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INTRODUCTION

This conference is the third of a series beginning with the gathering of December 1, 1910, the proceedings of which were published under the title, "The Rural Church and Community Betterment." That certainly acted as an appetizer, and last year the conference developed into a somewhat larger and more comprehensive one. It was held at the International Committee Building, Thursday, November 23, 1911; the proceedings were published under the title, "The Country Church and Rural Welfare."

This year it is evident that the conference has assumed even larger proportions. Its object was to compare the work of the men who labor and know the problems, the men who are making special studies of these problems from the outside as well as the inside point of view. The matter here presented is, therefore, of real value and includes papers and some recommendations by a Commission especially appointed consisting of Professor T. N. Carver of Harvard University; Professor E. L. Earp of Drew Theological

Seminary; Dr. M. A. Honline of the International Committee, Religious Work Department; Mr. D. C. Drew, State Secretary of County Work of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; and Rev. Charles O. Bemies, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in McClellandtown, Pennsylvania.

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I

COMMUNITY COOPERATION—THE
COUNTRY SCHOOL AND THE
COUNTRY CHURCH

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This is an age of cooperation. It is being practised on every hand and in all walks and occupations of life. The business world has learned its value, bankers, merchants, manufacturers, railroad magnates are practising it as never before. Educational and philanthropic movements are also awakening to its importance. Every day one sees striking illustrations of cooperative efforts succeeding where heretofore individual endeavor failed.

While cooperation is valuable and highly desirable in many lines of business and in the various enterprises connected with city life, it is the first essential in bringing about any real development and improvement of indus-