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PREACHES IN HIS SLEEP.

A Doctor Makes Some Remarkable Statements About a South Carolina Negro.

Columbia State.

A somewhat remarkable story came from Saluda county a short time ago about a negro who preached in his sleep. The man's name was Major Perry. The story was brought out of Saluda by an evangelical preacher, who was then on his way out of the State. An effort was made to get confirmation of this unusual case, and finally it was ascertained that Dr. D. M. Crosson of Leesville knew Major Perry. Dr. Crosson was written to for information. He was in attendance upon the sessions of the South Carolina Medical Convention, but as soon as he returned sent the following reply to the State. It is a very interesting story of a remarkable case:

Dear Sir: Replying to your request that I write what I know about Major Perry, the "sleeping negro preacher," will say that I have known the Rev. Major Perry for a long time and have been his family physician for eight years. He is really a scientific wonder. He has been preaching every night, except occasionally on Friday nights, for about fifteen years. When he retires at night and goes to sleep he will read out his text—tell exactly where it can be found, verse and chapter, give it verbatim—and will then begin his sermon. He confines himself closely to his text and always preaches a good sermon. This is done while he is in this trance, and he can't be waked up until he has finished his sermon. Nearly every time he preaches he has a convulsion and his wife has to rub him and work with him, as it looks as if he would die.

He stops speaking while laboring under this nervous writing, but will begin his discourse just where he left off when the attack wears off and will go on and finish his sermon. He seems to be somewhat excited when he finishes his sermon and wakes up and is unconscious of anything that has transpired. The strange part of it is that he can neither read nor write, so you see he could not prepare his dis-

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WEBSTER AS A DRINKER.

The Great Orator's Deep Potations Before Two Famous Speeches.

Daniel Webster was invited to Richmond in the fifties. He accepted the invitation, came to Richmond and went to the Exchange hotel. He was invited by the state legislature to address them and the people of Richmond, and a committee consisting of James Lyons of Richmond and Robert E. Scott of Fauquier, two of the most eminent lawyers in the state, were sent down to the hotel to escort him to the capital building. They found Mr. Webster in a state of intoxication in such degree that Mr. Lyons said to Mr. Scott: "This man can't make a speech. You must take his place." Mr. Scott replied, "No man can take the place of Daniel Webster."

After delay, during which Mr. Webster improved a little, he was asked if he would go to the capital. He replied, "Yes." With great difficulty Messrs. Scott and Lyons supported and helped him to the capital. When they reached the rotunda near the Washington statue, Mr. Lyons said, "Mr. Webster, do you think you can speak?" "If you will give me a drink of brandy, yes."

A messenger was sent to a neighboring hotel and a bottle of brandy brought. Mr. Webster poured out successively two goblets full and drank them off, straightened himself up, shook himself as a lion might have done, walked steadily and directly to the position from which he spoke, on the south porch of the capitol, in the presence of an audience of 5,000 people, which consisted of the intellectuality and beauty of Richmond, male and female, made his celebrated October speech, one of the greatest ever of his life.

Edward Everett related that on the day Webster replied to Hayne of South Carolina he walked with him to the capitol; that he seemed so badly prepared that he doubted him and feared that he was not equal to the occasion; that just before he rose to speak he drank a goblet of brandy and then made his great speech to reply to Hayne, which is an English classic. Such was the effect of the beverage on Webster.

Rheumatism

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