THE FARMER.

[Second of a series of helpful articles written for the TRANSCRIPT by a Kent county farmer.]

The greatest asset of the State of Maryland is the value of her farms. There are 286,167,000 dollars in these farms, together with the live stock, buildings, implements, and machinery required to run them, I would say that not less than 60 per cent. of the population of the State is directly and absolutely dependent on the farm for their living. This includes not only the owners, but the managers, the farm laborers and the families of this portion of our population. This is a sturdy element, an element upon which the State is dependent for its very existence, and an element which is calculated to cut no small figure in moulding the character of the State. They are its backbone and sinews. As was said in a former article, "They make the wheels go around." They not only supply the fuel which furnishes the heat to make the steam that drives the machinery. They also feed the very men who control that machinery. They are therefore worthy of our consideration.

The mental, moral, religious, and financial uplift of this farming element is a matter of the gravest importance. It is important, not only to those who are most directly concerned, but to every other interest in the State. The banker, the merchant, the manufacturer, the lawyer, the doctor and the preacher are all concerned. Every interest in the State is involved in the well being of the farming element.

The *farmer* is the man who owns, manages or controls this immense amount of our State's wealth. We would have him to be a man of no ordinary ability, but a man of mental force sufficient to enable him to grasp the situation, and a man of that sterling character which will cause our State to be proud of him in every way. There are those who are disposed to think that any ordinary man, of limited ability, can be a farmer. They think the greatest requisite is the muscular power shown in his ability to follow the plow and to withstand the other hardships of his life. Such a man may be able to meet with moderate success, but he never advances beyond the mere routine of life. The day has long since passed, when any ordinary man, may climb to success on the farm. The virgin fertility of our soil has been exhausted and every crop raised on the farm has its enemies. It is up to the farmer to build up the soil and to cope with every manner of enemy with which his crops may meet. To do this he must not only be a close observer, but a student of nature as well. He must be ready to grasp and utilize the knowledge that comes to him as the result of the experience and research of others.

The directors of a great railroad system want an expert in that line, to take charge of the management of their system. They are not willing to rely upon the weakling. So it is with all other undertakings among men. It is no less important that a farmer (to meet with the greatest success) should be a man who is thoroughly posted in that business. With all his attainments he must in no small degree study human nature. There was a time when he could be an autocrat, when he could say to one man "go" and he went, and to another "come" and he came, and to his servant "do this" and he did it. That is not the case now, when the "hewers of stone" and "bearers of water" have come to be so independent that he must study the art of managing the laborer upon which he depends for a livelihood.

Maryland is most fortunate in having her landed estate, in the hands of a people, who by long years of experience know how to make the soil respond (in a measure at least,) to the efforts of those who are cultivating it, I say "in a measure". While they have learned much, they have much yet to learn. As yet our farmers have only trimmed around the borders. They have only ventured along the coast, they have not yet, as a class, launched out into the great deep; there is much before them yet to be discovered. They are first beginning to learn that there are possibilities in farming that they have never yet dreamed of. They have not yet learned how to get that hundred fold, of which we learn from divine assurance the land is capable.

Our fathers and grandfathers did not know it all. We are justly proud of their attainments. They fitted their age and were capable men for the times. But they only blazed out the way for us. Their methods would not bring them success in this day any more than the clothing and social customs of the pioneer would suit us. The experimental stations, agricultural papers, rural commission, farmers' organizations, etc., etc., ad infinitum, are making a big effort to arouse the sleeping mind of this great giant, the farmer, but as yet they have not succeeded. He has only been half awake for these centuries. He is a hard one to arouse. He sticks to old traditions and to old methods with a tenacity that makes the case almost hopeless.

With his many good qualities the average farmer has two most desirable characteristics—bigotry and prejudice. What he does not know about farming is not worth knowing. New fangled book notions are not worth trying. The writer heard a good man say not six months ago: "It is no use for no man to tell me how to raise a crop of corn, I know all about it. If I can't raise corn it is no use for any other man to try." This man fairly represeuts the class of bigoted, prejudiced men to whom I allude. He never raised a hundred bushels of corn on one acre in [illegible] life, and never will, and because [illegible] never done so, in his opinion [illegible] be did." The time has [illegible] farmers must realize [illegible] "know it all," when we must rise paramount to our prejudices and be willing to sit at the feet of those who can teach us. We must fit ourselves to fill that important position in society which is ours, and be able to take our proper stand among the great array of producers in the land. It is the desire of the writer of this article and others which may follow, to do his little in endeavoring to arouse the sleepers. To him there is a great future ahead of the farming interests of this State. No State is more favored than ours, with its large and accessable markets and cheap means of transportation. We have a population to the "manor born." If we prove ourselves incapable of holding the land which has come down to us from our fathers, we must soon step aside and let the incoming tide of foreigners take our place. May we show our own self-respect by developing the best that is in us, and our love for our State, by developing her landed interest to its fullest capacity. I would like to see that "esprit de corps" among farmers, which will lead them to say we not only outrank the other producers in numbers, but we will outrank them in every way. We are not content to be the bottom rung of the ladder. We are going to fit ourselves for the highest positions in our State. We are going to train up men who can take their stand in the councils of the State and be able to hold their own there, or anywhere else. The rest of the world is going to hear from us.

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IF THE condition of the State treasury is such as Comptroller Emerson C. Harrington states in his annual report, and we do not doubt the correctness of his statement, how can the present Legislature afford to provide for an additional loan of six million dollars for the purpose of continuing to build roads that cost the State $12,000 a mile when they should not cost over $6,000 and be good enough for the use of automobiles and which will not be so fine that our traction engine owners cannot use them?

THE sad fate which young George Currie met while skating on Chester river last Wednesday afternoon should be a solemn warning to lovers of the sport. The river ice is treacherous under any condition, but on Wednesday it was particularly so because it had not been frozen sufficiently to make the ice absolutely safe. Such accidents as befell young Currie, are not only a terrible shock to parents and relatives, but they are distressing to our community, and yet how few of a venturesome disposition ever consider the consequences of such accidents. Young people, learn a lesson. Don't be so venturesome. Think of some one else other than yourself, and heed the warning of Providence that has come to you through this distressing accident.

ONE great reason for the existence of the impression among skeptical men that the christian religion is losing its efficacy and power as a spiritualizing and uplifting force in our daily lives is the fact that such men as Charles Eliot, president-emeritus of Harvard University, are seeking to deprive christianity of its fundamental teachings. Dr. Eliot has a great mind, he has been and still is a great scholar, but when he states that the Garden of Eden is a myth, and that the miracles of Jesus should be eliminated from the Bible, he makes a statement which the experience of ages contradicts, and which, if true, would destroy the most sacred and beautiful facts in all biblical history. The miracles of Jesus are none the less real than is the miracle of such a statement from such a source.

Increase Number of Directors.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Third National Bank of Chestertown was held in its banking house on Tuesday. The work of the year was examined and the financial condition of the bank is most gratifying to its directors and stockholders. The board of directors was increased from eleven to twelve members, Mr. Thomas D. Bowers having been elected by the stockholders, the twelfth member of the board. The number of votes cast for the election of a board of directors was the largest in the history of the bank, there being a total of 490 shares voted out of 500, thus showing that the stockholders of the bank are keeping in close touch with the affairs of the prosperous institution. The full board of directors is now as follows: James A. Pearce, president; Hope H. Barroll, vice-president; Wilbur W. Hubbard, T. Benjamin Durding, Elmer E. Leary, D. Thomas Hurlock, Garrett Foxwell, Adam F. Huey, George D. Fofland, L. Wethered Barroll, Thomas D. Bowers and W. B. Copper. The stockholders at their meeting on Tuesday authorized the directors to make application for [illegible]embership in the Regional Bank sys[illegible] provided for in the new currency [illegible]cently passed by Congress.

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Kent Poultrymen Win Prizes.

Kent county poultry raisers made an excellent showing in the great International Poultry Show held in the Fifth Regiment Amory, Baltimore, last week, and they carried off a large number of valuable prizes. There were 4,000 birds from London, Canada and all parts of the United States in competition, and when that is said, the saying that is written that "Kent county can grow anything as well as anywhere else in the world," becomes most forcibly true. The display of geese and ducks was remarkable. Some of the most successful and widely-known riasers of geese and ducks in this country had magnificent specimens there, and yet Mr. L. Harris Crewe, proprietor of the Maryland Water Fowl Farm, at Betterton, won first and special prize on his Mammoth Toulouse gander, just as easily as he did at Madison Square Garden, New York, the week before. Mr. Crewe won second prize on an East Indian Duck, the first prize going to a millionaire brewer. Many thought Mr. Crewe's duck the best at the show. He also won other prizes. Mr. John H. Moffett, whose splendid Rhode Is-Red cockerel was in competition with the finest ever exhibited at a poultry show, carried off third prize, and was so much better than the first prize bird that we would not have traded for $15 to boot. Mr. Moffett's bird won second at the great Allentown show, first at the big Wilmington show, and first at Dover. Mr. R. S. Thomas, of Chestertown got third prize on a fine Rhode Island Red hen, while a Mr. Armstrong, who purchased eggs from Mr. Thomas last spring, carried off a prize on a Rhode Island Red cockerel. It is apparent, therefore, that Kent county has some poultry raisers who know the art of raising show birds as well as general utility stock, and they are kept busy supplying orders for eggs and stock. Mr. Thomas was offered $10 for a cockerel he had at the show, but refused the offer. If Mr. William B. Willis, of Worton Manor, had only been there with an exhibit of his fine Bronze turkeys, Kent county would have won prizes for its chickens, ducks, geese and turkeys, and we hope Mr. Willis may be able to bring the Kent county turkey to the front next year.

IN THE CHURCHES.

Chestertown M. E. Church, Rev. L. E. Barrett, D. D., pastor. Services next Sunday, Jan. 18th, as follows: 10.30 A. M., preaching by the pastor, 2.15 P. M., Sunday school and pastor's bible class; 7 P. M., Epworth League song service, followed by short sermon by the pastor. All invited.

Christ Methodist Protestant Church, Dr. W. R. Graham, pastor. Regular services on Sunday, January 18th, at 10.30 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Morning subject: "Fiery Darts." Evening subject: "Things We Never Get Over." Sabbath school 2.30 P. M., Christian Endeavor service 6.45 P. M. Mid-week service Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock.

At the close of the session of Sunday School in Christ M. P. Church last Sunday, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Fred G. Usilton; asst. superintendent, Thomas D. Bowers; secretary, J. Hydie Thompson; asst. secretary, Miss Rose Duyer; treasurer, Miss Hattie Bacchus; librarians, Joseph N. Wheatley and Albert Wheat; pianist, Miss Anna Smyth; asst. pianist, Miss Elizabeth Reed; supt. primary department, Mrs. A. M. Bowers; asst. supt. primary department, Mrs. T. D. Bowers; supt. cradle roll, Mrs. J. Hyde Thompson, supt. home department, Mrs. Wm. J. Vannort.

Mrs. Belle Smith has been substituting for Miss Clara Usilton, the regular organist in Christ M. P. Church, during her absence.

Announcement was made on Tuesday that the forty-sixth annual session of the Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Conference will begin at Berlin, Md., April 1, instead of March 25, as originally selected. Bishop Earl Cranston will preside. One of the important matters to come before the body will be a suggestion of Wilmington Methodist Episcopal Preachers' Association that the conference merge with the Philadelphia Conference.

Rev. J. Wilson Sutton, senior curate at Trinity Church, New York, sailed for England on Saturday last to take a course at Oxford University. Mr. Sutton is a native of Kent, and has been very successful at Trinity Church.

Sunday, the 18th, services will be held in the Presbyterian Churches of Georgetown, Kennedyville and Worton. Mr. Clews will resume his sermons on "The Lord's Prayer." The text for next Sunday is, "Thine is the Power."

The Mite Society of the Presbyterian Church, of Kennedyville, will meet with Mrs. Robt. Hill, Wednesday evening, Jan. 21.

Kent Mutual Has Prosperous Year.

The year 1913 was a very prosperous year for the Mutual Fire Insurance Company for Kent county. The fiscal year, which closed on January 1, shows that during this year the company issued policies covering property to the amount of $184,000. The company returned to its policy holders when policies ceased, $4,871.64. Its total income was $17,340. Its fire loss and expenses, $8,900, thus showing a saving [illegible] those who were insured in the comp[illegible] of nearly 50 per cent., their insurance costing them but little over one-half of their payments to the company. The TRANSCRIPT wishes the Kent Mutual a still more prosperous year in 1914.

STATEMENT

Of the Financial Condition of the KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S DRIVING ASSOCIATION, of Chestertown, Md., From Aug. 27, 1912, to Jan. 15, 1914.

Amount of Stock Subscribed and Paid in		$3,560.00
Amount of Money Borrowed		3,385.00
Receipts from Matinees		1,177.67
Receipts from Fair:		
Admissions and Programs	$3,845.38	
Concessions	223.50	
Entries and Money Winners	1,537.50	
Adver'm's in Race Programs	142.50	
		5,748.88
Other Monies Received:		
Show Rents	55.00	
Material Sold	36.63	
		141.63
		$14,013,18
Amount Disbursed for Track, Labor Building and Ground Rent to August, 1914		$10,028.96
Amount Paid on Money Borrowed		500.00
Amount Paid in Purses		3,420.00
Balance in Bank		64.22
		$14,013.18

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Ratification Nisi.

Wilbur W. Hubbard,
vs.
Sidney P. Townshend, et al.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

No. 1857.

ORDERED, this 15th day of January, 1914, by the Circuit Court for Kent county, in equity, that the auditor's account and report, stated and reported by Lewin W. Wickes, auditor, in the above entitled cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shewn on or before the 9th day of February, next;—provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of two successive weeks before the 2nd day of February next.

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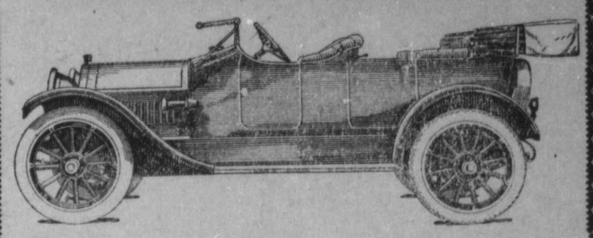
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12.50 to 13.50 Suits to go at
14.50 to 18.00 Suits to go at

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$ 4.00 to $ 5.50 Overcoats to go at
6.50 to 8.50 Overcoats to go at
10.00 to 12.50 Overcoats to go at
14.00 to 18.00 Overcoats to go at

A goodly stock of Boys' Sturdy, Durable Suits and Coa prices. All our Boys' Clothes are as stylishly-made and as ored from good materials as our men's garments.

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$3.00 to $4.00 Suits at $2.98
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8.50 to 10.00 Suits at 6.50
4.00 to 5.50 Overcoats at 2.98

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$1.50 Suits for $ .98
3.00 to $4.00 Suits for 2.49

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Every woman can afford to buy at least two waists at the prices we are now quoting and you will miss a rare bargain treat if you don't take advantage of the items offered.

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1.25 and 1.50 Waists at 89c.
50c and 75c Waists at 39c.
$15.00 Dresses at $9.98.
$6.00 and $7.00 Dresses at $4.49.
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$7.50 Baby Coats at $1.89
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1.25 and 1.50 Comforts to go at .89
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