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Dear Governor

I received the report on the Ores of North Carolina which you kindly sent to me, and for which I beg to thank you very much.

I often think over the matter, with a feeling of regret, that the great mineral resources of N. Carolina coupled with a great area of cheap land, and numberless unused waterpowers, large tracts of valuable hard-wood timber,

with mountain regions unsurpassed for beauty of landscape and for healthfulness; that all these have thus far failed to attract population and capital: while other districts of the country, with few natural resources, are being rapidly populated.

Your Geological Survey, though conducted on a very limited scale and in a very economical manner has been instrumental in making known many of your natural resources.

I suppose it will be a difficult undertaking to convince an average N. Carolina Legislator of the importance of the State Geological Survey: but, to my mind, an active survey, under more liberal appro-

priations, with the results promptly printed and extensively distributed, would be the most potent means for making known your resources, and for inviting population and capital.

I know that you and I agree on this question; ^{but} as we do not meet for an interchange of ideas in friendly conversation, the next best plan is to take a little "ink chat."

Yours very Truly
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