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Looking Ahead

IN presenting this book to the public the publishers are inspired by a desire to make permanent record of the fund of information embraced in the addresses of a number of prominent men who gathered in New Orleans April 11, 12 and 13, 1917, to participate in the "Cut-Over Land Conference of the South." This meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the question of best present and future beneficial use for stock raising, agriculture and reforestation to which there might be placed millions of acres now lying idle throughout a large part of the South, and was attended by many land owners, agricultural experts of the Federal and State governments, and others.

It is also desired that the volume serve as the record of the first definite steps taken in a work which is expected to become the greatest constructive development movement ever undertaken in the United States.

Lumber manufacturers, who own much of the cut-over lands, are looking forward to the day when their mill operations will be curtailed by the diminution of the virgin pine forests. Meanwhile, they wish to take steps to convert into practical service for the benefit of themselves and the public the vast empire of territory now largely unproductive. The Southern Cut-Over Land Association is an organization which has grown out of the Cut-Over Land Conference, held under the joint auspices of the Southern Pine Association and Association of Commerce of New Orleans and the Southern Settlement and Development Organization, of Baltimore, Md., and has now actively entered on the task of consummating this great undertaking.

SOUTHERN CUT-OVER LAND ASSOCIATION,

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A Foreword

By J. Lewis Thompson
Chairman, Cut-Over Land Committee
Southern Pine Association

Gentlemen:—We are gathered together here this morning in a conference—our program states just what we are here for; and on account of my having, in an unguarded moment, accepted the chairmanship of this committee I happen to be before you just at this time. We had expected to have a large gathering, and to all of you is due some explanation as to why we had so many changes in our date of meeting. The Department at Washington and the officials are very much interested in this meeting, and we were shifting about dates trying to arrive at a date at which they could attend, but, as we all know, the Germans interfered with their plans; but we have finally gotten together here at this time. We are disappointed in not having Senator Ransdell here to preside for us this morning, but Mr. Alexander has kindly consented to preside, and I take pleasure in introducing Mr. Alexander to you.

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ested in Cut-
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