

THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER

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Dear Sir & Bro.:

doubtless you will get a letter with the same mail this reaches you which will be in opposition to mine.

Here are the facts: A citizen of Raleigh, who I believe to be a gentleman in every respect, has made application to join our Alliance - the one at the A. & M.

College. I claim that he is not eligible. He is a printer, owns a half interest in the largest printing establishment here.

But he also buys and sells paper, blank books, envelopes, &c., for a profit. In other words he is a merchant. While there is no man in Raleigh in whom I have more confidence, yet I claim that his admission would be a bad p

The brother who will write to you, thinks
that we have a perfect right to take
him under the National Constitution.
But is that in force yet? Has it been
ratified by the States? I have no idea
that it will be. In other words, I think that
the eligibility part of it will be kept as
it has been. I am sure it will in N.C.

Then would it not be well to discourage
the admission of city printers, merchants,
and the like? At least until after the
meeting of the State Alliance and the
matter is settled.

If we take in one we must take in
all. In that way we are likely to get
a lot of trash that will injure us.
There is great danger along that line.
I hope you will pardon my suggestions and
that you will do all you can to do away with
the idea that city people are eligible -
for certainly that is not in force until the
State meeting so decides. Until then we
should work under the old constitution -
Don't say anything about my writing to you -

Host. & Frat.

J. P. Ramsey.