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THE STATE INSANE ASYLUM.

We have had on our table for a fortnight the full and interesting reports of Dr. E. Burke Haywood, President of the Board of Directors, and of Dr. Eugene Grisson, Superintendent of the Insane Asylum of North Carolina.

A committee of three was appointed to examine thoroughly into the management of the Asylum. Rev. Dr. Craven, Dr. J. T. Leach, and Dr. B. F. Arrington constituted the committee.

The capacity of the Asylum for only 224 patients. At present there are 278. The appropriations allow \$226.70 for each patient.

It is very unreasonable to expect Dr. Grisson, able and efficient as he unquestionably is, to treat and support insane patients for \$226.70 each, when the experience of every leading asylum in the country requires \$266.81 per capita.

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Who is capable of looking into futurity and discerning the fate of the Virginia Asylum? To the Eastern Lunatic Asylum of Virginia for years there was a constant flow of patients.

The Superintendent states that the total admissions from the opening of the Asylum on the 22d day of February, 1856, is 1,226, and the total number of discharges for the same period is 648, of whom 315 were cured, 123 improved, 180 unimproved and 238 died—leaving now under treatment 278.

The success in treatment has been satisfactory. Twenty-four per cent of cases have been effected. The much improved is forty per cent. The death rate five per cent.

We are not surprised that our Wilmington and Raleigh friends should favor the abolition of the Western District, their zeal for concentrating as much business as possible in their cities is commendable.

Thank you, brother Democrat. You judge us most kindly. Of course our zeal is very selfish. All looks yellow to the jaundiced eye.

We have before us the third quarterly report of Leonidas L. Polk, Commissioner to the Board of Agriculture, Immigration and Statistics.

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of timber, minerals, distilleries, tanneries, potteries, criminals, &c. All of the counties have been heard from but eight, and strange to say Wake, where the Commissioner lives, and New Hanover, containing the largest town, are among the number.

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