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### WHAT WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR

#### Expressions From a Number of Well-Known Leaders all Over North Carolina.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day—the annual harvest feast of the American people. It is the day set apart when men and women gather in their places of public worship to give expression to their gratitude to the All God for all the blessings they enjoy. In order that the hearts of the readers of this paper may be attuned to the Thanksgiving spirit, the editor of the News and Observer, a few days ago, sent this note to a number of prominent men in every walk of life in North Carolina:

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 19th, 1902.  
Dear Sir:—Please write a brief Thanksgiving sentiment on the accompanying postal card and send it to us so it will leave your place Thursday night or Friday. We wish to have about a hundred of such to print Sunday.  
Very truly yours,  
JOSEPHUS DANIELS.

The following are the answers received:

The greatest and best blessing which has come to North Carolina is the ever-living excellence of her women! and their ennobling influence in all the relations of life. May the honor of the States and the love of God continue always to be their supreme law. It is our first and highest duty and purest happiness to constantly cherish and exalt them.  
M. W. RANSOM.  
Garysburg, N. C., Nov. 23.

North Carolina has great reason to be thankful for the peaceful going into effect of the Constitutional Amendment by which the moral and intellectual standards of public life will be elevated, a wholesome spirit of political independence developed, kindly relations between the races promoted, and the way cleared for temperance and other vitally needed reform legislation.  
EGBERT WATSON SMITH.  
Greensboro, Nov. 22.

North Carolina should be profoundly thankful for the educational sentiment that is prevailing within her borders.  
WILL C. NEULAND.  
Lenoir, Nov. 22.

The continued awakening of the educational sentiment in every part of the State. Let us be spent for the sake of life, liberty and truth.  
A. J. BOLIN.  
Hickory, Nov. 22.

Life, health, peace, progress and prosperity all of which hang over us like a benediction.  
ASHLEY HORNE.  
Clayton, N. C., Nov. 22.

For her noble and beautiful daughters, and her conservative and patriotic sons; for good and wise government; for the growth of various enterprises; for the high character of her press; for the prosperity of her colleges, and the strong forward movement for general education; for her soil and climate; her metals and minerals; for her bountiful harvests; and above all, for the blessing of the everlasting love of the Son of God.  
F. D. SWINDELL.  
Goldboro, N. C., Nov. 22.

Her Heroic History; Her love of Liberty; Her Material Prosperity; Her Educational Awakening, and the belief of her people that the Christian religion is the foundation of all that is best in her past, present and future.  
H. C. McQUEEN.  
Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 22.

For harvests bountiful, for a climate delightful and wholesome by mountain, plain and sea; for the new industrial awakening; for State officials whose integrity is unquestioned; for the new spirit and zeal in education that is filling our schools and colleges with the flower and beauty of the State; for increased facilities and equipment in education; for loyal and patriotic manhood and devoted womanhood; for peace and prosperity within our borders, and above all else for a Christian faith and practice that I believe is genuine and pure, for an increased responsibility and thankfulness for these blessings; for a largeness of charity that will make us more and more "our brothers' keeper."  
THOMAS NEWLIN.  
Guilford College, N. C., Nov. 22.

Look up and not down; look out and not in, and lend a helping hand—and thank God for the spirit and privilege of doing it.  
CALVIN S. BLACKWELL.  
Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 22.

For manifold mercies and blessings of God for His goodness and protection from famine, pestilence and war; for victory in time of peril and conspiracy over the enemies of the State, causing the right to triumph and the wrong to be overwhelmed; for the consecration of civil and religious liberty and for the maintenance of just, honest, good government, and for the vindication of a noble, faithful and upright citizen by a splendid triumph at the polls by his countrymen.  
THEODORE BRYANT KINGSBURY.  
Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 22.

The Good Old North State should be thankful for the peace and prosperity which her people now enjoy, also for the progress made during the past year in the intellectual, moral and spiritual uplifting of all who live within her borders. In industrial pursuits North Carolina has made wonderful progress during the year and without strikes and other disturbances which afflict other communities for which we should be thankful to our Heavenly Father.  
W. P. CLINE.  
Hickory, N. C., Nov. 22.

What has North Carolina to be thankful for? Everything she has! Filled granaries and barns, health, good government, political independence, the most hopeful and prosperous day in all her history; a happy, noble, patriotic citizenship; a great educational awakening; busy fields, busy shops, busy mills, progress, development, growth. When we consider the countless good things that God has given the Old North State and the myriad blessings He is showering upon her today, our hearts melt with gratitude and in our Thanksgivings we worship Him. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless his holy name."  
R. L. FRITZ.  
Hickory, N. C., Nov. 22.

All North Carolinians should be thankful to our Creator for a bountiful harvest; a steady market, and for remunerative prices; for the great educational awakening and evidences of thrift and progress on every side, including religious tolerance, wherein we differ in non-essentials, we bow to the same God and call each other brother.  
J. A. LONG.  
Roxboro, N. C., Nov. 22.

1. That peace and order reigns within our borders. 2. That educational interest is growing, and with this growth a desire on the part of our best educators to hold to all that was manly and upright in the lives and characters of our forefathers, and at the same time a desire to secure the best in this new age of progress.  
C. H. MEBANE.  
Newton, N. C., Nov. 22.

We should be thankful for all that the year has brought with it of upward striving toward the light and the more abundant life.  
F. P. VENABLE.  
President of the University.  
Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 22.

Freedom from bitterness and strife following a political campaign. A great uprising of our people in behalf of the protection and education of every child in North Carolina. For good crops, such as our farmers have not had in a long time. The rapid growth of sentiment opposed to the licensed liquor saloon. For wealthy men with open hands and liberal gifts for humanity.  
N. B. BROUGHTON.  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.

For such a revival in educational spirit and effort for better public schools as the good old State has not before witnessed, her people ought to be thankful. My own heart bounds with joyful thankfulness at the prospects before us. May our God help us to preserve character in the progress of intelligence, and true manhood as we increase in wealth.  
JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH.  
Murfreesboro, N. C., Nov. 22.

1. For the blessings of kind Providence in giving us a bountiful crop year. 2. For the clean, honest and progressive administration of our State Government. 3. That the Republican party cannot levy a tariff tax upon our rain and sunshine and form a trust and monopolize our seasons and climate.  
ED. S. ABELL.  
Smithfield, N. C., Nov. 22.

Among the many things for which North Carolina should be thankful stands first, in my opinion, the great educational awakening of her people.  
IRA T. TURLINGTON.  
Smithfield, N. C., Nov. 22.

Salubrious climate and variety of natural resources; homogeneous people and heterogeneous industries. Rural distribution and life of her people as the best type of true Americanism. Enthusiasm on the subject of education. Patriotism of her sons and daughters whether in or out of the State. Her history in war or peace and the heroism of her good women during the Civil War. The modesty and purity of her women. Comparative freedom from isms, loyalty to government and fidelity to the Christian religion.  
W. W. STALEY.  
Pres. Elon College.  
Suffolk, Va., Nov. 22.

That it is located just where it is, half way between Boston and Tampa, with the good climate of both and the bad of neither. That it is neither Nabob nor Pauper. That the average of general intelligence is being advanced more rapidly than ever before in the State's history. We should be thankful for our wonderful wealth of raw material, which means,

if rightly used, that there is plenty of work ahead of us, and no time for deilettment.  
HENRY A. PAGE,  
Pres. Asheboro & Aberdeen R. R.  
Aberdeen, N. C., Nov. 22.

1. A bountiful harvest. 2. Progress in material development. 3. The educational awakening. 4. Clean and judicial administration of public affairs. 5. The harmony that prevails among all the people. 6. A clearer and brighter political sky. 7. The prosperity of the church in preaching Christ. Let every citizen thank God and take courage.  
G. T. ADAMS.  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.

The Bible, which is a vindication of God's wisdom and goodness in the creation and government of the world, in spite of seeming imperfections and the actual existence of evil. And, locally, North Carolina should be thankful for every effect which this Book can rightfully claim upon the morality and spirituality of her citizenship and government, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But thanksgiving is Divine worship, religious reverence and homage; it is adoration, veneration, devotion, obedience, praise. These are individual acts, hence the duty of every citizen to be thankful for God's love and care and goodness.  
THOS. E. SKINNER.  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.

A people whose churches, homes, altars and other Christian institutions show that God is "in our midst." A progressive spirit which is working along the lines of highest development and in the direction of truest ideals. A year of great prosperity in all legitimate fields of activity. The rich blessings promised to the "nation whose God is the Lord."  
T. N. IVEY.  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.

Not only for fruit of the earth and sea, but for signs of closer brotherhood amongst men and for the quickening of all those spiritual forces which are behind social life that must result from the educational revival.  
THOS. HUME.  
Prof. English Literature at University.  
Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 22.

Above all as a people, for the increased interest in the matter of the educa-

### THANKSGIVING--PEACE.

(Presbyterian Standard.)

**"Pray with Thanksgiving. And the Peace of God Shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ."**

**So wrote a prisoner of olden time. Birthright of freedom had been his. And now, The meanest slave has more of liberty. But prison walls can ne'er confine his praise, The peace that passeth knowledge is his own.**

**For he has learned to suffer and rejoice. The stonings and the scourgings move him not, Nor weariness nor painfulness nor chains. "—And be ye thankful. Let the peace of God Rule in your hearts." Yet once again he speaks: "In everything give thanks. The God of Peace—" O, glad thanksgiving to the God of Peace! O, rich possession of the Peace of God!**

**Lord, when we count the blessings of thy grace, The life that thou hast spared unto this day, The love that is the joy and crown of life, The peace that broodeth over all the world, What can we render thee but gratitude?**

**So falls upon our souls the Peace of God.**

tion of the people and of all the people. Morally North Carolinians are a great people. Their intellectual and material advancement seems to be in sight.  
J. ALLEN HOLT.  
Principal Oak Ridge Institute.  
Oak Ridge, N. C., Nov. 22.

There has been an overflow of blessings upon our State for the year 1902—not only of a physical nature, but also morally, educationally and politically. Let us thank the Giver of all good—and thank the Giver of all good.  
RICHARD H. LEWIS, M. D.  
Kinston, N. C., Nov. 22.

North Carolina should be thankful for abundant crops and good prices. For the absence of strikes and the prevalence of good will between all classes of our people.  
A. M. POWELL,  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.

Because we have been redeemed from destruction and crowned with tender mercies, and because our Heavenly Father has not rewarded us according to our iniquities, nor dealt with us after our sins.  
B. F. DIXON.  
State Auditor.  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.

The lives and prayers of her devoted sons and daughters to God, and for His

manifestation in bountiful crops, continued prosperity in manufacturing interests and growth of her towns.  
D. C. COX,  
Supt. Friends Orphanage.  
Archdale, N. C., Nov. 22.

Let North Carolina be thankful for good government and industrial prosperity; but more for men who have the interests of our common humanity at heart.  
REV. J. T. GIBBS,  
Presiding Elder Raleigh District.  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.

Above every thing the great educational revival which promises to give every North Carolina child a start in life without the handicap of illiteracy.  
R. W. BOYD.  
Barium Springs, N. C., Nov. 21.

Upon the soil of North Carolina was the first American colony founded. She first declared her independence against the tyranny of Great Britain. Upon her soil was the first pitched battle against British tyranny fought. She was the first colony to secure and establish entire religious freedom. For these achievements as well as for her vast material resources and possibilities, her great educational progress and above all, her Christian growth and sentiment. North Carolina has every reason to make Thursday, Nov. 27, the greatest Thanksgiving Day in her history.  
W. M. VINES,  
Pastor of the First Baptist Church.  
Asheville, N. C., Nov. 21, 1902.

Every patriotic North Carolina can certainly find much for which he should be thankful at this annual season of giving thanks for abundant mercies and blessings. The industrial activity filling our State with new life and giving great hope for a future of much advance along all lines of commercial and industrial activity is just cause for gratitude. The usual blessings that fall to this favored abundance this year. The God of the nations has with richest bounty rewarded the toil of those who look to sunshine and shower and fertile soil for daily food. Serious harm has passed us by and heavy hand has not fallen athwart our pathway.  
Perhaps the most significant fact of the year just closing and the one with the greatest promise for all coming time is that on every side from mountain to coast an unusual interest in education has possessed the minds of all our people, and the sentiment is now State wide that all our people must be educated. Action has superseded a multitude of theories, and for the first time in all history we seem face to face with the realization of the dream of the fathers as to the education of all our people. Party

1. For a Democratic victory.  
2. That the negroes will not vote any more.  
3. Bountiful crops and a glorious and prosperous country.  
For such we should thank our God.  
JOHN BLUE,  
Pres. Aberdeen & Rockfish R. R.

"For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land. \* \* \* \* \* When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee."—Deuteronomy VIII.  
JOHN WILKES.  
Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 22.

That the Lord of hosts has so abundantly blessed us with abundant harvests and rich returns for labor done. That the era of good feeling, peace and fellowship prevails in our State as it has not for decades past. That no destructive war, famine or pestilence has come over our doors the past year. That throughout our commonwealth the public mind has been directed to the importance, the necessity of intellectual, moral and spiritual betterment. For all of which we should devoutly thank Almighty God, take courage and press forward.  
J. O. ATKINSON.  
Elon College, N. C., Nov. 21.

Inherited institutions, ideals, customs and Christian civilization. Exemption from epidemics of disease and other public calamities. Abundant harvests, general prosperity and spirit of hope and progress. A general awakening to the need and importance of education. A steady and healthy growth of the temperance sentiment among our people and some notable and significant victories in this and other reform movements. For these North Carolina should thank God. But we should be still more grateful that the love of God so prevails among our people that they ascribe these blessings to Him and the fear of God restrains them from many of the vices that curse and threaten other sections. "Happy is that people whose God is the Lord."  
W. C. TYREE.  
Durham, N. C., Nov. 22.

We live in peace, in a land that's blest By One who always does what's best, Now let us pass an hour away In thanks to Him for this good day.  
M. S. DAYIS.  
Louisburg, N. C., Nov. 21st, 1902.

The old North State should be profoundly thankful for political peace, industrial prosperity, educational enthusiasm and moral and religious advancement. I have never seen the spirit of progress so general. Inspired by noble ideals our people are rising to a higher plane of thinking and living. A spirit of optimism is abroad. The powers that make for righteousness, temperance and intelligence are organized and aggressive.  
J. B. CARLYLE.  
Wake Forest, N. C., Nov. 22.

God be praised for the spirit which is now stirring up the people of North Carolina to make war on ignorance and to liberate the coming generation from its grinding bondage. May it grow and multiply and spread till it shall convert the last enemy of universal education and carry light and knowledge and hope and higher aspirations into every home.  
THOS. J. JARVIS.  
Greenville, N. C., Nov. 22.

Peace.  
W. D. TURNER,  
Lt. Governor.  
Statesville, N. C., Nov. 22.

I am thankful for my being, and more thankful for my well being. It is a great thing to live and a much greater to live well. God has given us so many good things to do and made it so sweet to do them. He has showered so many blessings upon our heads, and showers them upon us through all the revolving years. I am so glad that our good old North State is doing so much for the fatherless and motherless children. "O, give thanks unto the Lord; for his mercy endureth forever."  
J. W. JENKINS,  
Supt. Methodist Orphanage.  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.

Its glorious State history; its patriotic people; its mountains and its seashore; its present prosperity and its brilliant future. These are some of the things for which all true North Carolinians should be thankful.  
JOHN H. CLEWELL,  
President Salem Female Academy,  
Salem Academy and College, Nov. 20, 1902.

Our homes and our friends; for our schools and our children; for peace and prosperity within our borders; for Bible—church—for all these and more we should be thankful.  
J. F. MILLER.  
State Hospital, Goldsboro, N. C.

Good health, good crops, good government and every reason to expect a continuance of the last.  
FRANCIS D. WINSTON.  
Windsor, N. C., Nov. 22.

For sunshine and shower, for light and life, for peace and prosperity, for health and hope, for home and heaven, let us be thankful to Almighty God.  
J. Y. JOYNER.  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22, 1902.

For the peace, prosperity and plenty that bless the State and for the spirit of progress, contentment and hope that animates and inspires its people.  
C. M. BUSBEE.  
Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 22.

Not only for the countless blessings of the past and present, but for the hopefulness with which the future is opening before us we have peculiar reasons for gratitude.  
GEO. L. MORTON.  
Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 22.

there been such indications of progress and prosperity in almost every sphere of endeavor. The very air seems vibrant with the spirit of enterprise. In all economical, educational, and religious activities our condition is most hopeful. I thank God and take courage.  
CHAS. E. TAYLOR.  
Wake Forest, N. C., Nov. 21, '02.

"Thank God from whom all blessings flow." For good crops, abundant harvests, good health, prosperity, good will, good fellowship and for the strenuous life in all departments of industry.  
R. B. CREECY.  
Elizabeth City, N. C., Nov. 22.

#### The Thanksgiving That Counts.

N. C. Christian Advocate.  
There is a story of a stingy Scotch laird, who tossed a crown, thinking it was a penny, into the plate at the church door. Seeing its white and precious face he asked to have it back. The doorkeeper, Joems, refused. "Aweel, aweel," he granted, "I'll get credit for it in heaven." "Na, na," said Joems, "ye'll get credit for the penny."

The truth embodied in the doorkeeper's racy rejoinder is the familiar one, that only those gifts are acceptable in heaven which are from the heart. As a man is defiled by the things which come from the heart, by them also he is blessed. As he thinketh in his heart so is he, and from the heart comes the thanksgiving that counts. Thankfulness is a duty. If rightly fulfilled it has power in two directions; it is pleasing in the sight of God; it blesses ourselves and our fellowmen. To eat a heartier dinner than usual is not necessarily the sign of a truly thankful spirit. Most happy is it to participate in the joy of the family reunion, but the full blessing is missed unless there is the reverent recognition of the divine goodness in the family life. It is when in our thought we count our blessings as divine mercies, and by our faithful obedience strive to transform them into permanent spiritual forces, that our giving thanks has power with God and man.

The true spirit of thanksgiving has in it the secret of contentment. To be able to give thanks aright shows true spiritual insight. We incline too much to think upon outward things, and we are dull of vision to the spiritual values of our experiences. Not a few this season feel themselves outside the fold of rejoicing. The Lord hath dealt hardly with them, they think. They have had losses. Misfortunes have come upon them. Perhaps there is a vacant chair in the home circle. But these have not been forgotten or forsaken. They may have the profoundest reason for thankfulness.

#### A Thanksgiving Thought.

(Charity and Children.)  
Next Thursday our people will assemble in their places of worship to make public acknowledgement of the goodness and mercy of God and to join with their neighbors in hymns of love and praise. We hope it will be a very tender and happy day all over our good State. How blessed we are in being permitted to live in North Carolina! And how great our debt to the Giver of all good for the peace and plenty that have crowned the year!

But there are plenty of poor folks all about us. There will be many a child in our State who will go to bed hungry on Thanksgiving day. Oh, what a pitiful thought it is that in so many young lives the rain is falling. There are a thousand children of misfortune and poverty who will do without their Thanksgiving dinner, except some friendly hand will open to them in the sweet name of charity.

Beloved, can a single one of you sit down to a table groaning with the good things of life and give no thought to these poor waifs and stragglers? This is their day. The Lord has put it into the hearts of thousands of our people to remember the orphan on this good day, and He is bringing others year by year into this growing army of orphan helpers. We plead with you who read these lines to take your stand with these men and women who find delight in ministering to others. Not so much for the orphan's sake as for your own, dear friend, would we beg you to spend a real Thanksgiving day.

"Things do not happen," says our gifted Governor in his beautiful proclamation. No, they do not. God rules in his heaven. He brings things to pass, sometimes in mysterious ways, but whatever the method He employs His will must be done. He is taking care of these children and His bounty will provide. But if He would use you, do not resist the pleadings of His spirit as he gently whispers in your ear your duty to the helpless and the poor.

The Lord has sent poverty among men for a great purpose. He could have made us all rich if that had been the best for us. But "the poor ye have always with you," Christ said, "and whosoever ye will ye may do them good." But while we have gone about to do good to the poor, lo, we ourselves have brought to our own hearts and lives the greater good. The lesson, oft repeated, must be told over and over again, that happiness is found in serving others rather than in being served ourselves.

A very plain man in Glasgow was a very pretty daughter. One day she was sitting on his knee right before a looking-glass. She contemplated the reflection of their two faces and then asked: "Papa, did God make me?" "Yes, dear," he replied. "And did He make you?" "Yes."

Looking again in the mirror she drew a long breath and rejoined: "He must be turning out better work lately; isn't He?"—Scottish American.  
After men the animals that women take most interest in are boys.