

GLIMPSSES BACKWARD.

[Paper read by Mrs. George P. Ross, Honesdale, before the annual meeting of the Wayne County Baptist Association held in South Clinton, recently.]

We of the 20th century pride ourselves on our progressiveness, and feel ourselves quite superior to our forefathers of 50 or 75 years ago.

At the 90th anniversary of the Damascus church last week one person was telling of the earlier days of the church and how her mother labored to bring up her children as Christian men and women and she said it seems as if we are not as prayerful as we used to be.

We are getting too busy to stop to pray, we rely too much on ourselves and are too little on God.

One of the most important of these is Sabbath observance. God made the Sabbath Day for man's benefit.

At first our settlers worshipped wherever a few could gather together. Soon an occasional house of worship was erected and they would go miles to attend church.

In words of another: "We build temples and do not worship in them. We hire spiritual advisors and refuse to heed them; buy Bibles and do not read them, believing in God, we do not feel him, acknowledging Christ we neither follow nor obey him."

Comparison is not our advantage however proud we are of our advancement in so many ways.

One of the deplorable ways in which we are retrograding is in our reading matter.

We cannot expect men and women of high moral standard or of much depth of character to grow up on the present day trashy novel, but the young people are not the only aggressors.

are we progressing? We are assembled to-day in our 42d Bible School convention.

We older people know that what we thoroughly learned in our youth is not forgotten.

I would plead for the committing of some portion of the Scripture by our Sunday school scholars each week other than the golden text.

Christ sacrificed everything for us and it is getting so we think we must not sacrifice any of our personal joy for Him.

We hear the excuse these days that it is too hot to go to church, or the weather is too cold or afraid the church will not be properly warmed.

Philip Brooks says: "God has not given us vast learning to solve all the problems, or unfailing wisdom to direct all the wanderings of our brothers' lives."

We need the words of another to address ourselves to the great work of bringing the life of our church members up to a much higher level.

A Catholic priest once said "give me the children until they are ten years old, then you can have them."

Then as parents and teachers have we not a great responsibility? Let us not be remiss in our duty.

for sacred things. If we learn to reverence God then we will learn to love Him, and if we truly love Him we will strive to please Him.

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Subject to the Republican primaries, Saturday, Sept. 30, 1911.

AGRICULTURAL DATA FOR THE UNITED STATES.

Census Director Durand at Washington, D. C., gave out last week an important advance statement from the bureau of the census containing additional figures and details of the agricultural statistics of continental United States collected at the thirteenth decennial census, April 15, 1910.

The figures here given are subject to revision, inasmuch as there is a small number of farms, the returns for which are incomplete, which will be included in the final tables.

Slow Increase in Number of Farms.

During the ten years which followed the census of 1900, the population of the United States increased 21 per cent., but the number of farms did not keep pace with the increase in population.

Improved land, however, increased more rapidly than the total farm acreage or number of farms, the advance being from 414,499,000 acres in 1900 to 477,448,000 acres in 1910, a gain of 62,949,000 acres, or 15.2 per cent, in ten years.

In striking contrast with the slow growth in the number and acreage of farms and the area of improved land during the ten years is the enormous rise which has occurred in the value of farm property.

000 in 1910, a growth of 77 per cent.

Hired labor on the farms of the United States absorbed in 1900 an expenditure of \$257,392,000 and in 1910 \$645,612,000, an increase of 80.6 per cent.

White and Colored Farmers.

The number of farms operated by white farmers was 5,422,892, or 85.5 per cent, of all farms, while the number operated by negro and other nonwhite farmers was 917,465, or 14.5 per cent, of the whole.

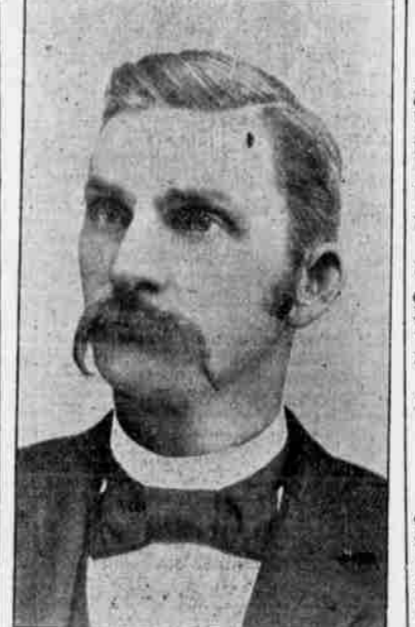
Farm Mortgages.

Of the total number of farms, 3,933,705, operated in 1910 by owners, there were 2,622,341, or 66.7 per cent., reported as "owned free of debt."

In 1900 information was secured concerning the "owned farm homes." At that time 2,545,239, or 70 per cent, were reported as "free from debt," while 1,093,164, or 30 per cent, were reported as mortgaged.

Acreage Group Proportions.

Of the whole number of farms those "19 acres and under" formed 13.1 per cent, in 1910 and 11.07 per cent, in 1900; those "20 to 49 acres," 22.3 per cent, in 1910 and 21.09 per cent, in 1900; those "50 to 99 acres," 22.6 per cent, in 1910 and 23.8 per cent, in 1900; those "100 to 174 acres," 23.9 per cent, in 1910 and 24.8 per cent, in 1900; those "175 to 474 acres," 15.4 per cent, in 1910 and 15.1 per cent, in 1900; those "over 500 acres," 2.8 per cent, in 1910 and 2.6 per cent, in 1900.



FRED A. STODDARD.

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