



Union County's Home For Aged and Infirm—Main Building.

The new county home of Union county is perhaps the most complete and up-to-date institution of its kind in North Carolina. The home is situated two and a half miles west of Monroe, on the Waxhaw road, a little over half way between Monroe and the famous Tindle place. The farm, which was purchased from Mr. F. H. Wolfe, comprises 214 acres, and the home grounds contain four or five acres. Walks and drives have been laid out by a landscape gardener and the whole appearance, when a little time has elapsed, will be one of beauty. The county commissioners have worked tirelessly in seeing that everything should be done properly and took great pains in deciding upon plans. Before adopting plans they visited several modern institutions of the kind and exercised long and painstaking care in making their selections. The Journal desires to congratulate them upon the work they have done and it will without doubt meet the hearty approval of the people of the county. By selling the old property lying in town the cost of the new will be met, and by adopting modern plans and putting up new buildings and at the same time securing sufficient farming lands, the work of caring for our unfortunate ones will be easier, more complete, and should be cheaper. If Charles Dickens, who wrote one of his most famous novels to ridicule and so reform the workhouse system of England, could rise from the dead and view an institution like this designed for the unfortunate of the community he would have a wonderful example of how far civilization and philanthropy have advanced in these hundred years.

The contract for the building was let to Mr. G. M. Tucker and he has done a job that is a credit to himself, to the commissioners who employed him, and to the people of this good county. The writer of this article has had occasion to examine buildings put up for the State at some of its institutions and he hesitatingly says that the new county home building of Union county, in arrangement, design, workmanship and material, far surpasses some of them. This does not mean that any unnecessary finery has been put on the home, but that in its simple design, careful workmanship, and the quality of material, is all that could be required, and when cost is considered, highly superior. Nothing but honest work throughout could accomplish such results.

There are four buildings, and they set back from the road some three hundred feet. They are of white unit brick, with cement trimmings, steps and porch floors. The style of architecture is colonial, simple and pretty. The main building is of course most prominent as it faces the road. It is 112 feet long and 34 feet deep, with a wing in the rear 52 x 31. To the rear of it is the building for the colored inmates, situated some seventy feet back. It is 60 x 30, has four wards, baths, closets, heating, etc., like the white building. In the right of the centre of the two buildings is the building designed for the insane who may from time to time be in the county's care. It has four small wards, two bath rooms, a nurse's room, and all the heating fixtures are arranged in the ceiling far out of reach of the unfortunate inmates. Opposite this building to the left of the centre is the infirmary. It

has four wards, nurse's room, baths, etc., with an incinerary in the rear for the burning of all dangerous or infected articles.

Going back to the main building, it is of interest to describe it more in detail. The main entrance is in the centre and opens into a lobby or reception room. On each end of the building from this point are six wards, one set for the men, and one for the women. Each has its own baths, tub and shower, closets, etc. This is duplicated up stairs. From the central lobby the stairs rise, and from the head of this stairs the keeper's office appears in front, and his living rooms, kitchen, and dining room, which are in the ell. When his offices are closed the inmates cannot pass from one end of the building to the other, but may use the doors in the ends of the building.

In the first floor of the ell is a large dining room for the whites, and in the rear, one for the colored, also the kitchen. The colored inmates come from their building in the rear without coming in contact with the whites at all. In the basement are the boilers, and a laundry 30 x 35, cement floor. The kitchen floor is of reinforced concrete. The kitchen, boiler room, and all places where fire will be used are shut off by a solid brick wall from the sleeping apartments of the inmates, the one door between being metal covered.

The whole bunch of buildings

will be heated from steam from the basement of the main building. The electric lights will be supplied by a generator run by a gasoline engine, and water will be supplied from a well on the premises, forced by the same engine. The rooms are all large and airy, the ventilation perfect. The rooms are plastered, with high wainscoting, painted in mission, and the ceiling painted in old ivory. The inmates of these buildings will not be housed in dungeons, but will have all the abundance of God's good light and air and warmth; and they will have cleanliness which is next to Godliness, and they will have sufficient food. Every creature ever born on the earth is entitled to these things, for they are the free gifts of God. All the buildings and furnishings are designed to give them these, and who will say that they should not have them because they have not the money with which to pay?

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