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RETAIL DEPARTMENT.

#### NORTH CAROLINA GETTING BUSY WITH SOCIAL PROBLEMS

This is a Billionaire State in the Wealth Annually Created—166 Million Dollars are Invested in Liberty Bonds and W. S. S.

After two and a half centuries, North Carolina is getting busy with her problems of social well-being. Within the last four years we have enacted 35 public welfare laws, covering a wide range of social concerns. We have made greater progress in legislation of this sort than any other State in the South. In a particular or two we lead the Union, for instance in our State-wide system of mandatory county juvenile courts and wel-

fare boards, and in our free dental clinics for school children.

Nor have we stopped with mere legislation. We have been erecting public welfare machinery, State and county, and our newly created public welfare officials already number more than 600. They are county welfare superintendents, county welfare board members, juvenile court judges, juvenile court attaches, county public health boards, county school supervisors, town and county public health officers and public health nurses, child labor inspectors, and so on and so on.

Already they are discovering multifarious social needs of urgent sort. We need to keep wayward boys and girls out of our jails. We need to take the children, the epileptics and

the insane out our county homes.

We need juvenile detention homes in every county. We need greatly increased facilities for the 7,500 feeble-minded children of the State. The Jackson Training School needs to be greatly enlarged. We need at least three more reform schools for wayward boys and girls, one for negro children, and two more for white children. We need to plan for the Tiny Tims of the State far beyond the capacity of the Babington Home in Gaston county. We need county or county group hospitals, dispensaries and clinics, and they need to be built, equipped and staffed for service within the next few years. We need 100—not 23—county health departments. We need public health nurses—at least one to start with in each county, and more as rapidly as they can be found and salaried. We need to develop our child-placing agencies. Our jails and chain-gang camps need to be emptied of convicted misdemeanants, and a State farm established for them upon the Indiana plan. We need organized community life in our county regions. We need wholesome social recreation everywhere, and these needs call for community organizers and Red Cross home service secretaries. We need to inventory our social necessities comprehensively and accurately and to set ourselves definitely to the tasks of prevention as well as palliation.

We need trained social workers in North Carolina. We need them in multiplied hundreds. They need to have a comprehensive grasp of social subjects and competent skill in handling social situations. We need public health courses in schools of every grade and sort, and such instruction ought to be mandatory in all schools receiving State aid. We need a great social science school at the University, and a great summer term devoted to public welfare instruction for our public welfare workers.

So much for a hasty sketch of our social needs along which social progress in North Carolina needs to move forward. Our sons and daughters have prophesied, our young men have seen visions, and our old men have dreamed dreams of more abundant commonwealth life, and now it is pertinent to inquire whether or not North Carolina is rich enough to support these various welfare enterprises and activities.

As a matter of fact, is our wealth equal to the necessities of social well-being in North Carolina?

The answer is yes, and it is the only answer. North Carolina is not a poverty-stricken state, as we have long been accustomed to think, but a millionaire State, as we have suddenly discovered almost overnight—a billionaire State, not merely in the wealth we have accumulated, but a billionaire State in the wealth we annually create.

Look at the volume of primary wealth produced in North Carolina in 1919:

Crop wealth, \$683,000,000; Livestock and products, (estimated), \$100,000,000; Cotton seed, \$30,000,000; Firewood cut, \$25,000,000; Mines and Quarries, \$6,000,000; Fisheries, \$2,000,000; Manufactured products, added values, (estimated),

\$400,000,000; Lumber and Planing Mill products, \$150,000,000; Total, \$1,287,000,000.

This total is conservatively figured out of the reports of the Federal census of manufacturers, the internal revenue service, and the bureau of crop estimates, and we dare to say that it underestimates rather than overestimates the amazing total of primary wealth created in North Carolina in a single year—the year 1919.

Which is to say, in one year in North Carolina we create a greater volume of wealth than we have been willing to put on our tax books in 250 years—more by a half billion dollars. In 1912 the census bureau estimated the true wealth of North Carolina at two billion dollars.

Oh, yes, we are rich in North Carolina, as riches are counted in this and other Southern States. For instance, we have 166 million dollars invested in Liberty bonds and war stamps, and the interest money that comes into North Carolina year by year out of the Federal treasury is nearly equal to the total cost of our State government at present. We have one hundred millions of dollars in bank account savings in banks of all sorts; which is nearly a five-fold increase in four years. Within the last ten years we have invested 100 million dollars in automobiles, and we are now buying motor cars at the rate of \$100,000 a day, including Sundays. Our wealth in automobiles is three times the amount we have been willing to invest in church properties in two and half centuries. It is nearly four times the value of all school properties of every sort in North Carolina.

In 1919 we were rich enough to pay 191 million dollars in Federal taxes alone—and this in a single year. Fewer than 4,000 corporations paid more taxes into the Federal treasury in 1917 than all the taxes paid by all taxpayers in North Carolina for municipal, county and State purposes combined. A bare handful of our people in 1917—just twenty-three thousand of our two and a half million people—paid more money into our Federal treasury as taxes on personal incomes and excess profits alone than all the taxpayers of the State paid into our State treasury in taxes on real and personal property.

If 23 thousand people and 4,000 corporations in North Carolina are able to pay 23 million dollars into the Federal treasury alone, how much could the rest of our two and a half million people pay into our State treasury for schools and roads and public health purposes—that is to say, if only we were minded to do it. If only we really believed in education, health and highways?—Dr. E. C. Branson, University of North Carolina.

#### A Shrewd Estimate.

"Kinda queer thing happened in Squire Rambottom's court day before yesterday, related the landlord of the Putnam tavern. 'Constable Slackpooter arrested a feller for disorderly conduct and drug him before His Honor. And when he had related the charge and was giving the particulars the prisoner up and called him a double-deed liar.

"I don't take that off'n no man!" roared the constable, drawing his billy and making a jump at the prisoner. But he was mistaken about it, for the scoundrel jerked the billy away from him and knocked him down with it and then cracked the squire over the head when he tried to stop him, and run out of the room and made his escape. Still, I think prob'ly Slack was telling the truth, for it looks as if a gent who would cut a caper like that in a court of justice would be likely to indulge in disorderly conduct if he had sufficient provocation."

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