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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Our story loving readers must excuse us for omitting our usual "Selected Story" this week, but we cannot publish that and the Governor's message, so we give preference to the latter.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, JANUARY 5, 1881.

MEMORIALS OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

No General Assembly has convened in the State for the last twenty years under such favorable auspices as those which greet your coming. As you journeyed from your homes to the capitol, evidences of thrift and prosperity were seen in country and in town.

No where in the State has there been any disorder, riot or domestic violence, but everywhere the laws have been respected.

The two races are working together in peace and harmony, with increasing respect for each other. The colored population, I am glad to say, are becoming more industrious and thrifty.

In compliance with the law and custom, I herewith transmit the reports of the heads of the several departments of the State government.

From these reports, you will learn, in detail, much of the operation of the State government, and the different interests under its control for the past two years.

By reference to the Auditor's and Treasurer's reports, you will see that the total receipts for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1880, were: \$546,996.04

Total disbursements, \$492,720.33

Balance in favor of receipts, \$54,275.71

If all the expenses incurred in the quarter ending September 30th had been paid in that quarter, the balance in hand would not have been so great.

He has issued in lieu of these new four per cent. bonds of the State, to the amount of \$2,211,816, upon which the interest was promptly paid on the 1st day of January.

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possible. They are doing a fine work in preparing and qualifying teachers for our common schools, in which I have been gratified to notice recently an increasing interest among the press and people.

It may not always be the case that a thoroughly capable and efficient officer can be found like the present faithful incumbent to make the sacrifices he does in the cause of education.

There are large bodies of swamp lands, belonging to the Board of Education, which under the present laws, are not subject to entry and grant, like other vacant lands.

These institutions have been well managed by those in charge of them, as I believe, but you cannot examine into them too closely yourselves.

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There has been much work done on the walls and buildings of the Penitentiary since the adjournment of the Legislature in 1879, considering the security of means at the command of the directors.

THE INSANE ASYLUM. The Asylum at Raleigh has lived for the past two years within the annual appropriation.

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than this, and I beg you not to adjourn without appointing such a commission. The people will bless the men that give them a code of plain, simple laws, so arranged that they and their county officers and justices of the peace can learn their duties and intelligently discharge them.

THE PARDONING POWER. I herewith transmit the list of reprieves, commutations and pardons granted since the last biennial message, with the information in each case required by the constitution.

IN 1879. Reprieves.....7
Commutations.....2
Pardons.....16
Total.....25

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CAPE FEAR AND YADKIN VALLEY RAILROAD. The work on this road has progressed more rapidly than was expected.

OXFORD ORPHAN ASYLUM. I cannot close this message without commending to your favor this noble charity, which is gathering up, feeding, clothing and educating the penniless and parentless children of the State.

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