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State Museum is Indeed, a Curiosity

The state of North Carolina has a rare collection of school books which were printed here during the Civil War, the gem of which is,"A Geographical Reader for the Dixie Children." Here are some of its choicest bits: In a lesson devoted to the races of men, this appears : "The African or Negro race is found in Africa. They are slothful and vicious, but possess little cunning. The are very cruel to each other, and when they have war sell their prisoners to the white people for slaves. The slaves who are found in America are in much better condition. They are better fed, better clothed, and better instructed than in their native country. These people are descendants of Ham, the son of Noah, who was cursed because he did not treat his father with respect. It was told him he should serve his brethren forever. That would seem a hard sentence, but it is probably done to show other children how wicked it was to treat their parents so. We can not tell how they came to be black and to have wool on their heads."

The map of North Carolina is accompanied by a description which says: "After the people gained their independence in the Revolutionary War they were for many years prosperous and happy. In the meantime English and American ships went to Africa and brought away many of these poor heathen negroes and sold them for slaves. Some people said it was wrong and asked the King of England to stop it. He replied he knew it was wrong but the slave trade brought much money into his treasury and it should continue. But both countries did afterwards pass laws to stop this trade. In a few years the northern states, finding the climate too cold for the negroes to be profitable sold them to the people living further south. Then the northern states passed laws forbidding any person owning slaves on their borders. Then the northern people began to preach, lecture and write about the sin of slavery. The money for which they sold their slaves was now partly spent in trying to persuade the southern states to send their slaves back to Africa. When the territories were settled they were unwilling for any of them to become slave owners. This would soon have made the north much stronger than the south and many of the men said they would vote to free all the negroes in the country. The southern men tried to show them how unfair it would be, but still they kept on. In 1860 the abolitionists became strong enough to elect one of their men for president, Abraham Lincoln was a weak man and the south believed he would allow laws to be made which would deprive them of their rights. So the southern states seceded and elected Jefferson Davis for their president. This so enraged President Lincoln that he declared war and has exhausted nearly all the strength of the nation in a vain attempt to whip the south back into the

Geographical Reader" in Raleigh | lost and the earth has been drenched with blood, but still Abraham is unable to whip the rebels, as he calls the south. The south only asks to be let alone and divide the public property equally. It would have been wise in the north to have said to her southern sisters: "If you are not content to dwell with us longer, depart in peace. We will divide the inheritance with you and you may be a great nation. The United States possesses many ships, fine cities and towns, many railroads, steamboats, canals, manufactures, etc. The people are ingenious and enterprising and noted for their tact in driving a bargain. They are refined and intelligent on all subjects but that of negro slavery; on that they are mad."

> Of the Southern Confederacy the book says: "This country is well watered by large rivers and has many fine harbors. On some of these harbors are large cities, but the Confederate States possess few ships and her cities do not grow as fast as if there were more commerce. But we have reason to hope that in a few years we shall not fall behind any nation in commerce or ships to carry it on. This is a great country. The Yankees thought to starve us out when they sent their ships to guard our seaport towns, but we have learned to make many things; to do without many others; and above all to trust in the smiles of the God of Battles. We had few guns, little ammunition, and not much of anything but food, cotton and tobacco, but the people helped themselves and God helped the people. We were considered an indolent and weak people, but our enemies have found us strong, because we had justice on our side. The southern people are noted for being high-minded and courteous. A stranger seldom lacks friends in this country. Much of the field work is done by slaves. These are generally well used and often have as much pocket money as their mistresses. They are contented and happy and many of them are Christians. The sin of the South lies not in holding slaves, but they are sometimes mistreated. Let all the little boys and girls remember that the slaves are human and that God will hold them to account for treating them with injustice. The Southern Confederacy is at present a sad country, but president Davis is a good and wise man and many of the generals and other officers in the army are pious. Then there are many praying people in the land, so we may hope our cause will prosper. Then remember, little boys, when you re men never vote for a bad man to govern the country."

In the chapter on Virginia the book says regarding Richmond : "There is said to be much wickedness in the city." As to Norfolk it says: "This was the main seaport town and contained a fine navy yard, but the enemy has spoiled it very much. There are many planters in Virginia who own large numbers of slaves. These are generally well treated and are as happy a people as any under the sun. If they are sick master sends for the doc-Union. Thousands of lives have been tor; if the crop is short they are sure of