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## Farmers' Meetings in January.

Sixteen Institutes in Eastern North Carolina for Farmers and the Women From the Farm Homes.

Under the direction of Dr. Tait Butler, the State Department of Agriculture will hold Farmers' Institutes this month at the dates and places given below. Make your plans to go and get every progressive idea that will be presented. Institutes for the women will be held at the same times and places, except at Swan Quarter. The appointments are as follows:

Richland, Onslow Co., Jan. 14.  
Mayesville, Jones Co., Jan. 15.

Bayboro, Pamlico Co., Jan. 16.  
New Bern, Craven Co., Jan. 17.  
Williamston, Martin Co., Jan. 18.  
Plymouth, Washington Co., Jan. 20.  
Cresswell, Washington Co., Jan. 21.  
Columbia, Tyrrell Co., Jan. 22.  
Edenton, Chowan Co., Jan. 24.  
Hertford, Perquimans, Co., Jan. 25.  
Shiloh, Camden Co., Jan. 27.  
Moyock, Currituck Co., Jan. 28.  
Elizabeth City, Jan. 28.  
Aulander, Bertie Co., Jan. 30.  
Windsor, Bertie Co., Jan. 31.  
Swan Quarter, Hyde Co., Jan. 31.

## State Cotton Growers to Meet in Charlotte.

The Date is January 21-22—Invitations from Mecklenburg Cotton Association and From the Greater Charlotte Club.

The 1908 Convention of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association will be held in Charlotte, beginning January 21st and continuing for two days, closing on the night of January 22nd.

The invitation to meet in Charlotte came from the County Association of Mecklenburg and from the Greater Charlotte Club. The County Commissioners have tendered the use of the court room to the Convention and it is likely that a similar tender of its rooms will be made by Greater Charlotte Club. At a meeting of the

Executive Committee of the Cotton Association in Laurinburg, the Charlotte invitations were unanimously accepted.

Preparations have been undertaken both by the officers of the Association and by the representatives of the inviting bodies to make this 1908 meeting one of signal interest and importance. This being at the home-town of the president, C. C. Moore, it need not be said that he will leave nothing undone to make this meeting one of the greatest possible benefit to his fellow-farmers.

## The Farmer Who is Independent.

Messrs. Editors: The farmer who grows his own supplies can live at home these days while the panic storms pass by without even entering his gate.

Cheer up, farmers, all you that are feeling blue, just go and call on some real good farmer who has plenty of home grown supplies at his

house and watch him go right along, working, eating, feeding his animals on home stuff, and attending to his own affairs just the same as if a New York panic had not come to pass.

That is the kind of farmer that is worthy of the name, "Independent farmer."  
J. C. STRIBLING.  
Pendleton, S. C.

## Put Your Cotton Under Shelter.



Are you one of these foolish farmers who think that cotton buyers and cotton manufacturers have no more sense than to give as much for weather-damaged cotton as they do for dry, well-kept, and neatly handled lint? If so just read Charles Cotton Moore's article in the last issue of *The Progressive Farmer* and get your eyes open to the folly of your course.

Somebody—not the farmer—is coining gold out of this weather-damaged cotton—getting rich out of the farmer's neglect. The weather levies a mold, mildew, and water tax on the cotton of the careless farmer, and then the buyer comes along and doubles the tax so as to insure protection for himself. See how careful everybody is, except the cotton grower, to protect his own interests. Why, if the cotton farmer were as good a financier as the cotton buyer he would rather put his cotton bales under two shelters than to be subjected to such a tax!

When the weather-damaged cotton is offered for sale, the buyer, you know—as related by Mr. Moore—makes a guess at the damage, always guessing so as to protect himself from loss. For instance, if the buyer believes there is five pounds damage on a bale, he deducts 10 pounds or more; or if the damage is perhaps 20 pounds, he deducts 40 or 50 pounds. When a single buyer in a single season makes \$20,000 on the amounts thus deducted for weather-damage, it is easy to see what a reform is needed here. Scores and scores of thousands of our cotton farmers are working hard the whole year through to make their crop and then lose millions of profit by letting the bales lie out on the wet ground as if they were old cast-away grindstones!

Let's be done with such folly.