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Agriculture is the great art, which every Government ought to protect, every proprietor of lands to practice, and every inquirer into nature to improve.—JOHNSON.

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“FARMING A SCIENCE.”

It will be seen by a perusal of the following article from “The North-Carolina Farmer” of 1845 that we then earnestly endeavored to impress upon our farmers the importance of making themselves acquainted with the science of their art; the necessity of which was obvious from the disastrous effects of the blind and reckless system of culture which prevailed among them. A happy change has been wrought in the public mind since that day. The spirit of improvement has been aroused, and is now at work all over the State. Much, in some portions of it, has been accomplished; and we have reason to hope the work will be general and thorough. Every one is beginning to inquire what can be done to increase the products of his farm; every one is seeking to learn the experience of the skilful, the successful and the thrifty; every one is beginning to see that judicious agricultural papers, collecting and publishing what is solid & good in both theory & practice, are important and useful mediums of furnishing the information they desire; those who never read before are beginning to read, digest, and practice systematically what they learn; and every one that

thus reads finds in reading pleasure and profit that he never dreamed of before. But there is something yet lacking. Our farmers must mingle with each other more; there must be a more frequent interchange of opinions and sentiments among them; there must be concert and energy in their operations; and these things cannot be brought about without organization. County Clubs must be formed: to be interesting and profitable they must meet often; the members must be punctual in attending; they must relate their experience, discuss such measures as relate to their interest, and excite each other to labor to excel in all things connected with their pursuits: Let, then, the old county Societies which may have gone down, be revived; let new ones be established; let those who feel an interest in the cause, exert themselves every where in getting up and keeping up well organized societies in every county. Let them urge the importance of reading agricultural periodicals, of adopting agricultural improvements, and contributing something at every Fair to encourage and help forward the good work.

The following is the extract from the “The North-Carolina Farmer” referred to above.

Farming has been reduced to a science, and no one now, who has the ability to read and disposition to study, need go blindly to work in making experiments or improvements on his farm. Among those who do wisely avail themselves of its lights, the work of improvement is rapidly advancing; and none are lagging behind amidst scenes

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