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IAILS AND POORHOUSES.

The Monthly Bulletin of the North Car olina Board of Health will furnish some items suggestive to the thoughtful mind. They occur in the county reports submitted by the officer charged with the duty of investigating and reporting upon the sanitary condition of the respective counties, and also of the jails, poorhouse and public buildings.

The exaction of such reports indicate an advance in the humane public sentiment, and purpose to bring the prisone and pauper within the pale of public charity. These, in past social history have been too much forgotten, and when removed from sight, behind prison baror pauper walls exist as those between whom and more happy conditions great gulf is fixed across which humanit need seek no passage, and which daints charity has no errand to pass. But it is the very condition to invoke humanity and the one to touch the tender sympa thies of charity; and so of late year many can say with grateful heart; "I was in prison, and ve visited me," and in do ing so brought comfort to the outward man, and touched again the chord of moral sensibility.

The brutality that dictated the treat ment of prisoners is one of inheritance Time had sanctioned the idea that prisoner was a fore-doomed criminal, violator of the law, an offence to society one who had forfeited mercy, who had no friends, and deserved none; richly merit ing all his misery, and entitled to m amelioration of it. The English system made the jail a living hell on earth, with out hope, without comfort, without de cency, with so much to degrade and torture the body, so much to debase the soul, that the transfer from the cell to the gibbet was welcome natural transi tion to a longer duration of punishment scarcely worse than present suffering The American system, adopted, with English law, from English models, per petuated all the horrors, the brutalities the negligences of the original. The only obligation resting on the authorities was to hold the prisoner secure to the day of trial; to keep him behind the grated bars of unglazed windows; to chain him to the floor in unwarmed rooms; to stiffe him with summer heats; to freeze him with winter cold; to dole out his scant allowance of food and water at stated times; to immure him amid filth and steach until he was loathsome to himsel and an offence and menace to all around to keep him, hold him, torment him before his time, because he was a prisoner a prejudged criminal, receiving in his in carceration only a foretaste of what he

And to a certain extent the inmates of he poorhouses had received consideration only a little more tender, attracting a perfunctory charity satisfied to throw to the mained and the halt, the old and the feeble and the helpless, the poor and the vicious-to which category the public verdict assigned them all—the crumbs and the bones, the morsels and the fragments that fell from the bountiful public table and were contemptuously told to be thankful for what they got.

Thank God that the voice of charity is being heard at last. The jail has comto be regarded more as a place of deten tion than one of punishment, in which the prisoner has not parted with all his human and legal rights, in which society has not abdicated all its duties of mereand humanity. The prisoner can be held safe, but he can be made comfortable; he may be restrained of his liberty, but he cannot be deprived of air, or warmth or food, or decency. But much yet remains to be done to bring the jail up to its proper standard as a prison, and yet as the abode of human brings not totally devested of human feeling, nor yet altogether deprived of human rights.

We present abstracts from the reports which represent certain counties in the State as still behind the age. We hope the judges on their circuits will strengously arge on grand juries and county authorities to make those reforms which being so much credit upon the large majority of counties which have adopted them:

of the jail pretty fair; Ashe, right good, nothing being done to better its condition; Beaufort, nothing done to improve gun, which went off, blowing off the top sanitary condition, subject under discus- of the head of the unfortunate man, sion; Caldwell, reasonably good; Cherokee, sewerage defective, endangering health within and without; Cleveland, good as can be on present plan, improvements contemplated. Greene, jail will at F. L. Jacob's drug store, these popular do tolerably well; Guilford, sanitary condition of jail good as can be under existing circumstances; Haywood, jail a disgrace to the county, but kept in good other such requisites. Also a complete and healthy condition by the jailer; Lin- line of drugs and toilet articles, in addicoln, jail badly crowded, no effort at im- tion to the Hebe Soda Fountain from provement; Montgomery, same; Onslow, which ice cold drinks are dispensed. Corsame; Rockingham, sanitary condition ner Main street and Patton avenue. of jail very bad; Craven, jail poorly arranged for the comfort of prisoners; been corrected, "that strap is hereditary sampson, sanitary condition of jail very isn't it?" "I don't know that it is." bad; Transylvania, public buildings not in as good condition as they should be, except the poor house, which is in excellent condition; Union, condition of jail

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every essential, and the one to be built for Henderson county seems to comprise all the most advanced ideas. But in most of the others, even those favorably reported on, there will be found wide room

The Baltimore Sun gives an account of wonderful flower recently discovered Sumatra, called the Amorphophallus Titanum. A plant was raised on Kew Gardens, near London, from the seed, and has lately bloomed. The plant is stil oung. It has only one leaf, but that was forty-five feet in circumference The leaf stalk was ten feet long, and the veins or ribs of the leaf where they parted rom the stalk were as thick as a man's thigh, and nearly four yards long. The flower was developed in the course of ime. The stature of the giant from head o foot was six feet nine inches, "The mathe," says the Review, "was three feet deep, four feet across; the spadix five feet long, ten inches in diameter at the base, narrowing to a blunt point, greenish in the early stage, turning to drab as it grew older. A grand piece of color was the bell-like spathe for those who had courage to look down into itmaroon-purple, as has been said, tinged with a violet, velvet like sheen, indescrib ably beautiful. The lining had a superb effect, pouring over the edges, greenish white, boldly toothed and crumpled But there is one drawback; it is not ragrant, "It emits," says the Review, as all sorts and conditions of men agree, the very foulest odor known to the upper world, and the strongest. An artist of determined character, was em Magazine. He carried out his contract

Atlanta is stirred to its depths by the appointment, by the new postmaster, all be suited at Bostic Bros. en. Lewis, of a negro in the registry de partment. The grievance is, not that a iegro was appointed, for good faith or the part of the winning party not only ustified, but demanded that the negri oters, so loyal to their party, should have some share of the rewards; nor that tire control of these goods in he appointee was incompetent; for 'enny, the new clerk, is a graduate of an Atlanta colored college, is not in figure and write a very fine clerkly hand. If he ad been assigned to other position or luty, not a word would have been said But Gen. Lewis seems to have placed him called for the "Morrow's" where he was sure to give offence, and where offence amounted to wanton in Fine Shoe. Every pair guarsult; he placed him at the registry clerk' table, where he was to be thrown, in the ourse of business, in contact with oung lady of refinement and culture lependent, like many such, upon her own xertions. The alternative presented vas bitter humiliation and work, or res- Goods may be had of Bostie gnation and want. The last wa

The justification offered by the post naster only proves a purpose to arthere o a certain line of deliberately offensive olicy, to be remembered and resented when the Republican party again presents its claims to the favor of the South rn people.

The following, relating to the war in Hayti, which we clip from the Baltimore sun, will furnish more food for reflection our renders need not be told of what ace the Haytiens are, on both sides of his barbarous contention:

"The last accounts from Port an Prince re to the 28th of July. They show that the war between Legitime and Hippolyte has degenerated into a war of savages. The prisoners taken by Hippolyte are lorthwith shot, while those captured by gitime are at once brought into the narket place and their throats cut in the of the populace, the American onsul and the captain of an Atlas Lin steamer being eye-witnesses of the bloody spectacle. But Legitime has had only he savage satisfaction of entting the broats of seven of Hippolyte's men, while Hippolyte has shot two batches o risoners, numbering ninety-five. in all ghteen on one occasion and seventy even on another, the captain of a chment of eighty men being surprised and -illed while going the round of the works, all the rest, after surrender, being immarily shot, with the exception of wo men who hid in the bush, and o their return to the city, reported that they saw their comrades, while begging for mercy, shot down to a man."

If our friend of the Lexington Dispatch had carefully noted our account of the recent Press Convention, he would have been governed by the context in acquitting us of disparagement of the Association in any manner or farm. We went no farther than to qualify somewhat our approval of an innovation, with some admirable features and influences, others not so laudable. We confess, however, to a misconception, which our friend corrects, that an affirmative or nega tive position on the topics submitted for that have never kept good time or that have debate was an arbitrary one.

The youngest manslayer, an involuntary one, however, has been found in Ohio. A man about to go out on a day's squirrel shooting, equipped with gun and ing, stopped to kiss his little two-year-Alleghany county sanitary condition old boy. While kissing the child, the little fellow, trying to climb his father's knee, put his foot on the trigger of the

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