TO THE BULLETIN READER:

The mailing list of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station now includes 25000 names of the residents of New York, chiefly farmers ! It has been the custom to send to this entire list our complete bulletins which give in a somewhat extended and comprehensive form the data and discussions of the investigations that have been conducted. Such bulletins have contained tables of figures, elaborate reasoning in some cases, and more or less of the concise language of science, and have been valuable to the workers in other stations and to a limited number of readers who are engaged in Agriculture as a business. I have become convinced, however, by my contact with the rank and file of New York farmers that, for a time at least, bulletins written in a simpler and more popular style with less of confusing data would be greatly more useful, and consequently it has been decided to make a somewhat radical change in the literature of the Station which is designed for general distribution. The accompanying popular edition of Bulletin No. 114 written by the Station editor, Mr. Hall, is the beginning of the new departure, and I trust that this, together with all future efforts in this direction, will meet with the approval of these in whose interests we are working.

The popular bulletins only will be sent to the regular mailing list, but if any farmer desires to receive a copy of any one of the complete bulletins, it will be mailed promptly upon request.

> W. H. JORDAN, Director.

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