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Will practice in the State and Federal Courts.
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R. H. JORDAN & CO.,
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Keeps a well assorted stock of all articles usualy kept in a Drug House
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The Poor prescribed for free.
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Ever brought to Charlotte. This is no idle boast We have the finest lot of PERFUMES in the city. Rickecker's best in FANCY Bottles, Cases, Flasks, etc., in GOOD shape for an ELEGANT PRESENT. It RECOMMENDS ITSELF. IT WILL PAY YOU TO SEE IT.
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Dec. 28, 1896

E. NYE HUTCHISON.
FIRE INSURANCE.
Offices—16 East Trade Street; 4 North Tyon Street, up stairs.
Feb. 19, 1895.

QUEEN CITY HOTEL.
In visiting Charlotte,
Don't fail to stop at the Queen City Hotel,
Corner East Fifth and College Sts,
Everything first-class.
RATES, $1 00 PER DAY.
July 6, 1895. W J MOORE, Prop'r.

Surgical Instruments.
A full line of Surgical Instruments at Manufacturer's prices. Call and examine them.
Mail orders will be promptly attended to
R. H. JORDAN & CO.
Sept 20, 1895.

Queen Victoria is in possession of a curious needle. It was made at the celebrated needle manufactory at Redditch, and represents the Trajan column in minature. Scenes from the queen's life are depicted on the needle, so finely cut that they are only discernible through a microscope.

There is no policy like politeness; and a good manner is the best thing in the world, either to get a good name or to supply the want of it.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

Whereas John M. Hanna and Rosa J. Hanna did on the 10th day of January, 1890, execute and deliver to Albert R. Shattuck, Trustee, a trust deed on certain lands in Mecklenburg County, State of North Carolina, therein described, to secure the sum of $1,000, due by said John M Hanna and Rosa J. Hanna to the British & American Mortgage Company, Limited, which said trust deed is recorded in Mecklenburg County, in Deed Book 69, Page 262, to which reference is hereby made; and whereas default has been made in the payment of the moneys secured by said trust deed; and whereas the undersigned has been duly appointed substituted trustee in the place of said Albert R. Shattuck, as provided in said trust deed, and has been duly requested to execute the trust therein contained;

Now therefore notice is hereby given, that under and by virtue of the power contained in said trust deed, I, the undersigned substituted trustee, on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., at the Court House door, in the city of Charlotte, N. C., in Mecklenburg County, will by public auction sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property, viz:

One hundred (100) acres more or less adjoining the lands of Mary Barnett, George Elliott and others, and bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at a Spanish oak on the branch, and runs north 44 deg E 43 poles to a stone, thence north 52 deg W 54 poles to a stone, thence north 61 deg W 59 poles to a stone pile, thence south 61 deg W 36 poles to a Black Jack, thence south 29 deg W 114 poles to a sour wood, thence south 65 deg E 216 poles to a poplar stump on the branch, thence with the meanderings of the branch to the beginning.

Said land will be sold to satisfy the debt secured by said trust deed, and such title will be given as is vested in said trustee.

E. T. CANSLER,
Substituted Trustee.
Mch 7, 1896 5w

Notice of Administration.

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of the late J. G. Potts, deceased, all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of March, 1897, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

This March 18th, 1896.

W. M. BARRINGER,
Administrator. of Estate of J. G. Potts, dec'd.
March 20, 1896. 6w

Administrator's Notice.

Having qualified as Administrator with the will annexed of Mary Jane Griffin, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present the same to me for payment, properly vertified, on or before the 13th day of March 1897, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the said Estate will please make prompt payment.

This March 12th 1896.

M. W. GRIFFIN, Administrator,
With will annexed of Mary Jane Griffin, deceased.
March 12th, 1896 6w

Administrator's Notice.

Having duly qualified as administrator of the estate of John G. Miller, deceased, all persons having claims against the estate of said John G. Miller are hereby notified to present to me for payment on or before the 1st day of March, 1897, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payments to me.

H. N. PHARR,
Administstrator, Estate, J. G. Miller, dec'd.
Feb. 28, 6w

WHAT WE WANT.
YOUR WHEAT AND CORN.
Bring It Along!
What We Will Do.
Pay You the Highest Market Price AT ALL TIMES, IN CASH, for Your Grain, or Exchange You the Best Roller Flour and Meal for it.
What We Have.
The Best Equipped Mill in the State.
Your Patronage is Desired.
THE MECKLENBURG MILLS,
Charlotte, N. C.
March 20, 1896.

FRESH MEATS, GAME.
FINE GROCERIES.
SEE ME
Before Selling Your Choice
BEEF CATTLE, PORK, EGGS,
CHICKENS, &c.
Always in Market for above.
GEO. S. HALL.
Feb 28, 1896

WARM OVER SHOES.
Ladies wool lined plain rubber overshoe, price 50 cents, less than you can buy than any where in America; Ladies plain overshoe "gold seal" brand every pair warranted, PRICE 50c.
This overshoe will wear longer than two pairs of any other, ever made, comes high up all round, affording more protection from mud, rain; or snow, than any of the fancy styles costing as much, and not near so good.
LADIES RUBBER BOOTS,
for working garden in early spring, every lad should have a pair With rubber boots you will not mind the weather "so the wind dont blow."
PRICE $2.00.
Best stock of shoes in the State.
Jan. 24, 1896 GILREATH & CO.

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GREAT VALUE
AT
DR. J. B. ALEXANDER'S DRUG STORE.
Special Tonic Tablets, Postillers
Woman's Friend, The Great Renovator. Enquire of the Doctor about these Remedies.
May 18, 1895 216 N. TRYON ST.

Nancy's Picture.

Frank L. Stanton, in Greenville Reflector.

Strange things happen in this worl'; a fellow never knows
But when he's grievin' bout a thorn 'twill blossum to a rose;
An' when he rolls in roses from summer time to fall,
An' jest enjoyin' of himself, a blizzard kills 'em all!
An' sayin' that reminds me of a little story—true
As the sermon that the parson keeps a-thunderin' at you;
It's all about a pictur' that a feller had to paint,
But don't think I'm the hero of the story, for I ain't!

Jim fell in love with Nancy, an, I'll say this much for Jim:
He was a sich a likely feller, Nancy feel in love with him;
The day was set for marryin'—all things was going right—
An' for Jim the sun was shinin' an' the stars was out at night.

But one of these here artists men that takes your pictur' fine—
That makes em' look as big as life—jest makes you rise an' shine!
He came along an' says to Jim: "Your lady can't be beat;
I want to paint her pictur' with them red lips smilin' sweet!"
An' Jim—he give the order; the artist jerked his cost
To paint the face of Nancy for a twenty-dollar note;
An' every day, in rain or shine, she'd go and sit to him;
An there wasn't a livin' mortal that was happier than Jim.

The artist kept a-paintin' an' Nan—she'd never stir,
But she' frequent 'caught him smillin' an lookin' sweet at her;
An then the thing got mutual, an' so—one summer day,
They fell into each other's arms an, took an' run away!

'Twas hard to realize it—gone with Jim's weddin, ring
An' twenty shinin' dollars he'd been savin' up since spring!
But Jim—he jest set down an' said: "This here's a queer old worl'!"
An' held on the pictur', for the artist had the girl!

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Burwell & Dunn, Wholesale and retail, Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and $1.00.

LOOK AT THIS.
TABLES AT
$8 50 8 50 $8 50
$8 50!
Would not be bad on a table, especially when you can get a $12 50 Table for only $8 50! That is just what you get at E. M. ANDREWS'.
The grandest display of
FURNITURE!
ever shown in our history. The prices, notwithstanding the advance in many lines, are lower than ever before in our history.
Buying in such large quantities enables us to get
THE - BEST - PRICE!
We do not buy just one of a kind, but 10, 20, 40, 50 and 1,000, if the firm has MADE AN INDUCEMENT!
-:o:- BEAUTIFUL -:o:-
For the little folks Useful, Ornamental, Appropriate! The display is ready. See them Doll Carriages, Doll Sets, Doll, Bedsteads Velocipedes, Express Wagons, Childrend's Desks Rockers, Chairs, Music Racks and an endless variety that you must see
OUR LEADER IS COUCHES
10, 12, 22.75, 15, 18, 22.50, 25 and $50 They are WHAT YOU WANT!
E. M. ANDREWS,
Largest Furniture Dealer in the STATE.
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SPECIAL.
-:o:-SPRING HARDWARE-:o:-
We are selling the only
RIVETED COTTON HOE
on the market, and it would PAY you to examine our stock.
THE GENUINE
DOWLAN COTTON PLANTER
always gives satisfaction and is the one for all farmers to buy.
TURN PLOWS
OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS,
Plow Shapes, Sweeps, Single-Trees, Back Bands, Trace Chains
-:o:- and a complete stock -:o:-
of
HARDWARE.
Call in and see us.
J. H. WEDDINGTON & Co.,
Old Stand, 29 E. Trade St.
March 13, 1896.

What Famous Women Say.

A Collection of Opinions Regarding the Sterner Sex.

"Men of sense do not want silly wives."—Jane Austen.

"All men are poor creatures, more or less."—Georges Sand.

"Men are a medly don't you think?"—Mrs. Humphry Ward,

"The richest man should work if he can."—Dinah C. Mullock.

"Men work and think but women feel."—Christina G. Rosetti,

"What a fine thing it is to be a young man."—Frances Burney.

"There's nothing methodize a man but business."—Frances Burney.

"No man is altogether evil; there is latent good in him."—Edna Lyall.

"One cannot know what a man really is by the end of a fortnight."—Jane Austen.

"A man must be able to support his family, or else remain a bachelor."—Georges Sand.

"All careers are desirable for men who know how to make them so."—Georges Sand.

"Men the very best men, can only suffer, while women can endure."—Dinah C. Mulock.

"Men of business do not, as a rule, blazon their own dirty work."—Mrs. Humpbry Ward.

"Men shrink much more than women from any phisical suffering or deformity."—Dinah C. Mulock.

"No man ever distinguished himself who could not bear to be laughed at."—Maria Edgeworth.

"Vanity never leads a man towards the error of sacrificing himself for another."—Mme. De Stael.

"Knightly love is blent with reverence as heavenly air is blent with heavenly blue."—George Elliot

"Remember one thing—no man can fail to fulfill his destiny but through his own fault."—Georges Sand.

"To laugh at men's affairs is a woman's privilege, tending to enliven the domestic health."—George Elliot.

"Men who have seen a good deal of life don't always end by choosing their wives so well."—George Elliot.

"A straight forward, open-hearted man may be safely left to manage his own concerns."—Jane Austen.

"A man capable of conquering habitual indolence cannot be of feeble character."—Maria Edgeworth.

"Man is very apt to contemplate himself out of all proportion to his surroundings."—Christina G. Rossetti.

"In the average man there is still a dreadful amount of Eastern feelling with regard to women."—Edna Lyall.

"Love occupies vast space in woman's thoughts but fills a small portion in man's life."—Maria Edgeworth.

"The best augury of a man's success in his profession it is that he thinks it is the finest in the world." George Elliot.

"Man is not made for that selfish concentration of dispair which is stoicism."—Georges Sand.

"It is easier for the Ethiopian to change his skin than for a man to live down the past in public opinion."—Edna Lyall.

"The just living of a lifetime makes a man incapable of any more selfish handling of another's interests."—Mrs. Humphry Ward.

"No insult offered to a man can ever degrade him; the only real degradation is when he degrades himself."—Dinah C. Mulock.—*New York Journal.*

A disgruntled subscriber writes: "Mr. Editor—I like your paper generally—likewise yourself—you deserve much of my respect. Nevertheless, cross from your dazzling list of subscribers my humble name or stop printing those blinders of Dr. Pierce. I know him by heart—his medicines are O. K. I had the sickest liver that ever was sick and lived, and his 'Pellets' straightened out its crooks.

My wife, sister, children, cousins, aunts and uncles, have all been strengthened by 'the mystery of their magic.' I am truly grateful; but when I sit down to read one of 'Napoleon Bonaparte's Jokes' or 'An Irishman Crossing the Alps, must I always have to blunder into the old story of how 'Pierces Pleasant Pellets' are purely vegetable and anti-bilious, pleasant to the tast—cure sick headache, relieve torpid liver and always give satisfaction?

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NEW, STYLISH,
SPRING CLOTHING.
SUITS,
BY THE
THOUSANDS.
HATS, UP TO DATE.
New and Pretty.
SHIRTS,
Socks, Collars and Cuffs.
BOYS'
BEAUTIFUL SUITS,
The Best Goods and Low Prices.
COME TO SEE US.
NEXT DOOR TO H. BARUCH.
March 27, 1896.

Are We Ceasing to Be Christians?

Nashville Christian Advocate.

The New York Post, which is a very able, and for the most part, a very decent paper, seems, nevertheless, to have incurable prejudices against evangelical Christianity. It comments favorably upon the proposition to abolish all chaplaincies in the State Legislatures and other public assemblies, and intimates that the time for public praying has probably passed. We beg to say that the Post's habit of being cocksure on the tariff and the currency is hardly favorable to a fair consideration of a delicate and complex question in religion. Men will not cease to pray till they shall have utterly lost all sense of dependence upon a higher Power—that is, till they shall have become radically different from what they now are; and they will not cease to use public prayer until that social instinct which draws them together into congregations and Churches shall have been quite extirpated. But the Post says:

Col. T. W. Higginson, in the Christian Register, notes the revolution that has come about within his recollection in the matter of saying grace at table, or "asking the blessing," as it is commonly called in New England, and having family prayers. In his boyhood there was scarcely a family in the First Parish of Cambridge which did not observe each of these customs; he thinks that twenty would be a large estimate of the number which still keep up the practice. At a public dinner over which Col. Higginson presided last winter he asked "one of the most eminent of Unitarian clergymen," who sat near him, whether he had better invite anybody to say grace, and was promptly informed that it was ceasing to be customary, and advised against it. Last summer "another eminent Unitarian minister" dined with him, and the host, as a matter of courtesy to him requested him to ask a blessing. "He did so; but it seemed as if he did not expect it, and I thought it would be better not to take the thing for granted again."

It gives us pleasure to say that affairs are not as bad in the South as this paragraph indicates that they are about Boston. Thousands of families in this section have, we are sadly constrained to admit, abandoned household worship and grace at meals; but this lapse is by no means universal. We take the present occasion to urge upon all our people not to let the altars fall down at their hearthstones. No merely temporal misfortune could be a thing so much to be deplored as that God should cease to be formally and regularly recognized and honored in our homes. Let all the pulpits enforce the duty of parents in this respect. Our fathers were praying people, and we shall be morally and religiously degenerate if we fail to follow in their footsteps.

There Is a Chance.

Monroe Journal.

Was there ever a better opportunity for a young man than today, whether he have money or not? We think not. Young men are often heard to say there is no chance for them and it's no use to try. When a young fellow uses such words as these it is pretty apt to be true that there is no chance for him, but he wrongly places the responsibility upon the world. It is not the world that is at fault, but himself. There are few opportunities for the man who can do nothing, but there is every chance for the one who has fitted himself for something. The man who has prepared himself to do well the work of any particular field can always find work to do. Does any one know a good farmer who is not getting along well? Does any one know of a first-class mechanic who cannot find work to do? Does any one know of a first-class salesman who cannot find employment? Does any one know of a good workman in any particular field who cannot find plenty for his hands to do? Besides that there are hundreds of people who have not learned any trade or made any special preparation for a particular work, still if they are men of pluck and energy they can and do find plenty to do. When they cannot find it they make it. The trouble is that too many act upon the false theory that the world owes them a living. The world owes no such debt. If it does it has repudiated it and will never pay it. There are plenty of opportunities but they are like the ore hidden away in the mine, they must be dug for.

The Kind Who Build.

Durham Sun.

If there is anything on the face of the earth that makes us long for eternal rest and deep, damp solitude, it is a man who comes to a town or county, builds up a big paying business, grows rich, and then squats down on his gold like a hen on a door knob, and is too stingy even to let the gravel grind in his own gizzard.

A real, genuine, 18-carat, stingy, selfish man can not be honest, and if he ever gets to heaven and has wings, he will fold them up and walk for fear that he might ruffle a plume or lose a tail feather.

The kind of men who build up a town or a county, and enjoy life and make the best citizens are energetic, enterprising and liberal men, who believe in living and letting others live, and who, when they get a dollar, don't squeeze it until the goddess of liberty feels as though she had on a corset. Such squeezing is what causes the hard times and stops the circulation of the American eagle.

If it were not for the broad-guaged enterprising men, it would be impossible to build up a prosperous city. Life would be one big game of grab, and the devil take the hindmost would be the order of the day.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents per bottle at Burwell & Dunn, wholesale and retail drug store.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report
Royal Baking Powder
ABSOLUTELY PURE

Why We Are Especially Interested in Cuba's Case.

New York Sun.

We are primarily interested in it because liberty is at stake there. That is to say, the Cuban people are battling for their liberties, and a foreign military power is battling against them and their liberties. The Cubans are striving to follow the example of our Revolutionary forefathers in throwing off an oppressive foreign yoke; Spain is fighting to keep them under that yoke, as England fought to keep us under her yoke. In each case the circumstances resemble those in the other. As we honor our own Revolutionary sires, so we honor the Cuban revolutionary patriots. The Senator or other person who is of the anti-Cuban stripe would have been of the anti American stripe if in existance 120 years ago. The man who upholds Spain at this time, would have upheld England at the other time. He who ridicules the Cuban Declaration of Independence would have ridiculed the American Declaration. He who defends the bloody Weyler in the Senate or elsewhere would have defended the bloody Tarelton, or Burgoyne, or Knyphausen. He who mocks the suffering Cuban revolutionists, would have mocked Washington when he retreated beyond the Delaware at the head of a few thousand ragged and starving Continentals, or when he was encamped at Valley Forge. The anti-Cuban pro-Spanish speech of Senator Hale of Maine and that of Senator Hoar of Massachusetts sound as though they had been written by Tories when Hutchinson was the royal Governor of the British province which now constitutes the States of Massachusetts and Maine. The war for liberty in the Spanish colony of Cuba is of the same nature as the war which was fought for liberty in the British-American colonies, now free and independent. This is the chief reason why we are interested in the Cuban revolution: the Cubans seek liberty.

"For always in thine eyes, O, Liberty!
Shines that high light whereby the world is saved."

We are interested in Cuba's war for liberty, also, because it is right. Truth, justice, and honor are on Cuba's side. For these Cuba has taken up arms. All her hopes for the future lie in her success She has suffered under the obstructive rule of Spain for centuries. Generations of Cubans have lived and died under that galling and truculent rule. There have been ten or twelve uprisings against it in this century, each one more sanguinary than the preceding one. The people have fought against their wrongs; they have fought for their rights. The Spanish rule is intolerable to them; they have the right to throw it off. It is a rightful struggle in which they are now engaged.

We have also a sympathetic interest in the Cuban war for liberty and for right because of the abominable means taken by Spain to crush the resurgent people. She has placed in power over them a Captain-General of infamous name and antecedents, who, as soon as he took possession of his palace, and the effrontery to promulgate a number of inhuman decrees and so give orders that they should be executed under circumstances which prevent the world from Knowing of their execution. It pains us that two American Senators should speak of this man's nefarious deeds as Senator Hale and Senator Hoar have spoken of them, or should scoff at the reports of them which have been sent out under the sign-manual of their perpetrator. Surely no true American of Revolutionary stock ought to dishonor the name got from his sires by defending the Spanish miscreant who has been sent to Cuba, or by scoffing at a revolution which is as justifiable as was that in which his own ancestors took part. We ourselves partake of the sympathy which the American people feel for the much-suffering Cubans who have struggled bravely for the past thirteen months in behalf of American principles.

There it yet another consideration, though it may be of less gravity, which leads us to take an interest in the case of Cuba. "Europe," says Senor Moret, the Spanish jurist, "cannot permit Cuba to become independent, because it is destined to be the Gilbraltar of the Western hemisphere." Here, indeed, is a statement that is deserving of our thought. What Gibraltar is to England, Cuba must be to Spain, or, as Senor Moret says, to Europe. As Gibraltar strengthens England in the Mediterranean Sea, so Cuba is to strengthen Europe on our Atlantic seaboard and in the Gulf of Mexico. Cuba is the point of vantage for Europe in America. It is to be held by Spain as a spot from which a foreign enemy can operate against us. It is to dominate the gulf upon which is the coast of five of our Southern States. It is to be the arsenal, the naval depot, the bulwark of Europe against America. It is to be a perpetual menace to this country. Cuba must be held by a foreign power because it would be useful to any foreign power in the event of war with the United States. Spain, then, will not permit Cuban independence for the reason given by Senor Moret. The Spanish flag does not float over Gibraltar in Spain, but it shall float over Cuba-Gibraltar.

Senor Moret's declaration but adds to our interest in Cuba and in the cause of Cuban independence. We do not like it that Cuba shall be held by a foreign power as a menace against us or for the intimidation of our country. We do not like it that liberty and right shall be crushed in Cuba for a purpose that may be desirable for Europe, while it is hostile to ourselves. Spain does not like it that England holds Gibraltar, situated upon Spanish territory; and no more can we like it that there shall be an alien Gibraltar lying close to our territory. Very serious, indeed, for the American Government and people is this consideration. It increases our immediate interest in the case of Cuba.

It is manifest, then, that Cuba must be wrested from foreign hands. Spain must be driven from Cuba. The Cuban people must receive our encouragement in their war for independence. We must encourage Cuba for the sake of liberty and the right, and also for the sake of our own safety against foreign aggression. We can abide no defiant Gibraltar standing over against the United States. We cannot abide an enslaved Cuba forever, or hear unmoved the "muffled shrieks of freedom," generation after generation.

Our Public Charities.

Biblical Recorder.

North Carolina may rightly be proud of her public charities. No State provides better for her unfortunates. In the annual report of the Board of Public charities for 1895 record is made of progress along all the line of the work, and the inspectors of institutions report a gratifying condition of affairs in all the institutions.

As there has been somewhat of an effort to supplement the work of this board by certain people who we cannot believe know anything of it, it is well to give some idea of the system of the board's operations. Five gentlemen make up the board. The office is without salary, and the only cost to the State is the expense of inspecting committees, of the Secretary who is paid but meagerly for the great amount of work he has to do, and of printing the report. These gentlemen inspect the several institutions for unfortunates maintained by the State; they are set between the helpless and the officers, whose fitness might not be questioned but for the uncertainty of politics, no one ever knowing when a change will be made; furthermore, they see that the buildings are kept properly, and look all the other parts of the institutions. In addition to this central board there are visitors and auxiliary (women) visitors in every part of the State who are charged with seeing to the welfare of the inmates of county homes; and their reports are also published in the annual report.

Fear of unkind treatment often adds to the grief of those who have loved ones in public institutions. The horrors of madhouses have been portrayed until the public mind is filled with them. But under this system there is no reasonable ground for such fears.

We daresay the reader will be surprised at the greatness of the amount of money appropriated to our public institutions for the unfortunates; but there is no one of Christian sensibilites who will grudge them a cent of it. The asylum at Raleigh for the insane cost last year $65,245.60 for support, $4,590.47 being appropriated for old debts and $9,800 for repairs besides. The hospital at Morganton for the insane cost last year $100,000 for support, repairs and equipments. The Eastern hospital (colored) at Goldsboro, for the insane, cost last year $47.500 for support and building. "This liberality," says the report, "is not misplaced for an examination of the reports of these noble institutions will show that at no period have they rendered such extended and admirable service in restoring to the lists of active useful citizens and tax payers those, whom diseases had stricken down and threatened to render them a life long burden to their friends and the community." Seventy seven patients have in one year been restored to activity at the Morganton institution; the proportion of recoveries to admissions at the Raleigh asylum is 47 to 100; and at the Goldsboro hospital 33 to 100, in a year of an unusually large number of admissions.

The list of public charitable institutions maintained by the state, with the exception of some outside aid in one or two instances, includes, besides those previously mentioned, the North Carolina institutions (two) for the blind, the institution for the deaf and dumb, the Oxford Orphan Asylum the Colored Orphan Asylum, also at Oxford, the Soldiers' Home, and the State Penitentiary, although it is not a charitable institution. Of all these, good reports are made though certain desirable improvements are asked for. One more is needed and that sorely a reformatory for youthful criminals; and we have hopes of seeing it started next year.

Arabs in the desert have conracted a strange prejudice against running water and they will only drink what they find in some stagnant pool. So much has this become a matter of habit with them that while the most poisonous looking water, agrees with them admirably, pure running water will make them violently sick.

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