

NORTH-CAROLINA: HER INSTITUTIONS, HER FARMERS,  
HER MECHANICS, HER MANUFACTURES, AND HER  
MARKET TOWNS.

## North Carolina Arator.

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THE officers of the Granville County Agricultural Society for the ensuing year are, Col. R. P. Taylor, Oxford, President; J. M. Bullock, W. A. Eaton, N. E. Canady, Dr. J. A. Russell, and Alexander Cooper, Vice Presidents; A. C. Harris, Henderson, Secretary; T. J. Blacknall, Treasurer; J. J. Wyche, Henderson, Corresponding Secretary.

We send a copy of this number of the Arator to the Secretary of each County Agricultural Society in the State, with whom we propose, as Secretary of the State Agricultural Society, and as the conductor of a periodical devoted exclusively to the agricultural and mechanical improvement of the State, to open a correspondence; and to every one who accedes to our proposition, we will send the paper one year gratis. We desire, in the first place, statistical information from all the counties in the State touching their staple and other productions; their value, amount produced to the acre, how much made to the hand per annum, modes of cultivation; what the progress of improvement among them—the amount of produce, stock, &c., raised among them now, as compared with that raised annually previously to the establishment of the State Agricultural Society; what effect the operations of that institution appear to exert upon the spirit and practice of the farmers and mechanics in their section of the State, and upon the face of the country around them. We desire to collect this highly desirable information for the use of the State Society and the benefit of the State at large. We want, in the second place, a list of the officers of each county Society, and an official account of their proceedings, for publication in the Arator, to give general information, and thus keep up a constant, profitable, interesting and pleasant communion of those who are engaged in the same great cause, from centre to circumference of the State. All this matter we shall expect the Secretary to furnish. We desire, in the third place, to stimulate our improving farmers and others, to write for our paper—to communicate their experience and knowledge, especially to beginners, who

are earnestly calling upon them for information; and how can they refuse them this small favor?

ORGANIZATION! ACTION! FREQUENT MEETINGS! FREE COMMUNICATION AND MUTUAL INTERCHANGE OF VIEWS AND OPINIONS! *are necessary to success.*

WESTERN CAROLINA—THE GARDEN SPOT OF THE UNION—ITS FRUITFULNESS: THE TREE POLICY OF THE STATE, TO GIVE IT COMMUNICATION AND INTERCOURSE WITH THE EAST.

We have always entertained the opinion that Western North Carolina possessed advantages for supporting a healthy, happy, dense and prosperous population, which could nowhere else be found on the continent; and we were among the first to advocate the policy of opening a great channel of communication between that magnificent portion of our domain and the generous East, as the first and only means of developing the vast resources of the whole, and elevating the entire State to the proud position among her sisters to which she is now rapidly advancing.

With a mild climate, fertile soil, abundant water power, rich and diversified scenery, numerous and valuable minerals, and under the government of the best system of laws in the world, nothing was wanting to make our great West an empire of herself, but an outlet to the markets of the world;—and true State policy required that this should be through *our own ports*. We heartily rejoice that this policy has been adopted, and that we are soon to see Rutherfordton and Asheville in the friendly and mutually happy embrace of Wilmington and Carolina City, and the abundant products of the teeming West passing through their hands to foreign markets. This will give rapid advancement to agricultural improvement. Every branch connected with husbandry will be introduced, and cannot fail to flourish, especially in the West. Not only a great superabundance of the grains, grasses, and root crops will be produced, but cattle, hogs, sheep, horses, and mules will be raised cheaply for market; hops, grapes, wine, and various fruits will be introduced and successfully cultivated, to augment individual wealth and swell our public revenues. The enterprising, skilful and industrious of other States who are looking out for bright and happy homes, and those of our own, who seek to improve their condition, would do well to look to Western North Carolina, and satisfy themselves of the superior advantages which she