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SOME IMPORTANT STATISTICS.

No intelligent, reflecting North Carolinian can possibly doubt for a moment that education is the great need of the State and of the entire South. The census of 1870 reveals such startling figures of illiteracy that no one who has examined the subject can hesitate to believe that the great desideratum is more and better schools.

In the Southern States, according to the census of 1870, there were 1,137,303 adults who could neither read nor write. Of these 317,281 were whites, and 820,022 were colored.

Kentucky had 43,826 adult whites who could neither read nor write; Missouri 34,780; Tennessee 37,713. But these States have much larger white populations than North Carolina.

In the Northern States there were 411,399 adult whites who were illiterate. In the Territories there were 20,290. The total of illiterate persons, white and colored, was 445,862 in the States; in the Territories 28,048.

In New York there are 77,120 adult whites who are illiterate; in Pennsylvania, 67,108; in Illinois, 44,970; in Ohio, 48,970; in Indiana, 39,513. It is true these States are large, but the educational statistics show that the schoolmaster is still very much needed in those growing and thriving States.

But let us look at the South—at home. According to the census of 1870, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas—nine cotton States—had something over 5,000,000 inhabitants over 10 years of age.

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8,000,000 in the South who cannot read or write. It they were all educated, then they would add \$150,000,000 more to the annual product of the States than they now do, supposing each to produce \$100 annually.

It is also said by those who have inquired into the statistics of crime, that the illiterate persons of the United States actually furnish ten times their proportionate share of criminals.

Whist education does not necessarily make a rascal an honest man, we know that the tendency of education is to elevate the individual and to lessen crime.

"Pennsylvania has suffered more damage in one year from her 67,000 illiterate adult laborers than it would have cost her to have secured in the last ten years the education of every one of them.

The South is not doing its duty in the necessary and benevolent work of education. New York has about 1,500,000 school population. It pays annually \$12,000,000 for education.

These figures and facts should set our most intelligent people to thinking. If the foundation sills of a Republican government are virtue and intelligence, what must be said of the sills which underlie the Government of the United States?

"The restoration of the Southern States to equal prosperity with the Northern, though it may be aided from without, yet it must spring from within themselves, and not from without; the *vis medicatrix naturæ* must be their own readiness and willingness in public education to march up abreast of the most enlightened nations of the nineteenth century, and keep step with them.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR. On yesterday the Legislature adjourned. We cannot now undertake to express our opinion as to the merits of the work done. Like all similar bodies it has doubtless done some things it ought not to have done and has left undone some things it ought to have done.

Its industry during the first thirty days had been equal to that of the last twenty days, the Solons could have been in their little beds at home twenty or thirty days ago. They are not to be specially censured for that as they only followed bad examples.

The late Legislature contained more than the usual amount of farmers and fewer lawyers. It steadily, and in the main, wisely directed a portion of its energies and time to curtailing expenses.

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It is always a fortunate circumstance for the State when a goodly number of able, experienced, and discreet lawyers are in our legislative assemblies. They alone are familiar with the laws, and they alone are competent to point out defects and apply needed remedies.

There is a growing and absurd prejudice against the legal fraternity that should not be countenanced by reflecting and just men. The law is a noble calling, and when properly pursued is sure to bring rewards in the way of reputation and money.

The well furnished lawyer has necessarily to know a great deal concerning the history of nations and the science of government. He is, therefore, well equipped to be a safe, wise, judicious law-maker when he is controlled by a high sense of justice, honor, and consideration for the necessities and circumstances of the people.

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Hon. Jefferson Davis is in fair health and lives at Mississippi City, a small station with a big name on the Mobile & New Orleans Railroad.

At Orangeburg, South Carolina, there is a University for the colored people. It has a long name. It is called "Clafin University and South Carolina Agricultural College and Mechanics' Institute."

The Democratic State Government pays one-half of the cost, the remainder being furnished by merchants, philanthropists. The testimony of the President, and those of his assistants, who, like himself, were born and reared at the North, is that both themselves and the institutions have received manifestations of only the kindest spirit from the white citizens of the country.

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classing himself among those who were called Christian statesmen. He might have learned more charity even from heathen mythology.

At this point the speaker paused, turned, and in a stage whisper, asked: "Who was it that was chained to the rock?" and Thurman, across three rows of desks, whispered, "Prometheus."

Without more than a deliberate nod, Lamar went on. "When Prometheus was chained to the rock it was not an eagle that plucked at his vitals, but a vulture." The action was suited to the utterance; as he said it was not an eagle that plucked at his vitals, the arms were thrown up and the curving sweep of the gesture and then as he bled out it was a vulture the right arm straightened out and the index-finger pointed at Hoar.

As Lamar finished and sat down Hoar rose and made a half-apologetic defense. He said that if he had thought that his motion would have been interpreted by the Senator from Mississippi, and those who like him, had been devoted to the Confederate cause, as an insult to themselves, he would not have made it.

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Spirits Turpentine.

Danbury Reporter: Fire is reported to be raging on the Sauratown range, nearly ten miles distant from this place.

Some rascal forged a draft for \$60, in favor of J. O. Hepinstall, of Halifax, and drawn upon Kader Biggs & Co., Norfolk, by J. W. Hepinstall.

It is said that wild cats are committing fearful depredations of late in some parts of Rockingham county. They are thinning and devouring a great many lambs and pigs.

The "Kurnels" have for the most part left Raleigh. A stray "General" now and then can be seen on Fayetteville street. The last "Honorable" departed with a pass in his pocket, and now all is serene.

Rev. John E. Edwards, D. D., of Richmond, Va., has accepted an invitation to deliver an annual commencement sermon at the Greensboro Female College, Greensboro, N. C., on Saturday next.

Newbern is now sorely afflicted. It has walking matches on the brain. If some of the late Legislators had walked a score of miles each morning so as to "blow the wind off their stomachs," the state would have been saved many thousand dollars.

Mr. E. A. Leigh, of Perquimans county, has made an assignment to C. Grandy, John L. Hinton and others, for \$25,000. It is reported that the liabilities will reach \$70,000. His assets are probably as great as his liabilities. They consist principally of the finest farming lands in the Albemarle.

Raleigh News: On and after today the license tax will be \$100 instead of \$50, as heretofore. The Governor says the tax levied for the State debt will be more than adequate to pay the interest on the new bonds. The first payment will be in 1881, and we will start with accumulated taxes of ten years. It is his opinion that all the bondholders will accept the compromise.

Raleigh News: Col. Wilder Atkinson made a talk before the Committee on Insurance on Tuesday night. It is highly spoken of. On Lt. Perrin Busbee, U. S. N., is at home for a few days on leave from the "Saratoga." The Governor has continued Prof. Kerr in office to write up his work of the past five years in manuscript for publication. It is thought it will take twelve months to complete the work, after which the Governor will appoint a geologist. The work will be done at the expense of the Department of Agriculture—and no doubt will contain much valuable information.

Raleigh Observer: The Treasurer yesterday ran over the accounts of warrants from the various counties for the support of outside lunatics, and found that since the 1st of January about \$37,000 had been drawn from the public treasury for this purpose. This drain now ceases. The bill to repeal the law allowing it have passed, and the Treasurer says it saves just about \$50,000 per annum. Under the charge of Rev. A. A. Dixon, a very spirited revival is now in progress at the Methodist church at Chapel Hill. Thus far some twenty or thirty conversions have been made, and great interest is manifested in the meetings. Mrs. Moon, the Quakeress, is holding regular meetings at the Methodist church at the same place, and will at their conclusion go to Goldsboro, after which she will probably come to this city and begin her good work.

Goldsboro Mail: It is not improbable that our Interior Courts will be abolished, owing to the enlarged jurisdiction of magistrates. Catherine Lake, Onslow county, has had six deaths in ten days, and it's right in the woods, too. The phonograph was on exhibition here last week. It doesn't resemble anything except an old sausage machine, but it has the voice of a woman. The convention. A little daughter of Mr. Morris Cohen was knocked down and severely injured by a runaway horse on John street Wednesday night.

Awakes the bill, For Spring, a rosy lass, Hath come, and brings On vernal wings, Rare blooms ashen in pass. Waldon News: Mad dogs are plentiful—one killed yesterday near town. Senator Ramsay returned from Washington last Friday to rest a little before the extra session begins. Superior Court for Halifax county, Judge Eare presiding, will convene next Monday at the residence of Tilden, in Robeson county, formerly called Shoe Heel, has had its name changed by the Legislature to Quebec. We learn from a private letter of a friend of the day's ago a genuine seal was caught at Mr. Hampton's fishery, near Rock Point, on Roanoke river. The seal weighed seventy three pounds, and was four feet long. He was hauled up in a seine, and struck and killed by one of the hands before he could see what it was. It is now on exhibition at Plymouth.

Goldsboro Messenger: We are pleased to learn that Major H. L. Grant contemplates establishing a plug tobacco factory in this town during the present year. We are requested to state that the young ladies and gentlemen of the Mount Olive Baptist Church propose shortly to give an entertainment at Mount Olive for the benefit of their church. Major Grant will shortly have two improved brick machines at work, to complete his contract for 1,000,000 brick for the asylum building. The Major had the misfortune, a few days ago, to lose about 200 cords of wood by fire. The Catholic Church, we are told, is gaining in membership in this community. Mr. Jacob Harding, a very old gentleman, who has his arm cut off by the circular saw in Blackledge's Edge's saw mill, has since died. The shipments of cotton from this point, for the six months ending March 1st, amount to about 27,000 bales, of which 23,789 found transportation over the W. & W. Railroad.

Charlotte Observer: Judge Kerr was thought to be some better yesterday, but is still confined to his bed. Bushyhead, Chief of the Cherokeees, says he has enough of war—"enough, enough,"—and he laughed very heartily as he described the whizzing of bullets about his head. Many of his people, he said, were old and infirm, "twelve men and ten women very old," and he could not now call out more than three hundred men for battle. After talking the reporter that he was a Christian—Baptist—and that all his tribe—about fifteen hundred souls—were Christians, he said that they were on friendly terms with the Chickasaws and other western tribes, and occasionally interchange visits with them. They also carry on a small trade in corn and potatoes with the Catawbas.

Some years ago the Legislature granted a charter for a railroad from some point in Cleveland county to Mt. Airy. Surry county, via Statesville, the line to be as nearly an air-line as practicable. A meeting of the stockholders was held in Statesville day before yesterday, when it was ascertained that the required five per cent. on \$23,000 of the stock had been paid, and accordingly it was determined to proceed at once to organize the company. This was done by the election of the following Board of Directors: Dr. A. M. Fowler, Dr. Little, C. L. Summers, David Wallace, W. A. Eliason, S. A. Sharpe, J. J. Mott, Willard Turner and T. N. Cooper. The Board met and elected J. J. Mott President, C. A. Carlton Secretary and Treasurer, and W. A. Eliason Chief Engineer.