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STATE RECONSTRUCTION STUDIES



NEW MEASURES AND NEW MEN

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

New times demand new measures and new men;
The world advances and in time outgrows
The laws that in our fathers' day were best;
And, doubtless, after us some purer scheme
Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,
Made wiser by the steady growth of truth.
The time is ripe, and rotten ripe, for change;
Then let it come; I have no dread of what
Is called for by the instinct of mankind.
Nor think I that God's world would fall apart
Because we tear a parchment more or less.
Truth is eternal, but her effluence,
With endless change, is fitted to the hour;
Her mirror is turned forward, to reflect
The promise of the future, not the past.

THE COMMON PROBLEM

ROBERT BROWING

The common problem, yours, mine, everyone's, Is not to fancy what were fair in life, Provided it could be—but finding first What may be, find how to make it fair Up to our means.

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FOREWORD

The North Carolina Club at the University of North Carolina has been busy during the last five years studying the economic, social and civic problems of the home state. Its published Year Books to date are (1) North Carolina: Resources, Advantages and Opportunities, 93 pp., (2) Wealth and Welfare in North Carolina, 140 pp., and (3) County Government and County Affairs in North Carolina, 188 pp.

The Club is a volunteer organization of students and faculty members—at present 13 faculty members and 105 students, representing 46 counties.

State Reconstruction Studies

This year the North Carolina Club is working a-team with the State Reconstruction Commission of twenty-five members appointed by Governor T. W. Bickett in early October, 1919. The fields of investigation by the Commission and the Club are identical. The layout of work by special committees is the same in both organizations. The committee work of the commission was planned for busy men of affairs in the state-at-large; in the Club it was done by university students, aided by faculty members specially chosen by the various committees. The chairman of the steering committee of the club was appointed by the Governor as a member of the commission, and the president of the club was unanimously elected an unofficial member at the first meeting of the commission on October 28. On the same date the chairmen of the club committees were invited to sit in with the commission committees as they meet from time to time after the Christmas holidays. This high honor was accorded the club in a motion made by Hon. W. N. Everett, of Rockingham, as follows:

"Because the North Carolina Club at the University has for five years been giving concentrated, detailed attention to the economic, social, and civic concerns of the home state, and is therefore unique in this or any other state of the Union, it is

"Moved: That the club be declared eligible to elect from its membership of students one unofficial delegate to the State Reconstruction Commission and one delegate to each of the commission committees, to sit with this commission and its committees, and to learn further about the problems of the state at first hand."

A Rare Distinction

Here is a unique situation. Never before in the history of colleges and universities, so far as we know, have young men busy mastering great subjects within campus walls been given the opportunity to come