

**BRO. CATES AND HIS LECTURING TOUR.**

**What He Saw and Did in Johnston, Cumberland, Sampson and Wayne Counties.**

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

On the morning of the 7th inst., this writer boarded the train at Mebane bound for Selma, at which place we were met by Bro. W. A. T. Durham, a prosperous and well-to-do farmer of Johnston County, and was carried over to Smithfield, some four miles away. This is a beautiful and thriving town, of which much might be said in praise.

We found many of the good people (farmers) gathered there, some to attend the County Farmers' Alliance, and some on the tobacco market. About 12 o'clock, noon, a number gathered in the court house for the purpose of hearing a lecture by this correspondent.

After being introduced in a nice little speech by Brother Durham, we proceeded to make a few scattering remarks, after which some of the ex-members stated that at heart they were for the Alliance and wanted to rejoin.

After being served to a good dinner, we moved off toward Wade, in Cumberland County. There we were met by our much-esteemed friend and State Lecturer, J. C. Bain, who conveyed us over to his splendid home to spend the night most pleasantly. The next day we met a host of Cumberland's good people at McMillan's Chapel. Here we had a splendid day, and reasons to believe that much good was done for our cause. After talking to these good people for one hour, we were invited to gather in the grove with long tables groaning under the burden of good things to eat, such as would have done honor to Delmonico.

From here we were carried by Brother Levander Howard, some sixteen or eighteen miles across the country to the growing town of Salemburg. Here, like Isaac, we went among our mother's people and were anxious to claim kin. And, by the way, we found in Salemburg one of the most flourishing and prosperous schools in the State presided over by Prof. Edwards, with perhaps 150 boys and girls representing, I think, twenty-six counties. Here at night we made a short talk to these boys on "How to Make Men."

On the morning of the 9th, the farmers began to gather from all parts of the county. Prof. Edwards kindly tendered the use of his best hall, which was packed full of the good people of Sampson County. After the choir sang "The Old North State" with the best rendering we ever heard, your correspondent was introduced in a most appropriate speech by the County Lecturer of Sampson County, and proceeded to talk to the people about the Farmers' Alliance, its workings, its operations, and its hoped-for results.

Here we had another splendid picnic dinner, presided over by the good women of Sampson, after which the

County Alliance met. This was a successful county meeting. Your correspondent was worked for all he was worth in this meeting. And strange to say, the county-meeting was asked to adjourn in order that the Salemburg sub might hold a short session, and I'm glad to say that many were that day enrolled as members of Salem sub, and a kind feelings went out through the county for the Farmers' Alliance.

We went from here to Goldsboro, and were met there by Brethren H.T. Jones and J. M. Mitchell, and were carried out to their homes four miles north of Goldsboro. Here in a neighboring school house at night, we met a number of farmers, their wives, sons and daughters, and proceeded to talk to them on the needs and benefits of organization. And we did our best to tell them in a plain and simple way the benefits offered by the Alliance.

Wherever we went we found the Farmers' Alliance composed of the best and most prosperous people of the community. I believe the time is at hand for the Alliance to move forward. I see no reason why that before the next State Alliance we should not double, triple, yes quadruple our present membership.

I found The Progressive Farmer almost in every home, and on every center table, and all agreed that it was the nicest, cleanest sheet published in the South. I found these people dealing more with the Business Agency and receiving large benefits: Like the Queen that visited Solomon, I might spend weeks in writing, and yet of the splendid farms, beautiful homes and kindness of the people, the half would not be told. And so let me say to the good people of Johnston, Sampson, Cumberland and Wayne, (Wake included) from this hill top I lift my hat and, across all the counties that lie between, I make you my best bow.

Sincerely,  
H. M. CATES.

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Mr. Mordecai Lee, of Meadow Township, sold a load of tobacco here Wednesday at the following prices: 141 pounds at 25 cents; 172 pounds at 25½ cents; 381 pounds at 27½ cents; 128 pounds at 32½ cents; 24 pounds at 35 cents; 21 pounds at 36 cents; 73 pounds at 40 cents; 93 pounds at 45 cents, and 34 pounds at 47½ cents. For the 1,067 pounds he received a check for \$320 after warehouse charges had been deducted. Mr. Lee is one of the best farmers in his section and was highly pleased with the prices the Smithfield tobaccoists pay.—Smithfield Herald.

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