

N. Carolina

Program of Inducement at Wilmington—Both Races Agree on Migration.

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Wilmington, North Carolina, has set a most wholesome example for the whole South by her recent adoption of a program of inducement to take the place of the usual program of force to keep the Negro South. The whole state is in sympathy with the new idea, and the best whites and blacks have agreed that migration can be stopped by the South itself, if the two races but agree that the migration is the cause of improper treatment toward the migrants. Indeed, North Carolina is the one southern state where the races live under a workable understanding. Lawlessness, crime, mobs, and oppression are less frequent and less general in North Carolina than in any other southern state.

As a part of the program of "inducement rather than force", the races at Wilmington have agreed that common justice, a square deal, and a living opportunity shall be given the Negro who loves law, order and progress. There are a few leading white men in Wilmington who are not afraid to accord the Negro a fair chance. The response of the Negroes was instant and most sincere.

Whole Sea Beach Provided

One of the most convincing pieces of evidence of good faith was the opening of Shell Island Beach, just out of Wilmington. This is the coming Atlantic City of the South. The Island boasts of 12 cottages, a pavillion seating 5,000, with hotel accommodations on the third floor. It has a beach front of two miles. A hotel proper is in contemplation. The Island is ruled by Negro officers who have been given an opportunity to show themselves friends of law and order among their own people. This is considered an excellent beginning of the education of law enforcement. This ought to breed a deeper respect for law and organized government. The beach was officially opened May 30, with Dr. R. R. Spiller as principal speaker.

The promoters include such men of both races as the following: C. B. Parmlee, Thos. H. Wright, J. Allen Taylor, W. H. Sprunt and Robert

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Norfolk. These are the leading white forces co-operating with such colored citizens as: Frank Avant, Dallas Chesnut, Foster Burnett, all physicians; Thomas Hooper, Rev. G. D. Carnes, A. J. Wilson, Dr. W. H. Moore, one of the leading ministers and John E. Taylor. Mr. Taylor has a state wide reputation for helping every real race movement. These forces have decided to make Wilmington a place to be sought rather than shunned. The slogan is Wilmington, and the ambition of the people is to make the town the leading resort on the southern shores.

With such a working force as described above, there is no fear that Wilmington will lose her Negro population because of oppression, lawlessness or mob violence. The names of the men stand for too much in the South to permit even the suspicion that Negroes will be forced out of North Carolina because of oppression. Already, the Wilmington program is being studied by other cities in the South, and steps are under contemplation to bring togeth-

er in every large city and community the best thought and judgment of the two races for the protection of southern liberty and southern industries. North Carolina has set the pace. Others are certain to follow. Inducement and not force, will keep the Negroes South, and laws will not be needed to keep labor agents away.