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## "Hither Comes Whiteness Walking"

MORNING ran to meet me,  
Across a purple hill,  
For I awakened early,  
When everything was still.

Her eyes were blue as skies,  
And cloud-gold was her hair,  
Her voice, the songs of many birds,  
She lifted in a prayer.

She was garmented in light,  
Her hose were cob-web lace,  
Like the bloom of the wild rose,  
Were the blushes of her face.

Her feet were jeweled with dew;  
She danced away from me,  
And threw a flower-fragrant kiss,  
So tauntingly.

I am in love with Morning.  
I shall arise before the day  
That I may greet her coming  
Ere she has danced away.  
—Mrs. Walter Livesey.

### She Carries On

YOUR hearts will be warmed as you read this letter from a member of THE FARMER'S WIFE family:

Dear Good Cheer Club  
of THE FARMER'S WIFE:  
Before my sister died she told us that if she should not get well again we should send \$100 of her money to the Good Cheer Club, to be used to care for some poor crippled child.  
Find enclosed a check for \$100.  
Hoping and trusting that this will be used for the benefit of some unfortunate boy or girl, I am  
Yours truly,  
A. K., Ohio.

The Good Cheer Club accepts the trust and will soon find a child for whom the gift will mean rescue from a life of disfigurement or helplessness. Thus the bequest will carry on the kindness and good will of the life that has passed into another life.

Let us add that small gifts to our fund for crippled children are also needed. When they are combined they, too, do great good.

IN THIS ISSUE of THE FARMER'S WIFE we present the first of two articles on rural young people by Mr. Streeter (page 11). It deals with their present day restlessness because of the general economic situation. They are not rebellious in any sense, but they do wonder what the future holds for them and sometimes they are uneasy about the years ahead. The second article will tell what young people are doing for themselves. You will be inspired to learn how resourceful they are.

## A Word to Youth

WE HAVE every sympathy with the young people of today who feel that the times have broken down their plans to get more education, to earn money, to enter upon careers in agriculture or other fields of labor, to get a reasonable measure of enjoyment out of life. They deserve every opportunity to develop their abilities and to use them.

But we do not believe that fate has a special grudge against them. They are suffering no greater hardship than their elders. Very likely youth's problems weigh more heavily upon fathers and mothers than they do upon sons and daughters. Moreover, Father and Mother carry a double load—their own and their children's. Youth should not be unduly sorry for itself.

There is nothing new in the situation that young people of today face in their struggle to fit themselves for a suitable place in the world and to find that place. Every generation of boys and girls has faced a similar fight. Father and Mother will tell you that the good things of life do not come without struggle, and on the whole it is well that this is true. Struggle brings strength of mind and character, as long as it is not a struggle without hope. Youth's struggle to make a place for itself is never without hope, because the world of tomorrow belongs to them and to nobody else. It just naturally happens that they must take possession and nothing can prevent it.

Our word to youth is that though there are difficulties and discouragements in the way, there is no reason to lose hope. Keep yourselves clean and fit, physically, mentally and morally; maintain courage and faith in yourselves and keep fighting for what you want. You'll win.

## Your School Problem

YOUR school district has a difficult problem on its hands, unless it is a rare exception among school districts. It is a money problem—not enough money to give you the kind of teaching and school equipment that you want for your children.

The failure of taxation to provide the usual income for your schools is responsible for their plight. Always in the past there was a reasonable income from your local taxes and a little state aid to keep your school going on a reasonably efficient basis. If you needed to borrow money for new buildings, the district's credit was good. But now there is little cash in the treasury and little opportunity to borrow.

The former Commissioner of Education for the United States, Geo. F. Zook, explained in part the causes of the trouble when he said: "The real estate tax, for decades the basis of all local taxation, has all but broken down. Many of the newer forms of taxes can be levied successfully only by units no smaller than states. The Federal Government has dipped into forms of taxation formerly reserved or largely reserved to the states, as, for example, income taxes, inheritance taxes, and sales taxes." There is, consequently, no way at hand for local districts to improve their income.

This remedy is suggested by the Commissioner: "Taxes collected on a state wide basis and distributed to local districts according to their needs must replace a considerable part of local taxation, and small school units must

be replaced by larger, more economical, and more effective schools."

That presents the problem and a remedy in a nutshell. It will be the part of wisdom for school patrons to weigh these things and give their influence toward securing a remedy in the state legislative sessions this coming winter.

## What the Farmer Gets

WHEN a city dweller pays a dollar for milk, how much of that dollar goes to the farmer who produced it? Less than half of it.

That is the answer found by the University of Wisconsin in a study of milk marketing over a period of fourteen years in twenty-two cities in Wisconsin and other states. The figures show that in the past eleven years the farmer got on the average about 47 cents of the consumer's dollar and the distributor, 53 cents. But in the past three years the farmer's share has been less than that; he suffers more when milk prices fall than the dealer does.

The Wisconsin study gives further evidence of the fact that there are too many dealers distributing.

How many farmers get a fairer share of what the consumer pays for milk? Only through cooperation; never by standing alone as individual producers.

## The Long Time View

IN A letter from the good man of "Sunrise Farm" we find a bit of homespun philosophy that we want to pass on to our readers because it may have something in it of value to them.

"Things have been a lot better with us," he writes, "but within our own experience of forty some years of farming they have also been worse. There is this difference between this and other tight times—never before has the government undertaken to do so many things for us farmers. Maybe they won't all work, but at any rate the government is trying.

"But the thing that helps us most is to take a long time view of farming—not just a short time, present day view. We feel confident that in the long run farming will continue to offer, as it always has, the kind of work we want to do, the life we want to live, and a fair opportunity to get a reasonable measure of satisfaction out of living. We are perplexed at times; we are put to it to manage our farming more skillfully than ever before, but we haven't lost faith. Our long time view keeps up our courage."

## Movie Moguls See the Light

MONEY talks. That old saying is again proving true in the results that have so far followed the national movement to quit patronizing motion picture shows until the movie industry provides pictures that are decent and in good taste. Apparently the leaders of the industry are turning around in their tracks and "hot-footing" it toward respectability as fast as they can. They easily withstood verbal onslaughts for many years, but financial onslaught is "something else again."

It is too bad that the movie industry cannot be controlled by men who give more weight to considerations of decency and good taste than of merely making money. But if it cannot, then the fight for what is decent must be made by attacking the pocketbooks of the magnates.

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