

FAMILY WAGES.

Realizing that the total income of mill families would have a considerable bearing on the wage question, I went on last Saturday to the Chadwick-Hoskins Mills, near Charlotte, N. C., and obtained data relative to several of their best families. I secured the wage figures from the pay roll of the previous week.

MINGER FAMILY (FOUR WORKERS).

Three boys between ages of 14 and 22; one girl of 17. Father runs a truck garden. Mother keeps house. Boys work in weaving and slashing rooms and make \$1, \$2, and \$2.50 per day, respectively. Girl works in the spinning room and makes \$1.63 per day. Total weekly income of family, not including profit of father's truck garden, which also helps to feed them, is \$42.78.

DELLINGER FAMILY (FIVE WORKERS.)

Four girls between the ages of 14 and 20 and one doffer boy. Father works as roving hauler. Mother does not work. Three of the girls work in the spinning room, and two of them make \$1.50 per day, while the other makes \$1.46 per day. The other girl in the spooler room makes \$1.63 per day. Doffer boy makes 90 cents and the father \$1 per day. Total weekly family income, \$47.94.

PADGETT FAMILY (FOUR WORKERS).

Two girls between 14 and 19 years of age, a boy 17, and the father. Mother does not work. The three children are weavers paid by piecework and average slightly over \$10 per week each. The father is a loom fixer and makes \$10.50. Total weekly family income, \$40.50.

These are what might be called "top-notch" incomes, but there are many families making the same, and they are in reach of most of the other families of equal size, as wages are largely based on piecework.

A Georgia mill has taken from their pay roll the earnings of families of three workers only and find the average to be \$25.50 per week. This is more than \$100 per month for small families and is better than in most of the other lines of work.
