

THE CITY OF RALEIGH

THE CAPITAL OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Progressive and Prosperous, New Enterprises, New Buildings The Educational Center of the State.

The State Agricultural and Mechanical College; Three Female Seminaries; One Male Academy; Two Colleges for the Colored Race; Methodist and Roman Catholic Orphanages; State Institutions for the Blind and for Colored Blind Deaf Mutes, and the Largest and Probably the Best Graded Schools for Both Races, With a Total of Nearly 5,000 Students in Attendance; State Libraries; The Olivia Raney Free Public Library; State Agricultural Museum; Twenty-six Churches; Five Banks; Several Investment and Real Estate Companies; City Water and Sewerage; Gas and Electric Lighting; Electric Car Line; Three Large Cotton Factories; Two Knitting Mills; Tobacco Factory; Cigar Factory; Fertilizer Works; Cotton Seed and Oil Mill; Three Daily and Ten Weekly Papers. The City is on the Main Lines of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad and the Southern Railway, and is Within Fifteen Hours of New York and the Same from Florida. Raleigh Has More Miles of Paved Streets and Sidewalks Than Any City in the State.

Chamber of Commerce of Raleigh.

Officers:
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The following is the secretary's annual report:
The month of October, 1900, closes another year of great prosperity to the city of Raleigh, and also a year of successful work by the Chamber of Commerce, whose active members have given much valuable time and patient work to aid in the accomplishment of several important enterprises.

Among the important matters of the past year that demanded prompt attention and hard work and which have been accomplished are:

1. The collection of the subscriptions and payment for the property donated by our citizens for the Methodist Orphanage.
2. The presentation, through the Chamber of Commerce by the citizens, of a first-class granite pavement on the Mount-street side of the Baptist Female University.
3. The organization of the Melrose Knitting Mill, with capital of \$25,000, subscribed by our citizens, through the active exertions of the chamber. This mill has been completed and will soon give employment to labor.
4. The final success of the auditorium enterprise. The committees appointed by the chamber carefully canvassed the city and obtained funds for the purpose. The company has been organized and chartered, and architects are at work arranging plans for the building. The officers of the chamber feel that a vote of thanks is due to the committee for their arduous work, and to the citizens who subscribed the money for these objects.

The past year has witnessed the completion of many handsome residences and several notable buildings. The Olivia Raney Public Library is one of the handsomest and most expensive buildings in the city and State—a present to the city by one of our liberal-minded citizens. The Presbyterian Church, St. Peter's Church property of the colored Methodist Episcopal Church, the Hotel, the Home Insurance Building erected by the Vass estate, the Hospital at the Soldiers' Home, also the Carolina Ice Plant and Raleigh Telephone.

It is with great pleasure, especially to the old Members of the chamber, who have labored for years to this end, to be permitted to see the wonderful improvements to the streets and sidewalks of the city. In place of muddy streets and dilapidated sidewalks, we now have many miles of paved or macadamized streets and granite or brick sidewalks, with thousands of beautiful shade trees, all of which will be a permanent monument to the ability and energy of the present city Board of Aldermen.

Since our last report Raleigh has become the halfway station on the great through route from New York to Florida, being less than fifteen hours from each place. The climate, situated on the banks of the river, and the surroundings of the city offer the advantages of the entertainment of Northern visitors, and it should be one of the first duties of the chamber during the next year to aid in the organization of a hotel company that will bring the advantages offered by the city of Raleigh prominently before the traveling public.

The secretary appreciates the valuable assistance and co-operation of the various committees, without whose aid the present success could not have been reported, and, acting for the chamber, he extends thanks to the citizens for the prompt and liberal responses made to every appeal for financial aid.

GEORGE ALLEN,
Sec. Chamber of Commerce.

The Merchants' Association
Has just been organized and is intended to embrace every buyer and seller in the city. This is a timely organization and must result in good. For a number of years the Chamber of Commerce has been the working association and has exerted a large influence in the development and improvement of the city.

N. C. COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND MECHANIC ARTS

For two hundred years the South has educated her sons to be lawyers, doctors, preachers, teachers and politicians, to fit "the learned professions." The result is that these professions are overcrowded and ill-paid, and the South's material resources are undeveloped. There was practically no provision for industrial education in the South until the close of the Civil War. We sold raw material and imported everything made by skilled labor. With such a system the South was bound to be poor. But all this is now rapidly changing. The South is developing railroads, factories, mills, mines, &c., and is demanding skilled labor. Young men of the very best talent and energy are turning to industrial careers; and men of moderate ability sustained by character and industry, are securing in skilled trades and technical professions, rewards far beyond those obtainable in the learned professions. Even the average locomotive engineer is earning more money in North Carolina today than the average lawyer, doctor, preacher, teacher or politician.

Practical Education.
The young men of the South are fast realizing that they must educate themselves to make a living; that education in the South is no longer a polite accomplishment, to be had by gentlemen of wealth and leisure, but a very practical and valuable equipment for work. The chief impetus for work in the South today are industrial and not professional; opportunities for organizing and conducting great enterprises, manufacturing, commercial, mining, financial, transportation.

In Newport News, Virginia, a vacant square was sold recently for \$120,000. Fifty years ago it would not have brought \$1,200. The place now has 25,000 inhabitants with an industrial establishment earning over \$1,000,000 a day, with constant employment every working day in the year. The same thing is taking place all over the South. It has made Atlanta, Birmingham, Gastonia, Houston, Charlotte, Winston, Durham, High Point and scores of other thriving towns and cities.

Practical education is that which will fit our boys for the great work of industry. The result of it is to increase the fertility of our soil by employing the best methods of agriculture, to develop new agricultural industries, stock raising, fruit growing, trucking; to convert our forests into high priced furniture and finished building material; to quarry our granite and marble and turn them into finished products for building, for furniture and for ornament; to dig up our minerals and market them to the best advantage; to utilize the possibilities of our climate and scenery for health resorts; to develop our fisheries, to utilize our water-power, and in short to develop manufactures in every line demanding skilled labor.

A Lesson for New England
New England early learned the necessity of industrial education. It saw its inability to compete in agriculture with the more fertile soils of the Mississippi Valley and the great northwest. It established technological colleges and manual labor schools; and trained its boys to be wealthy producers. The result is that New England today is the richest portion of the continent, although naturally the poorest. If New England had remained purely agricultural and had clung to the same methods of culture, it would now be even poorer than North Carolina. But it early diverted from agriculture a large portion of its population, which sought employment in mining, commerce and manufactures. Thus cities and towns were built up, and local markets were created for fruits, poultry, eggs, butter, milk, meats, vegetables and other farm products that could not easily be shipped from the West. The result is that the New England land laborer today is as well paid as the New England mill hand; and the New England farmer has a ready market every day in the year, for all his produce, with good pay in cash. The same change is now beginning also in North Carolina; and the same results are being accomplished. Wherever we have built up cities, towns and manufacturing establishments, the farmers are more prosperous and their lands more valuable than in other more fertile portions of the State. The highest valuation of farm lands in our State, according to the Auditor's report, is not where the soil is most fertile naturally; not in Halifax, Hyde, Craven, Northampton, but in Wake, Durham, Gaston, Alamance, Mecklenburg and Buncombe, where a large proportion of the population is not engaged in producing food, but in buying and consuming.

Industrial Education in North Carolina
It is a remarkable fact that industrial education in North Carolina was begun, and is now mainly supported, by the Federal Government. We have been slow to learn the lesson of industrial education. The Yankee learned it long ago, and used it to get rich. He is now employing it to help the negro, having established for the benefit of that race two of the largest industrial schools on the continent; one at Hampton, Va., and one at Tuskegee, Ala. It is probable that the negro race in North Carolina and in the South generally, is now enjoying larger opportunities for industrial education than the white race.

Massive efforts have been made in various localities to promote the industrial education of the white race in North Carolina. Several of the city schools have introduced manual training and one or two private institutions have been established; but on the whole without success, and practically very little has been accomplished. It must be confessed that our legislators have not been fully appreciative either of the great opportunity now before North Carolina for industrial development, or of the necessity of industrial education in order to promote that development.

The College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts
The establishment of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts was a great step forward in industrial education. Land for the college campus and a suitable farm for agricultural instruction were donated by the State. R. S. Pullen, Esq., from the National Government, came to the interest in the Land Grant Fund under the original Morrill Act, and later, funds from the proceeds of the sale of public lands under the Supplemental Morrill Act, from the State of North Carolina, comes an annual appropriation of \$10,000 from the general fund in the treasury. With this scant equipment the college has grown from one building and five teachers in 1887, to twelve buildings, twenty-five teachers and three hundred students in 1900. It owns six hundred acres of land, of which twenty-three acres are devoted to horticultural experiments and instruction, one hundred acres to agricultural experiments and instruction, one hundred acres to pasturage, and the balance to forestry.

The College Offers a Thorough Liberal Education, Along with Practical and Technical Training
The leading purpose of the college is to furnish technical and practical education; to train farmers, mechanics, engineers, machinists, electricians, chemists, mail workers, manufacturers, stock raisers, fruit growers, truckers, dairymen, &c., &c. For this purpose it offers education both liberal and special, with such manual and technical training as is essential to skilled work. It fits young men to make a living, to produce wealth, to promote the industrial development of North Carolina.

Courses of Instruction
The college offers instruction in Full Courses, Short Courses and Special Courses.
The Full Courses require ordinarily four years for their completion, and lead to the Degrees of Bachelor of Agriculture and Bachelor of Engineering. Students who are prepared to enter advanced classes may complete a Full Course in less than four years. There is a combination of practical and theoretical work in each course, the total requirement being about thirty exercises a week while one-half is devoted to lectures and recitations, while the other half is given to practical work. Agricultural students do practical work mainly in the shops, barns, dairies, fields and greenhouses.

Textile Instruction
Is now being given in all branches. A full line of cotton machinery is being set up, and will soon be in operation.

Requisites for Admission
Applicants must be at least sixteen years of age, must bring certificates of character from the last school attended.

Free Tuition
Scholarships conferring free tuition and lodging are given to needy boys of talent and character. As far as possible these scholarships are distributed among the counties of the State. Many students pay their own expenses by doing various kinds of work. A limited number can earn from \$4 to \$10 a month. The college has dormitory accommodations for about 200 students. It is hoped that additional dormitories will soon be erected. It will be useless for students to apply who do not desire technical and manual training, or who are unwilling to submit to the regulation and discipline of the college.

Alumni of the A. & M. College.
The alumni of the A. & M. College are in great demand. Many of them are called away even before graduation to do work of great responsibility. Demands are made every year for three or four times as many graduates as the college can furnish.

Industrial enterprises in all lines, all over the South, are calling for skilled workmen and technically educated engineers, for machinists, electricians, architects, chemists, surveyors, mill superintendents, dairymen, farm superintendents, draughtsmen, civil engineers, miners, horticulturists, railroad superintendents, directors and managers of commercial enterprises, foremen in mills, factories and shops, etc.

In architecture prominent among the alumni are Charles Pearson and Thomas M. Ashe, deceased, recently Pearson & Ashe, Raleigh, N. C., H. E. Bonitz, Wilmington, N. C.

Among engineers, John I. Blount, Alabama Steel and Ship Building Company; Clyde B. Kendall, civil engineer, with the Seaboard Air Line; Teisaku Saghishata, engineer, Imperial Railway of Japan; Ira W. Barber, engineer, United States naval station, Port Royal, S. C.; George F. Syme, engineer, with Isthmian Canal Commission; C. L. Mann, engineer, Isthmian Canal Commission; O. W. Myers, civil engineer, of the Seaboard Air Line.

Among the chemists, Dr. G. S. Fraps, instructor in chemistry; R. G. Newboome, assistant chemist, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company; S. E. Asbury, assistant chemist State Agricultural Department; C. B. Williams, assistant chemist State Agricultural Department; H. W. Pranson, assistant chemist Alabama Steel and Ship Building Company; F. C. Lamb, assistant chemist State Department of Agriculture; W. A. Syme, instructor in chemistry; J. A. Bizzell, instructor in chemistry.

Among manufacturers, R. D. Patterson, with the American Tobacco Company; John M. Watson, with Salem Iron Works; David Clark, general manager and treasurer Ada Cotton Mills; William K. Davis, Jr., superintendent South Side Manufacturing Company; W. H. Harris, with the Draper Company, Hopdale, Mass.; M. C. Patterson, with Richmond Locomotive and Machine Works; C. G. Yarborough, with Westinghouse Electric Company; N. L. Gibson, with Sturck-Chamer Machine Company; W. H. Sanders, with Raleigh Electric Company; Lea Watson, with D. A. Tompkins Company; C. M. Pritchett, ditto; D. E. Asbury, with Newport News ship yards; S. H. Beck, ditto; A. R. Kennedy, ditto; W. D. Alexander, with Mecklenburg Iron Works; A. S. Lyon, with Weldon Electric Lighting Company; F. E. Sloan, with Weldon Milling Company; E. G. Person, with Odell Cotton Mill; E. M. Gibson, U. S. Dock yard, Port Royal, S. C.; W. J. Matthews, engineer for Eastern North Carolina Hospital; C. D. Sellers, engineer for the Altamaha Cotton Mills; L. T. Yarborough, with Southern Bell Telephone Company; C. M. Hughes, with Commercial and Farmers' Bank; Charles W. Gold, editor Dixie Dairyman and Dixie Farmer; business manager Wilson Times; A. H. Prince, superintendent State Experiment Farm; C. E. Clark, farm manager, Central Hospital; W. J. McLendon, Jr., with Lowell Machine Shop; T. J. Smithwick, engineer United States navy yard, Port Royal, S. C.; Bradley J. Wooten, lieutenant United States Army, Philippine Islands; A. A. Caboon, United States forestry division, Department of Agriculture; H. M. Curran, ditto.

Spirit of the College and its Mission
The spirit of the college and its mission are well indicated by the following extracts:

The Southern Farm Magazine says: "The world falls in raptures at the feet of military heroes, but it often takes scant notice of its greater heroes, of the men who evolve some same idea that upholds the race of the men who in the laboratory discover some principle or some process that revolutionizes some important industry, or of saving human life."
An institution which is able to graduate a young man inspired with such thoughts, demonstrates its practical value to the south and indicates the policy which should be pressed in the educational systems of this section. Ten residences in Mobile.

Schools.

THE A. AND M. COLLEGE FOR YOUNG MEN. PEACE INSTITUTE, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, AND ST. MARY'S, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND THE BAPTIST FEMALE UNIVERSITY. THE RALEIGH MALE ACADEMY. THREE LARGE PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR WHITE CHILDREN, WITH MODERN HEATING, VENTILATING, LIGHTING, AND SANITARY ARRANGEMENTS, ACCOMMODATING 1,500 PUPILS.

FOUR SUBURBAN GRADED SCHOOLS FOR WHITE CHILDREN. FOUR MODERN SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR COLORED CHILDREN. SHAW UNIVERSITY, AND ST. AUGUSTINE SCHOOL FOR COLORED PEOPLE.

Raleigh stands easily at the head of all other cities of the State, and along with the best cities of the South, in educational facilities.

The A. and M. College, and the great work it is doing for the young men of the State, as mentioned in another column, ranks with the best institutions of its kind in this country, and is favorable known in every State and in many foreign countries, having drawn students from Japan, Cuba and South and Central America, and having turned out graduates who rank with the men from any other institution.

Peace Institute, the Presbyterian College for young women, is a popular, well equipped, and thorough school, now entering upon its most prosperous year. St. Mary's the Episcopal College for young women, is one of the oldest and most widely and favorably known Women's College in the South, and is not only maintaining, but is constantly raising the high standard that has characterized the institution since the bell of the Old South were wont to finish their educations here.

The Baptist Female University, now just entering its second year, has taken its place among the leading institutions of the country, with an enrollment of nearly three hundred students.

These four colleges with their large and well trained corps of instructors, offer unexcelled facilities for the highest education of the youth in all these branches of art, literature, and science that tend to develop the latent resources of a State, embellish society, and overcome the unpleasantnesses of life's requirements.

These institutions help to make Raleigh an unequalled place of winter resort for Northern visitors, and of residence for her citizens. They are doing a great work, and are keeping right up to the front in all the modern, that is good in educational ideas; in equipment and sanitation as well as in teaching and training.

The public school facilities of Raleigh are of the best, and are constantly being added to. The old school buildings have recently been remodelled, renovated, and repaired, and modern systems of heating, ventilation, and sanitation installed. A large new building, a model of its kind, and modern in every respect, has just been completed. This has been named the "Wiley Building" in honor of the late Calvin Wiley—a former superintendent of public institutions.

This gives the city three large modern school buildings, conforming with all the requirements for thorough work, and provided with the most up-to-date and improved systems of forced air heating and ventilation, giving each pupil an abundant supply of constant moving fresh, pure, warm air, and surrounding him with every sanitary convenience and ample protection from exposure from bad weather, bad light, or bad air; in short, they are modern public schools.

In addition to these buildings, there are four smaller schools conducted in the suburbs for smaller children, giving them every advantage of the city schools practically at their doors, and saving them the long tramp to school in winter weather.

The Raleigh Male Academy Prof. Hugh Morrison, is one of the oldest and best institutions for generations. The young men of the city have been fitted for college. There are also four large and well equipped buildings for the colored children. Shaw University and St. Augustine colleges are also located here.

Work of Pearson & Ashe.
The following are some of the more prominent buildings designed by Pearson & Ashe, who were graduates of the Agricultural and Mechanical College:
The Carr Building, at Chapel Hill.
Fidelity Club Building, Mobile, Ala.
Ten residences in Mobile.
Wiley School Building, Raleigh.
Annex to State Agricultural Museum, N. C. Home Insane Building.
Horticultural Building, A. & M. College.
Hospital at Soldiers' Home.
Methodist Orphanage.
Three residences at Birmingham, Ala.
And a large number of private residences in Raleigh.

Material Development of Raleigh

This city has made greater advancement in general improvement and development during the past five years than in any previous period of her history. For many years the streets and sidewalks were a source of trouble and regret, and needed continued apology; but thanks to the wise action of the citizens in voting two issues of bonds, which, although bearing a low rate of interest, were sold at a handsome premium, and to the wise and persistent efforts of our city officials. We can now rejoice in having a larger number of miles of well paved streets and sidewalks than can be found at any other place in the State.

This is only as it should be—the citizens of the capital of a great commonwealth, owe it to themselves and to the State, that they should have the very best and the most handsome city in the State.

The location and surroundings of the city of Raleigh are all that could possibly be desired; nature has done much for the place; and now that the city has an excellent system of water-works and fire department, with ample street drainage and sewers connected with the electric railway, well equipped with summer and winter cars; an abundant supply of public-carriage, good macadam roads leading in every direction for about six miles, the largest and best gas works in the State for manufacture and delivery of illuminating and fuel gas, electric lights for public and private use; a large number of handsome churches with pulpits filled by able ministers. The largest and best of graded schools, The State Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Raleigh Male Academy, St. Mary's (Episcopal), Peace Institute (Presbyterian), and Baptist University, for higher education of young men and young ladies; the State libraries and museum; the Olivia Raney free public library, soon to be opened, and the handsomest library building in the State for manufacture and delivery of illuminating and fuel gas, electric lights for public and private use; a large number of handsome churches with pulpits filled by able ministers. 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