

CHURCH HISTORY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

A very valuable and an exceedingly interesting volume from the press of Wm. L. DeRosset Jr., publisher, Wilmington, N. C. It is entitled "Sketches of Church History in North Carolina," and consists of addresses and papers prepared for the Joint Centennial Convention of the Episcopal Church which was held at Tarborough in May, 1890. A glance at its contents will convince any one of its merits, and it must prove of great interest not only to Episcopalians, but to members of other churches, and to every North Carolinian who loves the good old State of his birth or adoption. The papers, simply as literary productions, aside from their historic value are of great merit; they have been prepared with much care and labor by such men as Bishop Watson, Hon. A. M. Waddell, Hon. Kemp P. Battle, Rev. Dr. N. Colin Hughes, Rev. Joseph B. Cheshire, Jr., D. D., Rev. Jarvis Buxton, D. D., Rev. E. B. Drane, Rev. Francis J. Murdoch, S. T. D., Rev. M. M. Marshall, D. D., Rev. T. M. N. George, Rev. Wm. S. Pettigrew; the mere mention of whose names is a sufficient guarantee of their exceeding excellence.

The churchman will find in this book a history of the trials of the church in early times, its struggles, its despondency and finally its glorious triumph. As a contribution to the history of the State, from its pages you will learn what manner of men they were in the olden days who settled this fair portion of the earth and brought order out of chaos. It is a work to make one feel proud of North Carolina and her people, and fills a gap in her history that has been too long left open, besides pointing out errors of other writers. A rare literary and historic treat, and we commend it to our people with the assurance that they cannot be otherwise than delighted with its contents.

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THE DUTCH ARE TRYING TO TAKE AMSTERDAM.

Two or three of the plutocratic journals of the most pronounced type in this State seem to be shaking in their skins for fear the people will capture the Democratic party. They are blowing their horns long and loud with a trembling sound and a fainting requiem. "We cannot trust the people to say what Democracy is," say they. "We must have a test." All along they have been persuading people to believe they were for the people, their party was the people's party, and lo and behold the people are taking them at their word and propose to come in and make one among them, and they say no sir, not unless you take a test and promise to make no propositions but what have been previously fixed upon by the machine. This they call "true Democracy." If this is true Democracy give us false Democracy.

Say they, "Lord deliver us from the people." If the committee had the backbone they would prescribe a test to work. Why don't the committee get in? Thirty days only left us. Postpone the convention, oh! ye committee! Postpone. What shall we do? The Dutch are coming—even unto Amsterdam. Set guards. Set guards. Set guards. The people are coming. Set Help. Help. Oh help! How often people warned the committee of the part in these conventions, but duffers they have let matters run on not dreaming of the enemy. Now the enemy, the people, we are afraid will have something to say in these conventions. If they do all is lost. I sink in despair. My gaul melts. Oh me. My bowels gush out and are split on the ground. The enemy comes. He comes with the sword of justice. He comes with the baton of power, the ballot. He comes with the thundering tramp of millions pressing on to victory. Come Caldwell and divert the strong arm of the enemy. Smith, speak, let your voice be heard. Send warning all down the plutocratic line. Put every plutocrat on guard. Awake ye mighty men. Asleep? Yes, asleep in the very midst of the enemy. The people's will is our desolation.

To these two or three plutocratic editors who are thus quaking in their boots we would say, peace, be still. Let the will of the people be done. Vox populi vox Dei. We would ask them if they now intend to reject what was done by the Democracy in 1890 in the convention and in the Legislature following, and are going to repudiate and expunge the record? If so, you will tear from the fair forehead of Democracy the evergreen laurel and write there in black, damnable ink the character Hypocrite. These are the enemies whom Democracy has to fear—these tools of plutocracy. She need not fear the common people. So let the people take charge of every primary, every county convention and the State convention and rescue Democracy from the hands of the plutocrats.

Where the people go Democracy goes, the rest is plutocracy. All those who are fighting against the voice of the people are plutocrats. If you wish to form a party of your own, don't steal our name which you could not cover with ignominy. Assume the name plutocrat and be honest at least in the name you bear.

The fight is on. The contest has begun. The people on one side and the plutocracy on the other. Many are going about to deceive and to plunder the people. The plutocracy has only one plank in the "win." This is all they'll have—the word "win." They have the people under subjection. They have laws of slavery robbing them every day. They want no change. They only want office. Two gigantic plutocratic armies contending at their spoils. The people prostrate at their feet, deceived, stripped and plundered. The only issue, "How can we win?"

To the people we would say, arise in your might and power and shake off the tyrants—rise like a lion from his lair, pronounce your demands in every State and the place which knows these hypocritical tools will know them no more. You have the power. Stand together and the earth will tremble. Hill is to come to Charlotte. Three fair daughters of the State are to accompany him as escort. They are the daughters of bankers. Hill pleases the bankers. This is enough. Cleveland had a baby. All should vote for the baby. These are the mighty arguments of the plutocracy. The struggle for the people's rights has just commenced. Let the people stand together, vote together and live together. Let the plutocracy all stand together, vote together and live together. The plutocracy only has strength by deceiving and using the people. Harken not to the voice of one of their hirelings. They have men of splendid talent. So have all tyranny. They have conscientious, honorable men. So had Caesar, Borgia and Mahomet. Come out from among them that you be not partaker of their sins. They are deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Let the people once again form their own politics and purify the nation.

W. R. LINDSAY.

RESOLUTIONS.

ANTIOCH ALLIANCE, Person Co. MR. EDITOR:—As you have never heard a word from Antioch Alliance, No. 672, Person county, I will give you some resolutions passed Saturday, April 2d, 1892. At our regular meeting the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the measure presented and bill endorsed in Congress by our Representative, Hon. A. H. A. Williams, calling for the free coinage of silver and free exports and imports of certain articles of agriculture.

2. We will support no man for office who oppose our demands or is in any way antagonistic to our Order.

3. We are heartily in accord with the move for low tariff, but do not think that alone will give the relief needed by the farmers and laborers.

4. We are in favor of abolishing national banks and establishing in their stead State banks.

5. We ask our representatives in both Senate and House of Congress to do their best to have the U. S. bond holder taxed on his bonds as other property.

6. That we endorse our National President, Hon. L. L. Polk, so long as he stands firm as he now stands on the Ocala platform, which we think will be as long as there is any hope from his past record. We most heartily endorse that record and condemn the action of the partisan press in their slanderous attacks on him, both officially and in his private life, and we take it as an insult to every Alliance man, for it is impossible to attack the head of our great Order without its being felt by every true member of that Order.

7. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our State Alliance, THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, and Person County Courier for publication.

W. A. BATES, Pres't.

N. W. GORDON, Lecturer.

AN ADDRESS

Delivered Before Aurora Alliance Recently

Allow me to call attention to a few facts, which I doubt not will, or have already, made themselves sufficiently plain. This is to be a crucial or test year for us as an organization as farmers, as individuals and possibly for this Republic. In view of this, then it behooves us as members of the Alliance, as farmers and even as citizens of this grand Republic, to be wide awake. And there is no method of reform so promising, let me say, as that which kept the streets of Jerusalem clean—every man swept before his own door.

It has been well said that "charity begins at home, but does not end there." So let us in this work of reform begin at home. Let us begin at home by studying our farming methods, avoiding those systems which have been the means of robbing our lands of their natural fertility, and awake to the fact that in this way of railroads we must necessarily compete with the rich lands and improved machinery of the North and West, and even the pauper labor of the Old World. The Germans have a proverb which reads thus: No grass, no stock; no stock, no manure; no manure, no good crops; no good crops, no money, no anything.

Let us by all means stop this gambling in fertilizers; buying at a risk, putting on poor land at a risk, then running the risk of a drought to be able to pay for it. Let us raise our own bread and meat at home, our own sorghum and ensilage, or something that will make cows give milk; our own tobacco, if we must have the weed, and everything else necessary, or something readily exchangeable for it. Then we won't need six cent cotton to pay a big bill for these articles. Let us begin at home by educating our members (and others, too) upon the great economical questions of the day. I would suggest that some good person (not necessarily a member) be appointed to take charge of the educational exercises in the Economist. As to politics, let us keep in the middle of the road. Be careful about committing ourselves to any party. Remember parties belong to us, not we to them, and that we have no further use for a party when it ceases to mean government of the people, by the people and for the people. Let us put our foot on the platform of the people as set forth in the Ocala demands. Lose no time in getting the other foot there and then stand till doomsday or till something better is presented. And lastly but by no means least, "grant honesty of purpose and good intentions to all," so far as is consistent with truth.

Fraternally,

HENRY H. JORDAN, Lecturer.

BROS. MEWBORNE AND HOOVER IN WILSON COUNTY.

MEMESVILLE, N. C. MR. EDITOR:—As I do not often see anything in THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER from this section, I will attempt to give you some idea of what we are doing. Our Alliance, No. 468, is on a solid foundation, though we are few in number. We are banded together as a unit for the good of the people.

Bro. Mewborne, District Lecturer, and Bro. J. T. B. Hoover, our enthusiastic County Lecturer for Wilson county, was with us March 15th, and both made good speeches in behalf of the grandest organization that has ever been organized in America.

Bro. Mewborne spoke first and showed up very clearly the difference in the condition of the farmer to day and a few years back, and told what he believed to be a remedy. He made a good impression on all classes, both in and out of the Alliance. After Bro. Mewborne closed his remarks, the crowd took a short intermission, which was used, we hope, in an enjoyable manner to all present.

After dinner Bro. Hoover, in his usual earnest manner, entertained the audience for a short time. And just here we would like to say that Bro. Hoover is soon to make a lecture tour in the western part of the State, and for those whose pleasure it may be to hear him, a grand treat is in store, and we hope he may have the large number of hearers he so richly deserves.

After Bro. Hoover was through speaking, the Alliance was called to order and a vote of thanks was tendered the speakers for their presence and work.

It was a day pleasantly, and we believe profitably spent by all who were so fortunate as to attend.

Much success to the Alliance and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Fraternally,

R. T. BARNES, Pres't.

HELP WANTED.

BRICK CHURCH, Guilford Co., N. C.

The members present (at our last meeting) do unanimously resolve to help Bro. F. Z. Clapp by donation to be at least partially restored, he having sustained a very heavy loss of about \$2,500 by fire, his dwelling house, with a great portion of its contents. Also one other good house entirely consumed by fire and a good portion of its contents—articles too tedious to mention—and nearly one hundred bushels of grain. And we do hereby ask all other Sub Alliances to aid in the restoration of the said suffering Bro. F. Z. Clapp. The money may be sent to Bro. J. F. R. Clapp, Brick Church, Guilford county, N. C.

J. F. R. CLAPP, Trustee.

J. F. HUFFMAN, Sec'y.

LETTER FROM FRANKLIN CO.

MR. EDITOR:—At a recent meeting of Cedar Rock Sub-Alliance, No. 294, I was (reluctantly, however, on my part) elected corresponding secretary of said Lodge, and it is now for the first time, that a small space in your paper to be occupied by a few words from a Lodge which has been silent for sometime.

Our brave little boat was launched upon the mighty river of reform in January, 1888, with a crew of five honey-handed sons of toil who managed to steer her properly until many others who were standing on the river's banks waiting to join the crew, were admitted. To day we have a membership of fifty six, including twenty of the noble-hearted fair sex, who have proven the very essence of our success. Surely they are the purest, noblest pieces of God's own handiwork, and no cause will ever drag which has their sympathies.

There are many things connected with political economy which I cannot understand, but I do understand that the wealth producers of the land are being robbed to make millionaires out of the few and paupers out of the many. I understand too that through the Ocala platform glimmers the light of our only hope for the future. The question is, will the toiling masses look to their own interests, use their own brains, ask the omnipotent Creator for assistance, and vote according to their own honest convictions, or will they allow cross road editors to do their thinking, teach them to support moss back politicians, and work a little harder, and success will surely perch upon their banners. I have a great deal of commiseration for a man who will sell himself a slave rather than be sneered at by some one who thinks a great deal more of his dollar than he does of him. I say,

Better be met with sneers and proud disdain of those in their conceit so very wise, Than bear upon the soul the guilty stain of bartering right for wrong, and truth for lies.

J. T. INSCOE, Cor. Sec'y.

LETTER FROM YADKIN COUNTY.

PANTHER CREEK, N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—At a meeting of West Bend Alliance, No. 2,170, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to support and defend the platform adopted by the great labor conference at St. Louis.

2. That we will not vote for any man or party who will not pledge themselves to stand by the demands of said conference.

3. That we join others of our sister Alliances in congratulating the 10th Georgia district for their able representative, the Hon. T. B. Watson, in defense of the rights of the people.

4. That we denounce all yelling brigades or bulldozing spirit as manifested at Statesville by some of the old partyites and believe such conduct should be ignored by all respectable and law abiding people.

We rejoice to know that the reform movement is booming all over the country. People are realizing there is a storm ahead, and crying "what shall we do to be saved?" Backsliders and soreheads are coming back to the Alliance and there seems to be a grand up-

rising all along the line. Country merchants and people not eligible to membership in the Order are denouncing bossism and tell us when voting time comes they will be right along with us. Let the good work go on, read reform papers and hand them to your neighbors who take no papers and if they can't read them for them, diffuse the light, teach them their duty to their families and their country.

We can see every day more plainly that the old parties are bought and controlled by the money power. All measures of relief for the laboring people are defeated, and like a boa constrictor they are tightening their coils around us and telling us by their actions that we are to dance when they whistle and that we are to be hewers of wood and drawers of water while they revel in luxury at our expense.

Now brethren, to your posts, quit you like men, be strong, and do not allow yourselves to be incensed by "nigger" or anything else that may be said, because lying and slander will be the watchword of the bosses to cause disruption in the great army of reform. To your tents, O Israel, and the victory will be ours. L. J. S.

RESOLUTIONS OF MILL CREEK ALLIANCE, NO. 742.

HARPER'S, N. C. WHEREAS, Just before the death, a few months ago, of our worthy brother, Thos. W. Weaver, he had the misfortune of losing a fine horse, worth at least one hundred dollars. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we hereby respectfully and fervently request each Sub-Alliance in North Carolina to contribute 25 cents for the widow of our deceased brother, who is in needy circumstances, and forward the same to Bro. J. A. Barbee, Secretary of Mill Creek Alliance, No. 742, Harper's, N. C.

2. That this resolution be sent to our County and State Presidents for their signatures, then to our State Secretary with the request that it be published.

W. N. ROSE, JR.,

W. W. COLE,

Committee.

H. C. WILLIAMS, Pres't.

W. R. CREECH,

Pres't. Johnston Co. Alliance.

W. S. BARNES,

Sec. Treas. N. C. F. S. A.

LETTER FROM GEORGIA.

The Fight is on and the People in.

MR. EDITOR:—Class legislation, lack of sincerity in principles, and stability of purpose, pandering to the will of Wall Street, ignoring the memorials and prayers of the commoner for relief, denouncing them "Calamity Howlers" and denouncing them as the irrepressible rabble, all this and more brought on the conflict; the irrepressible conflict. There is a point beyond which patience ceases to be a virtue and forbearance becomes crime.

The dominant parties have sown the wind, to reap the whirlwind, and no one save themselves are responsible for the harvest. The Republican party has been assigned by its constituents and condemned. The Democratic party has been impudently to act the part of the patriot, and statesman and introduce measures for the relief of the people from the evil effects of the maladministration of the Democratic party for the last thirty years. They cited the hoary age of the Democratic platform, and asked their constituents to have patience and give them a chance. They were given the coveted opportunity by 154 majority in the House to only prove their insincerity on the Silver issue, and this tissue machine spins the rope for suicide, and they were condemned by their own tribunal.

I can inform the unbelieving that the commoner from Washington to Florida, and from Maine to California are a unit in sentiment if not in organization, and that all have the same charges against their exponents. Consult the Congressional Record for the past twenty years on the speeches and dialogues as they occurred on the floor, and one is tempted to decide that the dominant principle in national legislation is party opposition to party, and this idea is strengthened by the pairing of members for the entire session, such acts are a part of national legislation. All of the foregoing impress the people that there are members of the legislative body who have already served beyond their days of usefulness.

GEORGIA BOB.

POVERTY.

SKILL, Moore Co., N. C.

MR. EDITOR:—It is an inevitable fact that a large portion of our cotton growers are now living on corn bread and water. "He that does not work should not eat," but he that does work should eat. The puffed and exalted shall be abased, and pride brought low, or the poor will be devoured from the face of the earth." "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." So be that hath ears to hear let him hear." Trust in the demands of God and stick together; be a unit on his demands.

JOS. C. BRITT.

SWEET HOME ALLIANCE, NO. 1769.

IREDELL COUNTY.

MR. EDITOR:—Whereas under the present system of government the public are deprived of the privilege of enjoying the fruits of their labor, land and money rapidly concentrating into the hands of the few, therefore be it

Resolved 1. By Sweet Home Alliance in meeting assembled, this 2nd day of April, 1892, that we pledge ourselves to support and defend the platform of demands adopted by the great labor conference at St. Louis, Feb. 22d 1892.

2. That we will not vote for any man or men who will not pledge themselves to stand unflinchingly by the demands of said conference and the Ocala platform.

M. GUY, Pres.

E. L. SLOAN, Sec'y.

REDUCTION OF TAXES.

Resolutions Offered by J. J. Penny and Passed by the Wake County Alliance at its Regular Meeting Held at Apex, April 4, 1892.

In view of the great distress of the people of this American Nation with greater privation and distress imminent in the near future, without the faintest hope from our present Congress, it is not only deemed wise and expedient, but absolutely necessary, to cut down all salaries and fees of officials from President of the United States to common constable to from 25 to 50 per cent. of the present pay, and in every other channel possible curtail all government expenses, so as to enable our already impoverished people to meet and bear an enormous taxation somewhat easier until relief may be obtained. Therefore

Resolved, That all salaries and fees be cut down from 25 to 50 per cent., both Federal and State, and that all members of legislature and Congress to be elected this year be elected upon that amendment to the Ocala demands with instructions to carry out to the letter.

2. That in carrying out this demand we not only secure great reduction of taxation to the people, but a purer and more unselfish, commendable patriotism in our representatives and officeholders, without which no nation or people can long survive.

3. That these resolutions and demands be sent to the district and State meetings for ratification and adoption.

4. That they be forwarded to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and National Economist with request to publish and all reform papers to copy.

SOUND THE ALARM.

MR. EDITOR:—It is necessary, some times, to sound the alarm. In war times one man to stand guard and sound the alarm at the approach of the enemy, is worth more than one hundred men asleep. I remember very well when our husbands and friends walked the picket lines from dark till daylight to protect their homes and families, and we slept peacefully because we knew that they would be awake and sound the alarm if the enemy came, and now will our good men be less brave when their wives, children and sweethearts are calling them to come to the front and sound the alarm and drive starvation from our doors? I think not. Because the wolf is at every farmer's door, there has been much good accomplished by sounding the alarm. When Joshua took the great city of Jericho he simply did it by going around the city and sounding the alarm, as God commanded him to do, and the walls fell down and the enemy was conquered. Now I hope this Alliance will not be like the Methodist preacher who joined the Baptist church, but said he could not get the doctrine of falling from grace out of his sermons, so he had to return to his first love.

And now in conclusion I do think the members of this Alliance should sound the alarm, or at least come out and by their presence help the men to sound it more vigorously.

MRS. S. E. BUCKNER.

CHATHAM COUNTY RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the members of Riggbee's Store Alliance, No. 369, believe we have in our President, Col. L. L. Polk, a wise, prudent and patriotic leader.

2. That we heartily condemn persons and press who have maliciously misrepresented the aims and purposes of the Alliance.

3. We will not support any man for office who does not endorse the demands as set forth in the Ocala convention.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Chatham Record and THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER with request to publish.

S. L. HERNDON, Pres't.

E. J. RIGGSBEE, Sec'y.

APEX, ALLIANCE, NO. 23, Wake Co., N. C.

WHEREAS, The old political machines have made every possible effort to belie and slander our Order, and our leaders, especially our own able and patriotic President, Col. Polk.

Resolved, That we will stand by Col. Polk so long as he stands for the right as he has ever done.

2. That we heartily endorse the principles set forth at Ocala and re-stated at the recent St. Louis Conference.

3. That "dog days" are past, and it is time for men to come to the front; that if there are those who still will cling to their masters, we declare ourselves no longer slaves to bosses or parties, but that we will pray for the fear or favor, let the consequences be what they may.

J. M. WHITE, Sec'y.

WATCHMAN! WHAT OF THE HOUR?

MR. EDITOR:—For four long months the masses have been waiting for the watchman to tell them some good news from Congress that would relieve them from the burdens of oppression. Yet they still cry, "Watchman, what of the hour?" What a delusion; he is in mid ocean aboard of two ships at the same time with only one compass, and each ship going in a different direction. Wait for him no longer, as he is off duty. Open your eyes and ears, look at the silver bill, the tariff bill, both done for. Who did it? Go to the plutocrats of the East. Who are they? Republicans and Democrats lying down together, ask them. Yet there are a few of these bosses with the facts before them, in perfect repose will tell you to wait; wait until the Democratic party gets in power and it will give the necessary relief.

Now, what are the facts? Did not Randall carry off forty Democratic

votes in favor of protective tariff? Did not the silver bill? Did not John Sherman say some Democrats helped to introduce a bill to establish State banks. How in the name of common sense can any sane man look for relief? Ye toilers of these United States, how much longer can your patience last? The gold bug papers tell you this silver bill will kill the party. Congress tells you it will ruin the country, drive out gold, upset business. What a pity they did not hold a caucus and agree to tell the same story so they could fool the dear people.

One word to the leaders. This election on your part in refusing to help the masses will drive thousands out of the party, and since pooling of issues in the game for winning the dear people propose to take a hand at pooling. You need not be surprised at anything that may turn up, and watchman, do not watchman there are breakers ahead. HAYSEIDER.

THE CALLING OF POLITICAL CONVENTIONS AND THEIR PRESCRIBED DUTIES.

The partisan press are ominously silent now, but their guns are not spiked. They are forming possibly for their last stand. I notice that an attempt will be made to nominate electors and delegates to the Chicago Convention in the Congressional Conventions. Has this been the custom, and if there is a change why is it made now? Electors represent the whole State and must be voted for by the people of the whole State. Why should the people in one district dictate any nominee for the office of elector? The plan heretofore in vogue has been for the delegates at the State Convention from a given district to meet together and suggest an elector from that district, which suggestion was subject to the endorsement of the State Convention. But now perhaps there is an understanding to make the suggestion of such delegates (or of a Congressional Convention) binding on the conscience of the State Convention.

The call for the Congressional Convention of the Fifth district is on the 17th of May. If it is thought that this convention has authority to make binding suggestions of electors and delegates to Chicago, it will furnish an additional incentive to the friends of reform to attend the said convention in a body. The best thinkers in this State now are against sending any delegates to Chicago at all this year, and it would not be well to forestall their action before we see what that action will be.

W. J. PEELE.

AN APPEAL.

MR. EDITOR:—We, the undersigned, have been appointed a committee by Iona Alliance, No. 4, in behalf of Bro. Solomon Willoughby. He lost his only mule, which was worth \$75, and is a poor man with no means to replace his loss. Iona Alliance has responded to many similar appeals, and as this is the first time it has been our duty to ask for aid in the State we will all the Sub-Alliances for this worthy brother. Send all contributions to J. P. Thompson, Lum Mitchell, A. G. PRICE, J. S. THOMPSON, J. P. Thompson, Committee.

GRANVILLE COUNTY LETTER.

MR. EDITOR:—As we consider it important to make known our views relative to the depressed condition of farmers and laborers, we are Ridge-way Alliance, No. 132, in regular session on the second day of this month, unanimously resolved, That we would support principle and not party, and would not vote for any man, whether Republican or Democrat, who would not pledge to fully support the platform of the different labor unions as matured by the representatives of the different States at St. Louis, Mo., on the 22nd day of February last, or something that will bring about the same results. We will discard all side issues and contend earnestly for measures that will reform our depressed and rotten financial condition (land and conveyance and equitable taxation) the most reliable action to succeed is the all-important issue at this time. We would advise all good Alliance men first to learn from God, the bestower of all good and perfect blessings. Be sure you are right, then go on with all your influence in that way. Be vigilant in union, use all honest means in bringing all the rank and file in line. If we succeed in this, victory will crown our efforts.

M. VEAZEY, Sec'y.

MAYHO ALLIANCE, No. 2,096, Rockingham Co., N. C.

WHEREAS, By the formation of the American Tobacco Company our bright tobacco has been reduced one half or two thirds its former value; and whereas, said company has offered the merchants throughout the country premiums if they will handle the goods of said company, exclusive of all others; therefore

Resolved, By this Alliance, that we request the merchants of Madison and Statesville, N. C., not to handle any goods of the American Tobacco Company.

2. That we will withhold our patronage from any merchant who fails to comply with the above request.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and the Madison News for publication.

M. L. CASE, Pres't.

R. R. SUTTENFIELD, Sec'y.

We, the undersigned merchants of Madison county do hereby agree to comply with the above request.

(Signed) T. A. Williams, Jas. M. Vaughn, Apple H. Nelson, Webster H. Busick, Jesse Carter, H. H. Griffin, Smith H. Wall, Allen C. R. Store, Pratt Bros. Statesville, N. C., N. S. Smith, W. Roberts, Statesville, J. H. Gleason.