

The Crops.

Owing to the necessary suspension of our paper, for a week, preparatory to making arrangements for appearing in a new dress, the communications for this department have accumulated so rapidly that we have been compelled to condense most of them. We have endeavored to give the most important points of each:

J. R. S., CEDAR VALLEY, under date of June 21, writes: "Wheat is over an average crop, and is generally well filled. Oat prospect good, though a little short. Corn, though planted late, is quite promising."

W. H. A., HILLIARDSTON, our esteemed correspondent, writes under date of June 20th:

Wheat—Almost entirely neglected, the few that had the good sense to prepare well and sow, are now reaping a fair reward, and will soon have the pleasure of eating biscuit made from home-raised wheat.

Rye—Haven't heard of an acre in rye.

Oats—Liberal quantity seeded; fall sowing did well; spring sowing damaged for want of rains, will pay a fair reward for trouble and expense.

Corn—Greater breadth than usual, the neighbors say; small but looks vigorous and flourishing; rain would do good just now.

Cotton—Clean as a garden; plant large enough, stands good, general outlook promising; Isaac Powell, col., just reports bloom on Saturday, 26th inst.

Tobacco—Its cultivation entirely neglected, notwithstanding fine lands well suited to its growth. Old barns once in use still standing.

Labor—Plenty, reliable and cheap enough. Many of the colored people are with their former owners, and others in the neighborhood.

I. C. E., LA GRANGE, in a letter to the Editor, says: "Corn on up lands is better than common; the most of the corn in this part is made in the swamp lands, which is very productive. The wheat crop is not so good, owing to forward seeding. There is plenty of corn on hand, also fodder. The supply is greatly over the present month last year, so you see we are improving."

H. M. S., Montgomery county, writes: "Wheat and oat crops is an average in this section. Corn and cotton is very late. The stand of corn is bad. Crops are being badly damaged by rain."

M. J. B., WHITAKERS, under date of June 15, writes: "A ride over the country road from this place to Tarboro to-day, a distance of twenty miles, enables me to report the crops generally of a promising appearance—good stands of cotton, free of grass, and presenting every indication of care and culture. Corn somewhat under size for the season, rendered so by the unusual dry spell, which has retarded the growth of grain, and grass crops, though good rains which we are now receiving, will soon produce a magic change."

L. H. D., Wake county, says: "I think wheat is a little above an average; forward wheat is about ripe and is very good. Oats are injured some by the drouth. Corn is a little backward on account of the cold, dry weather; people generally raise enough to do them without buying. I suppose there is about as much planted as usual. Cotton is very small but the stand is good. Fruit gone up. I regret to say no clover is raised about here."

W. R. F., of Franklin Grange, writes: "The wheat crop here is all taken off and the wheat is very good. In some cases there is some complaint of smut, owing to neglect to soak the seed wheat in Blue Stone. One farmer told me he soaked all his seed except the last half bushel, in the former there is no smut at all, in the latter, plenty of it. Fall-sowed oats ready for the reaper, and is a heavy crop. The spring oats will also be excellent. Cotton improving and corn looking well. Please give us through your columns, the best method of cultivating Strawberries, or will some Patron do so, as we want advice on the subject."

H. E. K., STUMP SOUND, Onslow county, under date of June, 10, writes us an interesting letter, which is too long for publication in this column, but from which we make the following extract:

"Corn crops on high land are looking finely, but those on low or bottom land are looking badly, owing to the cold and backward spring, and the bud-worm seems as though they were running races to see which can cut the most plants during night. I hope to be able to report more favorable as to corn soon; we are having heavy rains almost constantly, hence the fine condition of upland corn. Peanuts (or Groundpeas, we call them,) are looking as good as I ever saw, though small, and promise a fair yield. Cotton is very small, but looking well; we have perfected a stand after three times replanting. Hurrah for cotton. The value of our farms, farming implements, stock of every kind, including horses, mules, corn, wheat, potatoes, peas, and in fact every produce (save that of oats,) have been on the decrease for the last twelve years, and behold, that of population has increased in North Carolina seventy-five thousand, thus you can readily see that we have made less for consumption, and more mouths to consume it. What is the cause of all this? I answer that it is for the want of organization, high rates of interest, and the mortgaging of our crops to *commission men*. These are some of the evils that have broke our columns; every other profession seems to be organized, and if the farmer will join the Grange, he, too, will be organized."

D. K. M., Secretary Mt. Pleasant Grange, June 12, writes: "The crops up here are rather backward. I think cotton small for the time of year, and not a very good stand. Corn is also

small, owing to late planting, and dying in the bud in many places. Wheat and oats are looking well. I think the latter would have been much better, if we had had a few more warm seasons. Clover and grass, scarcely any raised in this section. Farmers think too much of cotton to spare their land for clover and grass."

J. B., MUDDY FORK, Cleveland county, under date of July 2nd, writes: "The wheat crop is harvested and is a good average crop, with some smut in it. Oats sown last fall are generally good; spring sowing hurt by rust. Corn is looking well. More cotton planted here than has been any previous year, and double the foreign fertilizers used this season. Cotton is late but looking well. The season is good and farmers are in good spirits."

CROPS IN GEORGIA.—From the crop report, for June, published by the National Cotton Exchange, Savannah department, we learn that the cotton crop of that State was never better. One hundred and twelve reports, from forty-nine counties, all speak in encouraging terms of the prospect of a better yield than for years past.

FLORIDA.—From the same Report, we also have very favorable accounts of the cotton crop in Florida.

Indeed, from all sections of the country, we have the most flattering accounts of the crops. Should the present favorable season continue, we may reasonably hope for better crops than the South has been blessed with for several years passed.

Grange Items.

The large amount of matter that has accumulated for this department compels us to condense for the present number.

ORANGE COUNTY GRANGE: The County Council of the Patrons of Husbandry met at Hillsboro, May 13th, at which meeting five of the eight Subordinate Granges in the county were represented. The following resolution were unanimously adopted:

1. That the Worthy Masters and Delegates from all the Subordinate Granges in the county are requested to meet at Chapel Hill on the 2d Tuesday of August next, for the purpose of organizing a County Grange.

2. That at that time and place the best methods of co-operation among farmers for the purpose of buying and selling will be considered, and if it shall be deemed advisable, a County Agent will be elected.

JOHN KNOX HUGHES, Master.
N. P. HALL, Secretary.

BATH GRANGE, No. 95: At a meeting of this Grange, held on the 5th of June, the death of Bro. Henry Ormand having been announced, the following resolutions reported by the Committee, were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That while in duty bound we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father in this sad hour of our bereavement, we desire to express our deep sense of the loss sustained by the Grange and this community in the death of our lamented Brother. But as the tears fall from the eyes of those who love him, the voice of God may be heard in sweet soothing tones, saying weep not for him, since he has only been transferred from the cares and labors of a

Husbandman below, to the enduring reward of the faithful Husbandman in the Celestial Grange above.

Resolved, That the Secretary is hereby requested to furnish a copy of this report to the Washington *Echo* and STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL, of Raleigh, for publication.

ROANOKE GRANGE, No. 346: The following are the proceedings of this Grange, at a meeting held on the 19th of June:

ROANOKE GRANGE, No. 346,
June 19th, 1875.

Whereas, God, in his divine wisdom, has seen fit to remove from us at the meridian of a life of usefulness and honor, our beloved brother, W. S. Briley, in the fortieth year of his age; therefore resolved,

1st. That we, as a Grange, bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, while we sorely feel the loss of our beloved brother, we nevertheless trust, and believe it to be his infinite gain.

2nd. That by the death of brother Briley this Grange has lost a faithful member, and the community an honored and trusted friend.

3rd. That we entertain the highest respect for his memory as a devoted husband, loving father, faithful friend, and especially as a true and working member of "Roanoke Grange, No. 346, Patrons of Husbandry."

4th. That we tender to the sadly bereaved family of our deceased brother, our most sincere sympathy in this hour of affliction.

5th. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the afflicted widow of our departed brother as an expression of our tenderest sympathy for her in this sad bereavement.

6th. That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days after our regular July monthly meeting, and that this room be draped in mourning for three monthly meetings, and that these resolutions be spread on our minutes as a token of respect to our departed brother.

7th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the STATE AGRICULTURAL JOURNAL for publication, with a request to the Goldsboro *Messenger* to copy.

H. BROWN,
W. A. HASLIP, } Coml.
W. D. ANDREWS, }

BEAVER DAM GRANGE, was organized at Williamston, on the 28th of May, by Special Deputy, J. A. B. Cooper. This Grange is composed of good material, and is located in one of the most central points in Martin County.

The following are the officers:

Richard Slade, Master.
J. D. Rogers, Overseer.
W. T. Crawford, Lecturer.
C. D. Gurganus, Steward.
C. E. Moore, Assistant-Steward.
John S. Short, Chaplain.
John R. Gurganus, Treasurer.
S. P. Everitte, Secretary.
Jos. H. Peal, Gate Keeper.
Mrs. Bettie Mizelle, Ceres.
Miss C. Gurganus, Pomona.
Miss E. Slade, Flora.
Mrs. E. A. Simpson, L. A. S.

As soon as we get to work well we hope to send you a handsome club of subscribers.

Our county is sadly in need of a County Grange, to stimulate indifferent members as well as bring together the different Subordinate Granges. Can you not let us hear from you on this subject? Thus by setting forth the many advantages, it would afford, urge upon us to begin the good work at once. Yours fraternally,

A MEMBER.