

meetings the subject for the day may be one which the boys are supposed to know something about, and a couple of the boys could be asked to prepare and read papers on the subject, after the reading of which the meeting may be given up to them for a short time to discuss the subject among themselves. Though it may be difficult to get the lads to say anything, the fact of one of them reading a paper would awaken an interest that would do much to cause them to wish to attend the meetings; and if their taking part in the proceedings were repeated at intervals this interest would be kept up, and the time well spent in drawing out the future agriculturists. Very much would depend on the chairman, if he was a man that had a knack of drawing out and making young people feel at home all would go well; such a man can interest them, and when that takes place we sometimes hear from these boys words of wisdom which show thought that would put many of their elders to shame. Such boys will learn much at Institute meetings and will be examples for those less bright or not so thoughtful. There are generally in all communities boys who, though bright, because of shyness do not show it, these a little encouragement will draw out and cause them to be regular attendants. The short time given up to the boys in order to create in them an interest in the proceedings of the Institute is necessary, for though a boy may be brought there by his father it will be of no use to him if his mind is not set on what is going on. Hence the importance of always hav-

ing good and interesting meetings. This rule stands good, not only as regards the young, but also with those of mature age, for we often see many vacant seats at the regular meetings.

Scientific agriculture may be introduced into meetings without in any way doing harm, but rather having the opposite effect; but the paper, when it is introduced, should not go too far at a time, but plainly show cause and effect in such a way that the young people can understand it, and thus give them an idea that there is much to learn in farming that they cannot see, but which will enable them to understand things that they do see.

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