

Gatesville N.C.
Sept 6th 1890

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President N.C. F.S.A.
Old Sparta N.C.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Gates County Alliance has failed to have any Alliance man of prominence to address them except the flying trip that Brother Hunter gave us which was without previous notice. We did anticipate so much when Bro. Darden promised to come, but our Supreme Ruler saw fit to remove him and thereby disappoint us. We propose now to get up a picnic near the centre of the County between the 10th and 20th of October and would be very much pleased if you would be with us and give us an address. And we hope to have Bro. Long or one of the lecturers with us. If we can secure the services of some of the prominent men of the Alliance in the State it will do

a great deal of good, for nearly half of our
men, (the non reading portion) are quite lukewarm
and fail to pay their dues and fail to attend
our meetings. I am president of Mintonsville
Sub Alliance and the roll shows 58 members. It
is hard for two or three of us to get more than
25 together, and often not more than 15. but we
feel sure that if they can be lectured to by
some one outside of our alliance that they
would do better. They are tired of hearing the
lecturer, Sec. and myself. and from what
I can learn in most of the other suballiances
are the same way. Please let me hear from
you favorably if possible

Fraternally & truly
H. J. Reed Sec,
Gates Co Farmers Alliance

I have consulted with the Co. President and
with members of every Sub Alliance in the
County and all are in favor of the picnic
provided we can make a success of it
H. J. R.