to do her part in the mighty tasks of developing here in the South the most splendid type of rural civilization it is possible to work out.

Just as scientific knowledge has given the farm man a new interest in his work, has given him a new vision and has put new color into his life, so will scientific knowledge make the farm woman's work lighter and more beneficial and increase her joy of living; and it is easy to foresee that the combined activities of even ten women in each township in the South would soon revitalize and remake all our country life—would give us more beautiful homes, and better schools, more amusements and a richer social life for young and old, would quicken interest in all forms of community improvements, and stimulate the men in a thousand movements of organization and co-operation that will languish and die unless the farm women of the South, as well as

IT IS GOOD FOR BOYS AND GIRLS TO JOIN CLUBS, WHY NOT FOR WOMEN?



ALABAMA CORN CLUB BOYS AND TOMATO CLUB GIRLS AT THE BIG COLUMBIA CORN EXPOSITION.

Prof. L. N. Duncan sends us this picture of the prize-winning Corn Club and Tomato Club teams at the great Corn Exposition at Columbia, S. C., last month. There were 100 boys and eight girls from Alabama at this exposition, more of each than from any other State. Picked teams of both boys and girls competed with teams from other States in a competition which included the work done, attendance at the exposition and written history of the work, and the Alabamians won in both cases and carried back home with them the grand trophy, a bronze bust of Dr. S. A. Knapp.

the farm men, are brought into touch with, and made a part of, the inspiring new movements for remaking country life.

Let us start the farm woman's club. And the way to start is for you, Mr. Farmer, to talk the matter over with your wife; the way for you, Mrs. Farmer, is to talk the matter over with your sisters, and get a club started in your school district or township. Read Mrs. Hutt's letter in next week's Progressive Farmer and let's inaugurate the movement at once.

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