in their work. I have made them to contribute liberally out of their scanty pay towards the building of new school houses - the large schools have from 2 to 3 teachers each.

I have said nothing about the Agri Department; to do it justice it should be the subject of a distinct letter. Upon the basis of 3 years of existence, it has made wonderful progress, revolutionizing whole neighborhoods. I often rejoice in tears at this manifestation of true christian citizenship on the part of men who were despised for a century past, & who suffered patiently for conscience sake, now returning good for evil - There are 17 Agri Clubs - attendance 1500 - they meet monthly - We make this department nearly self sustaining - We sold 500 lbs Clover seed in 1867 - 5,000 in 1868 & 19,800 lbs in 1869 - Until we made this effort they had no grasses - they fed the leaves of Indian Corn. a valuable friend & experienced merchant, Irish Richardson, expects to move near our farm & open a seed & agri implement warehouse on his own responsibility - we are thus seeking to gradually shake off our pecuniary responsibilities, but the cry comes up from every one who visits this field of labor - "do not curtail - go on with the work - extend it for the good of our society - for the cause of Christ - for the spread of sound views at the south - for the strength & aid of the freedmen - that the parents have not the ability, education &