

them into forms of greatest efficiency, and by precept and example, stimulating the scholars, and those who control them, to appreciate the great blessings thus placed within their reach.

There are many subjects of interest connected with this Christian movement, which we could introduce into this report, but we have rather sought to present without embellishment, a short and simple account of what has been done, and what we hope to do. We cannot escape the conviction that the management of a great work has been placed in our hands, and we hope we duly feel the responsibility that rests upon us.

Our movement is attracting the attention of the most intelligent citizens of the State, evinced by their frequent visits to our Schools, particularly that Institution new to North Carolina, our drilling School for teachers. The working of our model farm is also being closely observed by others as well as our members, and when agricultural Clubs shall have been formed in each of our Quarterly Meetings, we are encouraged to believe that each one will become a new focus, from which the best influences will emanate.

An intelligent spirit of enquiry is manifested, not only as relates to education, but in matters of material prosperity. The disposition to remove to other States, at one time so general, has given place to a desire to settle down and improve, as rapidly as possible, the old homesteads. Agricultural papers are being taken in large numbers, and a spirit of emulation and scientific enterprise will soon enter into the labors of the field, and elevate them above the wearing sense of drudgery.

Owing to failure of crops and other adverse circumstances, the material prosperity of Friends has not improved so greatly as we would desire, since the war ended; but our Society has increased in numbers, and deepened

in feeling—a religious influence has spread over communities, and extended into the Schools.

A review of the present condition of our Society in North Carolina, as compared with what it was when our labors began, shows so great an advance in the right direction, that those whose hearts and hands have been engaged in the work can acknowledge that the rich blessing of our Heavenly Father has rested upon their feeble efforts, crowning them with unexpected results, and filling their hearts with thankfulness and gratitude. To Him alone be the praise!

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