

Miscellaneous.

ALLIANCE LECTURE WORK IN THE EAST.

State Lecturer Bain Reports Progress in Martin and Beaufort Counties. I reached Robersonville, in Martin county, January 16th, and spent a week in lecture work among the farmers and brethren of the county.

On Friday, the 24th ult., I entered and began work in this, Beaufort county. Have since met twelve appointments that the brethren had made for me.

At the close of my lecture last Wednesday at Aurora the request was made that we hold a session at night for the reception of old and new members, which we did. The result was the receiving of 11 members, three of them by initiation.

I will go from here to Currituck county to engage in lecture work there.

"Some Things All of us Should Think About," written by Mr. D. L. Gore, in last week's PROGRESSIVE FARMER, is timely, interesting and instructive.

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WHY GOOD ROADS BENEFIT THE FARMER.

Financially speaking, good roads would be of no inconsiderable advantage to the farmer: 1st, the cost of road transportation will decrease at certain times of the year. 2d, There will be a wider choice of time to market the produce and a wider choice of market places.

But in the eyes of the agricultural people the arguments as to the great financial gains from stone roads are not founded on fact; the major arguments with the farmer to day are social questions. 1. Good roads will make possible the centralization of the rural school system which is now receiving attention with the farmer.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR MACADAM ON COUNTRY ROADS.

While for macadamizing purposes purposes on country roads burnt gumbo is not quite so durable as some of the best grades of rock, it has many advantages to offset this one shortcoming, slight as it is.

monly sufficient for good results; or ten inches in particularly places, where unusual conditions exist or traffic is especially heavy.

By selecting for improvement the heaviest parts of the road first, since the worst stretches are often caused by the very heavy material that makes the best grade of road-metal, and systematically working under intelligent guidance, five years would find every principal highway in a county as passable the year around as a paved city street, and at very little more cost than is now usually squandered on "working the roads."

With no more expenditure of money and effort than is now put on the country roads, ballasting with burnt clay would produce in a dozen years a system of highways equal to any of those for which France has so long been famous.

A burnt gumbo road is never muddy, for that property is lost in the burning. The surface of the road is hard and smooth. As a speedway for bicycles and automobiles it is ideal. For carriages and heavy wagons it has no superior. No vegetation can grow on it. It is practically free from dust, after the highway system has been well developed, so that mud is not brought in from the tributary roads.

THE TARIFF CRISIS IN CONGRESS.

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CORRECT TABLE OF RURAL SCHOOL LIBRARIES BY COUNTIES.

The writer had to leave the office before reading the proof of the article on rural school libraries published last week, and we notice that there were a few errors in it. Caswell county should have been credited with one library, Catawba with five.

Table listing counties and their respective rural school libraries. Includes entries for Alamance, Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Beaufort, Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, *Buncombe, *Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, *Camden, *Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Chatham, Cherokee, Chowan, *Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, *Currituck, *Dare, Davidson, *Davie, Duplin, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, *Graham, Greenville, Greene, Guilford, *Halifax, Harnett, *Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Hyde, Iredell, *Jackson, etc.

"Nothing to Compare With It." WHITESVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 5, '98. The Lawrence-Williams Co., Cleveland, O. I still use Gombault's Caustic Balsam and could not get along without it.

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