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Note and Comment.

Mr. Frank P. Baker of Wake Forest writes thanking us for publishing so good an agricultural paper as the N. C. FARMER. He says he does not see how he could get along without it and the seed we give as a premium are the best he has ever used. We appreciate the compliment.

The Agricultural Department proposes for the purpose of securing full crop reports from all over the State, to secure a capable correspondent in every township in every county, to whom blanks will be sent for reports which will be regularly published in the Agricultural Bulletin.

Messrs. W. Gibbons & Co., of West Chester, Pa. advertise Chester White, Berkshire and Poland-China pigs, also fine Setter Dogs, Scotch Collies, Fox Hounds and Beagles, Sheep and Poultry and will send circular and price list upon receipt of stamp. Read their advertisement.

We acknowledge the pleasure of a call from Hon. W. R. Williams, Master of the N. C. State Grange Patrons of Husbandry, Falkland, Pitt county, during his attendance upon the sessions of the State Board of Agriculture recently held in this city and of which he is a most worthy and efficient member.

We tender our thanks to J. A. Odell chairman committee of Arrangements, Thomas B. Keogh chairman committee of Invitation and C. D. Benbow, secretary, for an invitation to a celebration in commemoration of the Battle of Guilford Court House to take place on the battle ground May 5th, 1888 the anniversary of the Guilford Battle Ground Company and will endeavor to be present.

The raising of poultry for market is a profitable business, but one should have the best stock to realize the best results. Messrs. G. L. Hardison & Co., proprietors of the Neuse River Poultry Yards, Thurman, Craven county, N. C., advertise in this issue first-class poultry stock and eggs. They have a fine variety which they offer for sale. Write to them for terms, &c.

Do you want to know how to grow sweet potatoes? Mr. W. M. Ballard, Superintendent of Martin county Experimental farm, sends us his plan for growing sweet potatoes, for which we thank him, and invite the attention of our potato growers to it. Mr. Ballard is an experienced cultivator, and has been very successful in his crops, having raised 1100 bushels on two acres.

So far as we have seen, the Press of the State, as well as the farmers, most heartily endorse Commissioner Robinson in his work of organizing the farmers into Institute Clubs and establishing Experimental farms in the counties. Bro. Creecy of the "Economist," Elizabeth City, says "the County Experiment farms of Commissioner Robinson are popular wherever he has gone, and we trust they will give a new impetus to agriculture in North Carolina."

The agricultural press abroad speak in terms of highest compliment of our State Board of Agriculture and the success of Col. Jno. Robinson, the Commissioner, in organizing the farmers into Clubs and establishing Farmers' Institutes and Experimental farms in the counties. The "Rural Messenger" of Virginia, calls upon their State Agricultural Department to follow the pushing and progressive example of North Carolina. It does really seem that under our new Agricultural Commissioner were are getting ahead.

A brother editor writing to us upon the subject of organizing the farmers says: "I am really afraid that the farmers movement is gotten up in the interest of demagogues. They will be organized and then manipulated I fear by petty foggy shysters and adventurers. There is great need to have the farmers organized if it were done by proper sort of men to promote their real interest." To which we will say that no such fear need be apprehended by their organization into Institutes and Clubs by Col. Jno. Robinson the Commissioner of Agriculture who is really the State's constituted agent for this purpose and at no cost of large salaries and dues to the farmers.

The North Carolina Grange Encampment and Farmers Institute held last August at Mount Holly, Gaston county, was admitted by all, to be a grand success. It is proposed to hold another Encampment this year, and Hon. W. R. Williams, Master of the State Grange has written Capt. J. T. Patrick (whose labors last year made it so successful) to receive proposals from any town in North Carolina that desires the Encampment to be held near them. There are many places in our State where it would be a good paying business to the citizens to have the Encampment held. Raleigh from its central location and accessibility would be a very desirable point but it will go where the best proposal is made. All interested, should address Capt. Jno. T. Patrick, Com., of Immigration, Raleigh, N. C. See article on Grange Encampment page 5.