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"Books will not teach farming, but if they describe the practices of the best farmers they will make men think, and show where to learn it."

PHILIP PUSEY.

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IN May, 1929, the Principal of the Hertfordshire Institute of Agriculture suggested to the Advisory Economist for the eastern counties Province that an economic survey of the agriculture of the county would provide "an extraordinarily interesting variety of data, and would assist the Institute to make intimate contact with a very large number of farmers." The present publication is the outcome of that suggestion.

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