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### FARMING THAT PAYS.

Probably no thought connected with life's livelihood is so depressing as the oft asserted expression that farming does not pay. We are aware that it requires much well applied skill and much wearing labor to make farming a success, but it is equally true of every other business. It is very cheering, therefore, to find that there are those who have the secret of success in farming. We insert an article today, from the pen of Prof. H H Williams, of the State University, which is of peculiar interest. He visited the farm of Mr. J W Harrison, of Rowan, with rare pleasure to himself, and we hope of profit to ourselves.

Mr. Harrison has been long known as one of the most progressive farmers of the age, and it is a pleasure even to pass along and view his farm. Not that it is the prettiest one that we ever saw, but it has the marks of

systematic and scientific manipulation.

If anyone will cast about and see the difference in the modes of farming now and those of a generation ago and will see the methods of the thrifty class and their independent ways of living he cannot help seeing that farm life is keeping pace with progress in every science, and ere long we may expect to see that this too is a day of small things from which we are moving onward.

It was our pleasure only recently to note several examples of successful agricultural efforts, and we believe many more might be reported to great advantage. We solicit interesting items from our citizens, and we hope soon to offer some inducements in club rates to our former patrons.

### FARMING IS PROFITABLE.

Prof. H H Williams, of the University of North Carolina, Visits the Farm of Mr. J W Harrison.

I can almost hear my reader saying that there is no profitable farming, but he is in error. It is true a large number of farmers are not making money. There is a general depression. There is a steady movement away from the farm to the town. And the number of mortgages is increasing. "Everything in Florida is mortgaged," said a person to me. Indeed, the state of things is so distressing that I have set myself the task of studying the causes of the distress. My faith in the farm is not gone. I still believe in the pleasures and the profits of the farm. Homer sang of the beauty of waving fields of grain. And there is a charm about them still. With this faith in the farm and the fondness for the life, I have recently made a trip along the Southern Railway from Raleigh to Athens, Tenn., to gather such facts as I could. And in this letter I propose to describe what I saw on one farm.

The farm is near Salisbury in Rowan county. The owner is Mr. J W Harrison, of Mill Bridge, N. C.

The farm is now large—325 acres under tillage. When bought by Mr. Harrison several years ago it was "worn out." And he began the work with little capital, save his willing hands and active head.

Last year the gross sales from the farm were \$4,100. The expenses were \$1,900. The crops are corn, peas, wheat and clover.

Four hundred tons of corn ensilage were gathered from 17 acres; 4,000 bushels of corn from 100 acres and 900 bushels of wheat were raised.

Twelve hundred dollars worth of cattle were sold; \$1,400 worth of butter and \$300 worth of pork.

Anybody will see that here is good farming. And, of course, Mr. Harrison has a bank account. He has a son in the senior class at Davidson. And one feels the air of ease and prosperity before entering the house. Here is a farmer making money and ready to talk farming all day. In fact the feeling of Mr. Harrison for his farm was like that of a man for his brave and faithful horse bringing him in safety out of great danger. And I was not surprised to see that his boys were fond of the farm and expected to be farmers. Here is a real success. How was it achieved? Mr. Harrison has the following simple principles:

First, he keeps an accurate account of everything.

Second, he never asks of his land the same crop two years in succession.

Third, he feeds the product of his farm to stock.

Fourth, the manure from this

stock is carefully gathered each day and put under shelter.

Fifth, he studies his farm and reads all the best agricultural papers.

Mr. Harrison believes in the Jersey cow. He has a grand herd—nearly all bred by himself. He has a clear idea of what a cow should do at the pail and how she should look.

The money is in breeding good stock, he says. But, of course, a man must know what a good animal is. It is no trouble at all to waste money in stock.

Mr. Harrison likes a French coach stallion and a small Yorkshire hog. He has fine specimens of each.

Now I have given the facts as I saw them. Do you see the lesson? It is this: Put the same business methods into the farm that you do into any other business, and you will succeed. Don't buy your manure at a store; make it with cows. Don't ask the same thing of your farm all the time. Study the markets and use the railway. There is life in the old farm yet! It has relief for the tired brain; it has food for the exhausted nerves; it has the fresh air, the quiet hours, the calm, restful nights that will heal our feverish city life. H H WILLIAMS. Chapel Hill, N. C.

[Copied from Charlotte Observer, 10th].

### A Sure Sign.

"You want to keep quiet," said Johnny to his little sister. "There is company in the parlor."

"Who is it?"

"I don't know who it is, but I know there is company in the parlor, for I hear papa calling mamma 'My dear.'"—Texas Sifter.



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# D. J. Bostian.