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## N. C. AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

AND

STATE WEATHER SERVICE.

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR,

Raleigh, N. C., October 4th, 1890.

DEAR SIR:—We want to make the Experiment Station of greater value to the farmers of North Carolina. Our work is for them, and we believe that by co-operating with them through their Alliances we can accomplish more good than otherwise. I take it that one of the great ends of the Alliance organization is improvement at home. To study and adopt new agricultural methods which will enable them to increase their crop yield, and to save money by these improvements.

I write to ask your personal aid in bringing this matter before the attention of the County Alliance at its meeting on October 10th next, viz.:

"How can the Experiment Station accomplish the greatest amount of good?"

In order to give some idea of the facilities that the Station has for work, I have prepared a short sketch of the objects and aims of the Experiment Station. This will give you an idea of what we are doing. Shall we continue in the way mapped out? What experimental work shall we commence to accomplish the greatest good to all?

It might be well to specify that the Station is supported by the United States, and not through any State tax, and none need be apprehensive as to its costing too much.

Can you secure a short time in the meeting on the 10th inst., read before the meeting the sketch of the Station, or such part as you deem advisable, and secure a full and free discussion as to "How can the Experiment Station accomplish the greatest amount of good to the Farmers of the State."

What do you think of the following?

- 1. The appointment of a special committee by the County Alliance of three of the best farmers represented there, to be called the "Experimental Committee." To this committee can be referred all matters relating to experimental work in farming, all questions about any branch of agriculture, and who can collect new methods proven to be good by actual trial. I should be glad to be put in correspondence with the chairman, and place the Experiment Station at the disposal of the committee in answering questions relating to agriculture or otherwise, also to receive statements of these new methods and to preserve them permanently in printed reports, and to distribute them for the good of other localities.
- 2. For the County Alliance to advise the formation of a similar committee by each sub-Alliance in the county with the request that the Chairman communicate with me.

I trust you will consider these matters in your meeting of the 10th, and write me your action in the enclosed envelope. Also inform me the name of the committee and chairman, if the meeting appoints them.

If for any reason this letter be received too late to be acted on, kindly let me know.

I am, in the cause of improved agriculture, Very truly yours,

Director.

P. S.—Please hand the enclosed to the President of the County Alliance, and request that he aid in having these matters considered before the meeting.

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