

Greensboro, N. C.

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Mrs. W. R. Hollowell,
Goldsboro, N. C.

My dear Madam:

I beg leave to submit the following report of six weeks work done in the counties of Nash, Warren, Craven and Pitt for the Betterment of Rural Public School Houses and Grounds:

I spoke to twenty one audiences and organized the following Associations, aggregating more than five hundred members:
In Nash County I ~~spent~~ ^{worked three} about ~~two~~ weeks and organized the following Associations:

Sandy Cross, Mrs. Etta Coleman,	President.
Miss Ida Winstead,	Secretary.
Dortche's, Miss Leyta Carter,	President.
Miss Beulah Coley,	Secretary.

At Edwards School House the inclement weather and lateness of hour made it seem best to leave the election of officers to a later meeting, so Miss Florence Edwards was appointed chairman of an executive committee who was given charge of the organization.

Stanhope Academy, Mrs. Lila Morgan,	President.
Miss Alice Dickenson,	Secretary.

In Warren County I spent one week and organized four Associations at the following places with the following officers:

Warrenton, Mrs. Lucy Polk,	President.
Miss Virginia Graham,	Secretary.
Inez, Mrs. Jonas Williams,	President.
Miss Tempe Williams,	Secretary.

Wise,	Miss Carrie B. Dunn,	President.
	Miss Mary Perkins,	Secretary.
Embros,	Mrs. J. J. Stallings,	President.
	Miss Bessie Cree,	Secretary.

In the town of Warrenton I spoke to the teachers in the morning and to the general public at night.

Dry Wells,	Mrs. J. B. Bunn,	President.
	Miss Sadie Finch,	Secretary.

At Castalia the election of officers was left to a later meeting to be called by Miss Tempe Lou King. This community was so aroused that the school house(a handsome one) then the property of a citizen, has been donated to the Public School with two acres of land, all valued at \$2,000 and arrangements have been made to secure \$500.00 more to further equip this . The trustees, thirteen in number, have each agreed to plant a tree on the grounds.

At Pullen's School House an organization was effected and an executive committee appointed to call a later meeting to elect officers with Mrs. Sara Walker ,chairman.

Elm Grove,	Mrs. Mary Short,	President.
	Miss Nina D. Collins,	Secretary.
Hilliardston,	Mrs. Pattie ^{Nelson} Nelson ,	President.
	Miss Lillie York,	Secretary.

The work done in Craven was in connection with that of Miss Leah Jones and I suppose has been reported by her.

In Pitt I visited the County Institute with Mrs. Robert Cotton and Miss Jones. Here we held two meetings and had the opportunity of speaking to people from nine different counties and organized an Association of more than seventy members with Mrs. Cox as

president and

secretary

The county superintendent did not think the summer the best time to visit the rural districts in his county, but wishes the Association to send a representative later when the schools are in session.

Everywhere I found the people responsive and much interested in my message. Despite the heat and busy season the audiences were fairly good. Frequently individuals from other counties came to me after the meeting and requested me to come to their neighborhoods. My summer's experience with our county^{try} people quite convinces me that a great future is dawning for North Carolina. Her country people are awaking to their needs and recognizing their undeveloped resources and powers.

While the work has been fatiguing since I was forced to make long journeys by private conveyance over very rough roads, in many instances, it has been both pleasant and profitable, for I have learned much from these patient, earnest toilers who are capable of almost any achievement when once they become conscious of their powers.

[Report of field work - Miss Boddie (see back of
this sheet)]