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Col. Elias Carr
Old Sparta, N. C.

My dear Col.:-

I regretted very much my not seeing you while you were in Raleigh. It was so that I could not call at night and the morning I went to the harbor to see you, you had just gone. I knew you were very busy during the day previous.

I wanted to talk with you further in reference to that plan of working with the alliance. As you thought, the last regular meetg of the county alliances was an inopportune time ^{1st} for most of the counties had not heard of the changed date & my communication reached them too late ^{2nd} they were no doubt thinking about election matters. As it was, from

all the counties I sent the communication (94) I heard from only about 35, altho' I put a 2¢ stamped envelope in it for reply.

The bulk of these replies stated that the meetg had already been held. Most of the

RECORDS SECTION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20540

Mr. John Doe
123 Main Street, N.Y.C.

My dear Mr. Doe: I regret very much my inability to see you while you were in the city. I was a bit down with cold all night and the morning I was in the office. I am sure you had just gone. I must give you my very best regards to my family.

As to the matter you mention in your letter of the 15th, I am sorry to hear that you thought the first report was of the sort. I am sure you are disappointed. I am sure the matter did not develop in the way you anticipated. I am sure that the matter was a most interesting one. I am sure that all the matter about the committee (the) shows from my side. It is a pity that a few hundred dollars in the form of the loss of three nights' sleep. I am sure that the only real remedy here lies in the

expressed much interest in the plan & would aid the next meetg. A good many referred to the good work the Station was doing, which of course gratified me much. I suppose the reason for the remainder not writg, was on account of the exciting times previous to the election. But I do not regret sendg it out - for it gives us just so much advance for the next time.

I am confident that in no other way can the Station accomplish near so much good as through the alliances of the State. If we can get each alliance in every county in the State to have an Experimental Committee whose special duty it is to look into all new methods, study what can be utilized with them, new plants ^{discuss items of general interest for example best plan for} &c, ^{rid places of insects &c} I am confident no one could estimate the good that might be done. By communicating with the Expt. Station we could keep a register of all Chms. of such committees - we could keep in correspondence with them; be able to communicate directly with them without any delay any reasonable matter which should be distributed. The Chms. in turn could bring the matter up for discussion in the next meetg & thus could

reach the others without much delay. The Station would hold itself in readiness to answer any questions relating to agriculture that might be referred to it by the meeting or the committee.

The plan would create a stimulus to know more in regard to farming operations, and would furnish means for furnish all such information to them.

But the Station ^{alone} cannot accomplish ^{of this} the creating of these committees, and of the desire to work with them. I have seen this all

along - We must have the cooperation primarily of yourself and next of the whole alliance. If we can get each sub alliance as well as each Co. Alliance to elect a committee whose Chmn. can write to me - then I think we ought to accomplish the rest. But to elect the committees -

Is there any way by which you might refer to the plan through an official communication either to the Co. Sec's or to the Sec's of the sub - alliance.

If the plan outlined or a similar one meets with your approval and if you could advise the Sec's of the Co + the Sub. Alliances officially - to form such committees the greater part of the work would be accomplished. They would pay far more attention to the Prest. of the State Alliance, than to the Expt. Station. If the communicating to the sec's would

involve any expense (& no doubt it would) or labor - the Station could well bear both.

My interest in these matters is purely for the purpose of applying the Expt. Station for the benefit of the farmers. We have all the facilities for work - all the machinery for communication with the people - a reasonably well equipped staff of workers in all of our divisions - and the desire to accomplish good with the means at our disposal.

If all of this is so - it is our duty to do the most good possible - & to do this we must work with and near the farmers.

Can you not secure the appointment of the committee? A strong letter from you officially would undoubtedly accomplish it

Sincerely yours

H P Battle

Enclose a copy of the letter sent to the Secs of the Co. Alliance at first - also the sketch of the Station

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