

**Far, very far from it.**

Our office will be no bed of down or of ease, in which the indolent may slumber. Far, very far from it, We have undertaken our task, however, with a full knowledge of its oppressive weight, and if our friends, our sixteen thousand friends of the Grange will help us, as they should and as we expect, we will give them a paper that will command respect not only in our own State, but also in other States in this Union. Without that aid, of course, we would be helpless. We will be to our people just what you choose to make us and no more. Remember that, every one of the sixteen thousand members of the order in North Carolina. We have no speculation in view in publishing your organ, and only wish sufficient encouragement to enable us to do justice to the cause you have espoused, to print a journal, an agricultural journal, worthy of you and our farmers, and our mechanics and our men of science. The subscription price is low, very low, and if the paper is not in mechanical appearance and matter satisfactory to you, (we intend now to let it speak for itself,) we ask not your support. But if it is, and we fear not to leave it to your decision, we ask your zealous co-operation for our own welfare, the welfare of our order and the welfare of the people of the State at large; and is it not the duty of every good Granger to give it? Zeal, when guided by wisdom, we are told, is a noble element of character and the source of incalculable good. Should not the members of our order stand ready now to bear aloft their own flag. It is unfurled at their bidding and is flying in the breeze. Sixteen thousand of the sons and daughters of North Carolina, we repeat once more, have hold of the halliards and the flag can never come down while they are united. Without union and hearty zealous co-operation, they would be as a rope of sand, with it the power would be heeded throughout the land and their flag honored everywhere. But we have another class of friends to whom we shall look for support, in numbers greater, and in respectability the equals of our brothers of the Grange, we mean the rest of the people of North Carolina. We presume it is not necessary for us to say that we are a North Carolinian without taint or blemish, and we shall, if feebly, to the best of our ability, at all times and under all circumstances advocate the interest and honor of our good old State, without fear or favor, reward or the hope of reward, and, therefore, as this is the only Agricultural Journal in North Carolina, we trust to make it acceptable, if not necessary, to every farmer within our borders. If we are a bigot, it shall be in the interest of our firesides—of North Carolina, and to the honor of her people.

THE slander of some people is as great a recommendation as the praise of others.

**Raleigh Female Seminary.**

We invite the attention of our readers to the excellent announcement of this school in another column, giving the opinion of two of its patrons, the Rev. Dr. Pritchard and Prof. Simons, and of President Wingate, who are thoroughly acquainted with its management.

The school was opened in August 1870, under the presidency of Rev. Dr. Royall, who retired from it in 1871, leaving it in charge of Mr. Hobbins, the present excellent Principal. The building at first occupied was found to be too small, and in 1872, a charter was obtained and new buildings erected on the original site, which is one of the best in all the City of Raleigh. It is located in the Northeastern part of the city, about a half-mile from the Capitol. The lot comprises 5½ acres, tastefully laid out and decorated with evergreens and flowers, and furnish delightful walking grounds for the young ladies. The buildings are large and commodious, and the general impression of visitors to the Capital is that this is one of the prettiest places for a female school in North Carolina.

The very best teachers, regardless of expense, have been employed since its opening; and the high standard of its instruction, shows the wisdom of this course. It has within the last three years had two male teachers in the Literary Department, with three or four female teachers, all of large experience.

The Music Department has been in charge of the best German professors, and great excellence has been attained by its pupils in Vocal and Instrumental Music, as evinced by the public concerts. The present Professor, we do not hesitate to say, has, in our opinion, no superior in the South. No expense has been spared to give the daughters of North Carolina as fine facilities for learning music as they can find anywhere, North or South. The pianos used are all new and first-class instruments.

And the Department of Drawing and Painting is not behind the Music Department. The teacher was secured from Cooper Institute, New York City, perhaps the best School of Art in America, where she was considered one of their finest students and was awarded several medals for excellence in her work. Those of our readers, who saw the exhibition of the Drawings of her pupils at the last State Fair, need not be told that she has succeeded admirably in teaching. We might add for the benefit of those who did not attend our last State Fair, that the Committee on Art awarded a first Premium to this School.

One other feature, a new one in North Carolina schools, having been introduced into only two schools, deserves a notice at our hands and a careful consideration at the hands of those who have daughters to educate; and that is Calisthenics, which is designed to secure healthful and in-

vigorating exercise, and to give gracefulness and dignity to the movements of young ladies. The apparatus for it consists of wands, rings, (wood,) and dumb-bells, (wood;) and the whole school is formed in a large room into positions painted on the floor. A teacher presides at the piano, and one conducts the exercise. To see it is to be impressed with the fact that it is the very best exercise ever devised for females. We shall hail with joy the day, when all our schools shall have introduced it; for then and not 'till then, may we expect the health of our females to improve and Southern girls to be as healthful as they are beautiful.

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**New York.**

We have recently been on a flying visit to this great city, and to tell what we have seen would more than fill a dozen papers, like ours. We will begin, however, by returning thanks, heart-felt thanks, to Messrs. E. J. Hale & Son, for many favors which they conferred upon us. The publishing business of these gentlemen, in Murray street, is increasing the business of North Carolina alone, which they should get, all of it, as they do now the largest share, would enable our citizens to buy books and stationery much below the prices they would, or do have to pay elsewhere. There is, too, much consolation derived from the knowledge of trading with those we know are dealing justly with us. This house now is thoroughly established and stands equal to the first in the city, and is prepared with equal facility and at as low rate, to give work of every character in their line. We again thank those gentlemen for their many kindnesses.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA.—At the last commencement of this far-famed University, held on Thursday, July 1st, we notice among those taking the first distinction in the School of Intermediate Mathematics, the name of Mr. Hubert Haywood, of Raleigh, N. C. Diplomas of Graduation in the School of Latin were awarded him and Mr. Charles H. Martin, of Wake Forest College.

The degree of M. D. was conferred upon Mr. Henry W. Lee, of Raleigh, N. C.—*News.*

THE following gentlemen recently received commissions as Aids to His Excellency Gov. Brogden, with the rank of Colonel:

George W. Stanton, of Wilson.  
I. J. Young, of Granville.  
A. D. Jenkins, of Gaston.  
W. S. Pearson, of Buncombe.

APPLY to the zealous and efficient Secretary of the Agricultural Society, Maj. John C. Winder, those who wish premium list for the next exhibition in North Carolina. October will soon be here, and it is time to prepare for it.

**Our Correspondents.**

We invite attention to the able articles in this issue from our correspondents. The Rev. Dr. Smedes unfurls his banner with commendable boldness and glowing upon its folds, after thirty-three years, we still find "Prospering and Progressing." He ably and eloquently claims the support of his Church and is eminently entitled to it. Professor Kerr, our State Geologist, gives us a remarkably finely written article, with diagram, on the iron ores in Mitchell County. It is the advanced sheets of his work, now nearly ready for circulation. Hon. T. L. Clingman writes with his usual perspicuity power and ease. And Mr. Bailey tells us in streams, running beautifully like those down our mountains of our greatness. None of our correspondents will be overlooked if we are compelled to postpone for a time some of their communications. We feel deeply indebted for the interest they take in our enterprise and with their aid we must succeed. Write, write, and don't forget the crop reports.

**Copper Ore and Precious Stones.**

We have a great mind to tell all the name of W. H., if a pledge of secrecy is required. Thank you, thank you, and take just as many such liberties as you wish, even a rich specimen of gold ore would not vex us. The precious stone, sapphire, is beautiful and its flashing light will keep in warm remembrance the liberality and kindness of the donor. North Carolina, in thy bosom is indeed hidden treasure fit to decorate the brow of a Queen or of one of thy own daughters. Both specimens must go first to our State Fair, then to the great Centennial at Philadelphia. We thank W. H., again, with all our heart.

**Craven.**

Should we not be pardoned for a little exultation over the triumph of our dear old mother when contending with her sister counties, in the production of such an important article in trade, as cotton. We have before us a stock of cotton, grown near the city of Newbern, on the plantation of our sterling friend, and, in that region, matchless farmer, Joseph L. Rhea, Esq., that reaches up to within a fraction of an honest yard. It is filled with forms some of them almost ready to burst into blooms. It has been out of the ground too, a week or more. For his efforts and success, we shall with this notice present our friend with a filly worth every one of five thousand pounds, if not more, and to any planter that can beat him and will give us the evidence, we will next week present with a forty thousand dollar cow. Now, here are premiums worth contending for.

Since our last issue, we have to add to the list of Daily papers in this city, the *Constitution*, which shows sprightliness and ability. It is Republican.