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RALIGH, N. C., Nov. 17th, 1873.
To the Honorable, the General Assembly:
Twelve months have elapsed since your assembly within these halls to legislate for the people of North Carolina, and now you meet again to consider and mature such measures as you may deem conducive to the best interest of our common constituents. It is my duty to give you information of the affairs of the State, and to make such suggestions as I may deem expedient and proper. It is your duty to consider those affairs, and to apply yourselves diligently and faithfully to making such new laws as necessary, and to revising and modifying such old ones, now in force, as have been found by experience inefficient for the purpose they were intended to accomplish, and wholly to repeal such as have proved to be unnecessary or deleterious.
Our responsibilities are great, and it becomes us not to trust to, or rely upon ourselves for their performance, but to look to a high source for wisdom and assistance to discharge them.
It is highly gratifying to me to be able to congratulate you upon the fact that North Carolina, during the year now approaching its end, had made rapid strides in the race of improvements; unprecedented abundance has blest the labors of the thrifty husbandman; the horn of plenty has been emptied into the lap of the industrious farmer; his fields of grain are growing with the fruits of toil; his acres have whitened with cotton, the staple which brings wealth and independence to the producer, and gives employment to the million from the time the seed is put into the earth till it is converted into commodities for the use and convenience of mankind. Tobacco, the grasses, and almost every product of the soil, have made remunerative returns to all engaged in their cultivation. Every branch of industry has prospered: no pestilence or dreadful disease has invaded our territory; no terrible calamity, such as has fallen upon the people of some of our sister States, has visited our people; and above and better than all, the bitter animosities which have heretofore estranged us from one another, are rapidly dying out and we are becoming more reconciled, and, in a short time no resentment or ill-feeling will linger within the breast of any intelligent citizen being in our State. Then let us all clap our hands and rejoice, and render thanks to Almighty God for the wonderful and happy change wrought in our midst, and for all His mercies and loving kindnesses vouchsafed to us as a State.
Having heretofore, gentlemen, addressed you at great length and placed before your eyes the views upon the subjects which I then believed, and still should command your earnest attention, I do not deem it necessary or useful, at this time, to take labor upon myself, or to consume your time by reiterating, or more fully elaborating, the views expressed and urged upon you in my last annual message. After carefully reviewing what therein written I find nothing which I desire to change, and I would again adopt the same recommendations and earnestly present them for your consideration, were it not that they failed heretofore to secure your approbation; therefore it seems proper that I should make other suggestions, tending towards the same end, which it is hoped will be more acceptable to you. I proceed to do so, as briefly as I can—

STATE DEBT AND FINANCES.
There is no change in the status of our State debt and finances since my message to you twelve months ago. The whole amount of the debt with interest, including every class of bonds, is something over thirty eight millions of dollars. I respectfully refer you to the report of our worthy and efficient public Treasurer for a detailed statement of the items which compose our indebtedness. It is not believed by one even by our creditors themselves, that North Carolina should pay the entire amount of her apparent liabilities.
It is not necessary for me to dwell upon the character of the different classes of bonds or the manner in which many of them were put into market; that subject has been sufficiently discussed heretofore, and every member of this General Assembly is as familiar with it as I am. It has not only been the theme of messages to you, but it has been ably and thoroughly discussed upon the hustings in every county of the State. Our people are all interested in it, and are earnestly desirous that a fair and equitable adjustment of it shall be made without further delay. It grows larger larger every day, and each successive year that it remains undisturbed will make it a heavier burden upon the tax-payers of the State. I cannot believe, and will not believe, that any considerable portion of the people of North Carolina will ever consent that any part of the honest debt shall be repudiated. Our people may become bankrupt in property, they may not be able to avoid it, but never will they consent to be made bankrupt in reputation by repudiating any part of a debt which the State honestly owes, and which she has once pledged her faith to pay. While she exists as a State, her sons desire, and are determined, to hold their heads erect among their brethren of other States, and proudly claim to be citizens of North Carolina, who is too honest to repudiate her debt although she may be too poor to pay it.
Then, gentlemen, I appeal to you, to apply yourselves at once, and without delay, to the task of devising ways and providing means to free your State from her pecuniary embarrassments. First to work, to ascertain how much she owes that ought to be paid; then seek an interview with her creditors and learn what time and what terms, their claims can be paid. You will find the large body of the creditors much more liberal, and accommodating,

every one, of sufficient capacity to receive such an education as will qualify them, when they arrive at the age of maturity, to make useful members of society and efficient co-laborers in binding up the material interest of the State.
Your predecessors performed a noble work by providing for the education of the deaf, the dumb and the blind, and you have persevered in continuing the good work. Thousands upon thousands of dollars are annually appropriated for the care and culture of these unfortunate classes and that, too, only to qualify them to take care of themselves in after life. No one believes that one in a hundred of these unfortunate can ever take upon himself any public responsibility, yet you properly deem it incumbent upon you to provide with them an education. How much more imperative, then, should it be upon you to train the minds of those upon whom hereafter will devolve the responsibility of filling the places you and I now occupy? Many of these children, whose parents are not able to educate them, will in all probability, if properly instructed, be prominent in controlling and directing the destiny of the State and of the nation.
As has been suggested on two former occasions, your first care should be to provide a good system of common and graded schools, to which every child in the State may have free access. If there be not a sufficiency of means to keep up these schools throughout the entire year, then let them be operated only during a part of the year. From small beginnings great results will most assuredly flow. When the people once see the benefits which will accrue to their children from, as it were, the mere beginning of an education, they will demand of the law makers to impose heavier taxes and establish schools of higher grade, until North Carolina shall be second to no State in the Union in affording facilities for a thorough and complete education to every child within her limits. When this is done you will no longer see deserted and desolate places in our territory; then there will be no migrations from our midst; no demoralizing influences to entice the young or entrap the old; our penitentiary, jails and poor houses, will be tenacious; no galleys will be erected, no wife heart-broken for her condemned and lost husband; no mother weeping over the sad fate of a once hopeful son; no father bewailing the infamy of a degraded daughter; and these evils will be banished and our State will bloom and blossom as a garden. Hence, prosperity and happiness will abide with us, and our children's children will rise up and bless the men who provided such a rich inheritance for them.
Proceed then, gentlemen and proceed at once to this great and grand work, do lay no longer, be men and fear not to tax your constituents for the purpose of nourishing the intellects of their offspring. Every sensible father will hold up your hands and cheer his blessings upon you for the interest you take in the welfare of his children, and will continue to confide in you till you go down to your graves with blushing honors clustering thick around you.
Educate first the masses by establishing separate schools for the different races, and grading them to suit the capacity and advancement of the pupils. When our finances are in a condition to do so, then resuscitate and build up the University, so as to afford to all such as may desire it, an education in polite literature and in the higher branches of the arts and sciences, without the necessity of their leaving our State to secure it. Do this gentlemen, and you will have erected for yourselves a monument more enduring than marble or brass, and your names will be handed down to the latest posterity as wise legislators, and benefactors to your race and your country.

EDUCATION.
One of the most important subjects that can possibly engage the attention of the General Assembly at the present time, is that of Education. I have heretofore earnestly addressed you on this subject, but do not feel as if my duty will have been fully performed unless I again invoke your serious attention to it. No State can ever be prosperous or take high rank among her sister States, while the incubus of ignorance is pressing with its deadly weight upon her citizens. She may have bright and shining lights within her borders, as exemplified by a few highly polished sons and daughters who were fortunate in possessing means to enable them to acquire an education qualifying them for any position to which they may be called, and preparing them for the performance of any duty, public or private, which may devolve upon them. But a few accomplished and highly educated persons do not make a State. The mass of the people constitute the State, and it is not the few, but the mass of the people that give tone and character to it. A few people may give caste to society in a small neighborhood or in a limited circle, but a State will be judged by the character and intelligence of the mass of human beings who constitute its entire population; who choose its law-makers; who control its destinies, and who shape its morals. Without education there is no enlightenment; ignorance blights the mind and dwarfs the intellect; it debases all the noble instincts and degrades man to the level of a brute; it demolishes churches and rears grog shops upon their ruins; it destroys schools and seminaries and erects gambling saloons and dens of infamy and pollution in their stead; it unfits man to fulfill the high destiny for which he was created and makes him a drone and an outcast in society; *unnumbered evils follow in its train.* It is your imperative duty to employ every means within your power to destroy this Hydra-headed monster; it is your duty to afford means for educating the rising generation; to strike the scales of ignorance and error from the minds of the children of the State, and to afford to

father, nor mother, nor friends, use money to provide for their temporal wants, or to care for their eternal interests.
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.
Under our form of Government any male citizen of the State, above a certain age, of ordinary intelligence and good moral character, has an equal right, under the law, with any other, to participate in the administration of justice in our Courts. There are certain public duties devolved upon every free male citizen who possesses the foregoing qualifications; and no man, simply on account of his color or previous condition of servitude, should be denied the privilege of discharging these duties. I am induced to call your attention to this subject because of the complaints made to me, that in certain counties, containing a large colored population, (many of whom are men of intelligence and worth,) the county commissioners whose duty it is to make up panels and draw jurors by lot, have studiously excluded from the jury box all but white citizens. Such conduct on the part of those who have the matter in charge is well calculated to disaffect and irritate the class whom they ostracize, and impress them with the conviction that they cannot obtain a redress of their grievances or have justice meted to them when engaged in litigation with the white race. I am fully aware, that as a general rule, the colored population are not so well qualified for jurors as the white. Very few of the present generation of the colored people are able to read or write, or in truth have any education at all; but yet, there are a few in almost every county, and a goodly number in some of them, who are qualified to act as jurors, and their rights should be recognized and respected. It is a fact which cannot be successfully controverted that before the late war it was no uncommon occurrence to see white men, who did not know a letter in a book, sitting in the jury box to try cases of momentous importance. Not only was it so in the olden times but it is the case even at this day and time; and I am free to say that these white jurors as often arrive at correct conclusions as do those who have had better educations and enjoyed superior advantages. If it be the law that all, without distinction of color or previous condition are entitled to the privileges of the jury box, then let the law be promptly enforced, or heavy penalties imposed upon those whose duty it is to execute it if they fail to perform that duty.
I desire also to call your attention to a crying evil of the times. It is becoming an almost every day occurrence for persons to commit crime in broad daylight, and in the presence of spectators, and some times even in the presence of officers of the law, and are allowed to make their escape without an effort being made to arrest them. I am almost persuaded, from the circumstances attending some of these escapes, that they are permitted because of the hope and expectation, that a reward will be offered for the apprehension of the offenders and opportunity given to some bystander to make money by an arrest of the culprit, and share it with the officer who has failed to make an arrest himself. It is not unfrequently happens, after a reward has been offered that the criminal is soon caught in the very neighborhood where the crime was committed, thus proving, beyond reasonable doubt, that the sworn officers of the law had been grossly derelict in the discharge of their duties. Even after arrest and commitment to jail, prisoners frequently make their escape through the carelessness or collusion of the jailor, and the State is put to a heavy expense for their recapture; yet it rarely happens that an indictment is preferred against the party whom the law holds responsible for the safe-keeping of prisoners. To permit an escape from custody is as much a violation of the criminal law, as is murder, arson, perjury or any other offence named in the calendar, and Judges, Solicitors and Grand Jurors should cause all escapes to be inquired into and promptly prosecuted, so as to punish the guilty parties and protect the treasury of the State, and you legislators, should see to it, that the law is made so stringent as to compel these officials to discharge this duty, if they will not voluntarily do so.
RAILROADS.
The commissioners, appointed by an act of this General Assembly at its last session, to arbitrate and adjust the troubles growing out of the management and litigation of the Western North Carolina Railroad matters, have given the subject their earnest consideration, and while they have not been able to adjust these difficulties it has been their steady purpose to rescue from the present wreck all that can possibly be saved. As the best means for accomplishing this, I beg leave to suggest some legislation, by which our railway system may yet be secured to our State and for the benefit of our people.
The internal improvement policy of the State, as plainly indicated by legislation for the last quarter of a century, has been to establish a grand trunk or line of railway from Beaufort Harbor to the Tennessee and Georgia roads. First we had the Company for the North Carolina Railroad Company, then followed the Atlantic and North Carolina and the Western North Carolina Railroad Companies traversing the whole State from East to West. The line from Salisbury to Paint Rock was intended to form a connection, ultimately with Memphis, and that from Asheville, in the direction of Dalton to connect, ultimately,