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Wabhimatog. N. C., Saturday, Jan. 1, 1898.
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The American Cotton Growers Protective Association recently in session at Memphis adopted the fol owing resolutions:
"The object of this association shall be to educate the cottongrowers of America as to their rights and duties and to devise ways and means for the improvement of their condition. In order to carry out the principles of the association we shall strive by the thorough organization of counties and to unite countles and to reduce the acreage of cotton each year to such a point as will insure a fair average price to every grower. This organiza tion will take no part in nationa), State or local politics ard will permit no persons to use it for personal advancement or purely political purposes.
This association shall aim above all things to teach the American cotton-grower
"First-To reduce the cost of the production of cotton
C"Second-To practice the principles of thrift and economy which shall enable him to escape debt and make his cotton a real money crop.
"Third-To make all his own supplies at home to the end that the crop when produced may be all his own.
"Fourth-To hold his crop each year until he can sell it to the best advantage.
"Fifth—To build factories for manufacturing cotton near the cotton fields, so that the South may receive the largest returns from each annual cotton crop, and that home markets may be built
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The above is good sense and if the cotton-growers will all anite earnestly and honestly in the furmer will be benefitted. We are glad to note these resolutions are in line with the stand We have taken ever since we have been editing the Messen-
wor-Gitzette. We have time and again maintained that the farmwhich he menefitted by rules ra hom than by laws which the Gunameut makes for him. Th bacl. we and sinew of the land, and we love to see them inter at in the daty of every farmer to ake part in political conven fons, to vote in every election the best men in office, to fram the laws by which the country is governed. But when any class of citizens organize them selves for the purpose of gettin special legislation which shal help them to make money at th expense of somebody else, the tre departing from the cardinal principles of true Democracy and will a!ways come short c the benefits anticipated.
And this is clearly the view taken by the American Cotton ©rowers' Association. This association sets out with the dec aration that it will take no part

State or local politics, and will permit no person to use it for personal advancement or politi he purposes. Yery good for the start: Having escheged that it will endeavor to organize the farmers into a movemen whose object is first to reduce the cost of production of cotton; second, to practice the princi ples of thrift and economy
third, to make their own third, to make their own sup-
plies at home; fourth, to hold their crops until they can sell to advantage; and fifth, to aid in the development of the cotton manufacturing industry.
We congratulate the farmers of the South upon this sensible movement, this healthy business like organization. If they but live up to the splendid resolutions which they have adopted, success will undoubtedly crow their efforts. And our best wishes go out to them.

A WORD ABOUT BUSINESS.
We trust those subscribers who have not yet paid up will now lose no time in doing so. This is the season of the year for closing up accounts, and we expect all who owe us to make prompt settlement. We have on have the commendable habit of settling without being urged, nd we want them to understand that our remarks do not apply to them. But we have the names of quite a number of others who with the cash, and we want these to know that we need the money and that they are expected to pay up at once. Many of these simply put off the matter, and do not appreciate the fact that a newspaper must have money to longer put off this important business.
o come to Washington you the money by money, send check or registered letter. Yo an have a letter registered at the fee for same or for money order from the amount due when remitting.
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