

be rewarded by the best practical results. We have accordingly, purchased the farm of that honored and devoted servant of Christ, the late Nathan Hunt, at Springfield, on the dividing line of Guilford and Randolph Counties.

Through private liberality we present a sketch of the dwelling, from a drawing made upon the spot last autumn by our friend T. W. S. of Ireland. It is now, however, so dilapidated that it will have to give place to a model farm house; but the concern expressed by N. H. near the close of his life is about being realized, that "Springfield, so dear to him by prayer and religious associations, should remain the home of Friends."

This tract contains two hundred acres, and cost \$4,400; Friends of Springfield, however, contributed \$700 towards the purchase, reducing the cost to us to \$3,700, so great was their desire to secure the location of it in their immediate neighborhood.

We have arranged with our friend, Wm. A. Sampson, an experienced farmer, whose heart is in the success of the mission, to take charge of the farm, and further our work by lectures on Agricultural subjects and the formation of Clubs, and by the establishment of a depot for the sale at cost, of seeds, improved stock and agricultural implements.*

GENERAL REMARKS.

Our expenses during the past year have exceeded our estimates, owing to the purchase of the farm, the establishment of the Normal School, and to the fact, that

* *Note.*—Since the preparation of this Report our efficient Superintendent of Agriculture has given a great impetus to his Department—numerous Agricultural Clubs have been organized during the winter, and a generous spirit of emulation has sprung up—manuring has been general, and about two tons of Clover Seed were distributed at cost in the second month. The subscribers to the Agricultural papers number nearly 400.

we have had an increase of 9 Schools, and over 1,200 scholars. Our agricultural department will require a liberal outlay of funds for the next year or two, in the erection of a barn and dwelling, and the purchase of stock and farming implements, after which time we design it shall be self-supporting.

The necessity of continuing this mission of Christian effort seems to be more important now than ever, and we propose once more to appeal to the liberality of our friends, to sustain the work until it can be safely handed over to North Carolina Friends.

If, through the want of means, we should be compelled to stop our work where it now is, sad indeed will be the consequences to our struggling and impoverished brethren of the South; and to us, so much more favored, the responsibility will be the greater, for having been given to see, yet neglecting to improve so rich a field for Christian labor. We know of no other organized and extended system of education for white children at the South, in operation at the date of this report, but ours, and it is a great satisfaction to find that in inaugurating our work we have been able to do it in the most thorough manner, so that it will materially aid the district white and colored Schools whenever they are established. In view of this we hope to greatly enlarge our training School for Teachers next summer.

Our outlay for the past year has been, for Relief, \$1,841.73; Education, \$11,327.12; Boarding School, \$1,332.73; Expenses, \$130.03. Total, \$14,631.61, exclusive of the cost of the farm.

We are unwilling to close this report, without again acknowledging the peculiar fitness and great devotion to the work, of our Superintendent of Education, Joseph Moore. He has given his whole time to its laborious, and often exposing duties, in visiting the Schools, from Albemarle Sound, to the mountains of Tennessee, and moulding