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Prof. T. R. Foust,
Greensboro, N. C.

My dear Professor Foust:-

I am advised that you have been appointed by Governor Morrison as a member of the Commission to pass upon and adopt proper school histories to be used in the public schools of North Carolina.

I have been appointed upon a Commission by the Confederate Veteran Association to have somewhat of an oversight over the histories used in the public schools to see that the South is treated fairly, spoken of respectfully and truthfully.

I am advised that there are several histories used in the public schools of North Carolina now that ought to be eliminated and I call your especial attention to the list enclosed in this letter and the criticism concerning each one of these histories.

as you are I cannot tell a person ^{*as well*} qualified as a teacher how important it is that all objectionable books be eliminated from the public schools, and I believe that you can be trusted to see that it is done.

With my most respectful consideration,
I am

Yours very truly,

Julian S. Carr

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HIGH SCHOOL HISTORIES

1. Adams and Trent- "History of the United States"
Much advertised as being non-partisan, because of Northern and Southern co-authorship; but accepts Northern partisan view-point almost throughout. Objectionable, with moderate circulation in Southern South, chiefly in private schools. Adams deceased, Trent born in Virginia, now professor Columbia.
2. Edward Channing-Students "History of the United States"
Viciously partisan and unfair throughout; yet had exceptional circulation, extending throughout the South. Calls argument of Southern Statesmen "ridiculous" &c. &c. Author, professor of History at Harvard. Objectionable text.
3. A. B. Hart- "Essentials in American History"
4. Author, like Channing, professor at Harvard. Some improvement in Channing in use of terms; but distinctly unfair in reasoning treatment, and deductions. Text has had very wide circulation. (Author's view, since publication of the text, amittably changed and more liberal). Text objectionable.
5. D.S. Mussey - "American History"
A recent text gaining phenomenal circulation. More attractive style than Hart or Channing, but Equally unfair except in period of Reconstruction. Changes Channing's "ridiculous" (see above) to "absurd." Calls Southern cause "unworthy" and is otherwise offensive and partisan. Author professor at Columbia University Objectionable.
6. Andrew C. McLaughlin - "History of the American Nation"
Partisan throughout. Expressions have caused its discontinuance in some schools, but still in use in other throughout the country. Author, professor University of Chicago. Objectionable.
7. S. C. Forman - "Advance American History"
A new history which accepts the false Channing-Hart-~~and~~ Laughl interpretation, without, however, offensive language, a bit greater. Emphasis on Western development. Subtly injurious to cause of truth. Author born in Virginia. Objectionable text
8. Wm. M. Davidson - "A History of the United States"
Language offensive and unfair. False interpretation throughout. Author, superintendent of schools in Kansas. Objectionable.
9. D. H. Montgomery- "The Student's American History"
Owing to attacks by S.C.V. and U.D.C. circulation has decreased greatly. Author probably unconscious of any bias. Objectionable.
10. J. H. Lened- "History of the United States"
Limited circulation. Partisan. Objectionable.
11. Woodburn and Moran- "American History and Government"
Limited Circulation. Incomplete and ignorantly partisan. Objectionable.
12. John Fiske- "History of the United States"
An older text and losing ground on account of eclipse of unfairness. Nevertheless, treatment most liberal of any old style text except Mr Morriss, q.v. Objectionable.
13. Charles Morriss- "History of the United States"
Author's view not unlike Fiske's and less objectionable.

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14. Nathaniel W. Stephenson - "An American History"
Author born in Ohio, new professor in College of Charleston. Like Forman (see above), author accepts the Hart-Channing-McLaughlin interpretation, but adds personal eulogy at times to leaders of opposite sympathies in a manner to deceive self and others. False perspective and proportion. Objectionable.
15. Beard and Bagley - "The History of the American People."
16. Pro-German- Socialistic throughout, misrepresent the South. ^{Very} Objectionable in treatment of the negro question- All referred "Northern"- Book vicious and dangerous- see criticism already sent you.
17. Matthew Page Andrews- "History of the United States"
Author non-partisan, of Northern and Southern descent, and presents sectional issues in new and convincing sense of proportion and perspective. Volume endorsed by high Northern and Southern authorities. (See Educational Report).
18. Cousins and Hill- "American History"
Authors of Southern origin, with understanding of Southern Schools History of Northern origin, with understanding of Southern contentions as to slavery, secession, State rights, self-government. Somewhat partisan in period of the war between the sections. Acceptable. (see Educational Report)
19. On addition, there is a grammar school history by Miss Edna Turpin and one by Waddy Thompson; both of which, when in use in the high schools are acceptable to patriotic sentiment.