

# GOV. GLENN GIVEN OUT THE REPORT

## Directors of State Hospital Exonerate Management

### NO CHARGES SUSTAINED

#### Gov. Glenn Says He Will Refrain From Expressing Himself Until After the Trial of the Attendants in Wake Court This Week—Directors Silent as to Them

Governor Glenn yesterday made public the report of the board of directors of the state hospital for the insane on their investigation of the charges made against the management of that institution in connection with the sensational death of the patient, Thomas Hall, August 24th.

The report, as previously indicated, exonerates the management as regards all the charges made, and declares that the institution is better managed than ever before in its history. Governor Glenn said when he made public the report he would not make any official statement at this time, but would reserve anything he might desire to say until after the trial of the four attendants who will be arraigned today in the Wake superior court on the charge of causing the death of Hall. The report of the directors as submitted to the governor is as follows:

State Hospital at Raleigh, N. C., September 21, 1905.

To His Excellency R. B. Glenn:

We have the honor to report that the board of directors for the state hospital at Raleigh met in called meeting at said hospital on Wednesday, September 13, 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., every member being present, including Dr. J. D. Biggs, recently appointed successor to the late lamented J. D. Biggs of Martin county, who for more than fifteen years and up to his recent death most worthily and acceptably filled the position of chairman of this board. A letter of date September 8, 1905, addressed by you to the members of this board requesting us to investigate certain charges contained in the public press, that one Thomas H. Hall, a recent patient of said hospital, had come to his death through violence at the hands of the attendants or employees of said institution, was read and we immediately began such investigation. We employed Mrs. Nellie M. Wright, an expert stenographer, to take the testimony of all witnesses, a typewritten copy of which is herewith transmitted to you as a part of this report. We also had before us an identified copy of the evidence taken before the coroner's jury, which we likewise attach hereto. In your absence from the state we applied, through the attorney general, for counsel to sit with and assist us in the examination of witnesses, but the council of state did not see proper to grant our request.

The board, also, acting upon the suggestion contained in your excellency's letter above referred to, made a thorough investigation of the management of the institution, especially as to the treatment of the inmates, from the beginning of the present administration of the hospital to this time. A copy of said testimony is hereto attached as a part of this report.

As to the charge that the insane patient, Thomas H. Hall, deceased, who in the afternoon of August 24, 1905, had escaped from his attendants while exercising in the grounds of the institution was brutally beaten and otherwise ill used by certain of the attendants or employees while engaged in his capture, and that his death shortly thereafter was the result thereof, we are of the opinion that as the four men who are alleged to have maltreated the said Hall, deceased, thereby causing his death, were committed to the common jail of Wake county by the coroner of said county, and as they are to answer a charge of having committed a serious offense against the criminal law of the state, in this connection it would be improper at this time for this board to express any opinion thereon, as it might tend to prejudice said attendants in their defense or embarrass the state in its prosecution.

We inquired diligently of witnesses, under oath, as to whether or not any other employee or any officer of this institution, either by omission or commission, in any way, contributed to or hastened the death of said Hall.

We find that, on notice by telephone that said Hall had been captured, the superintendent, Dr. James McKee, at once sent a carriage, in charge of the head nurse, and had said Hall brought to the hospital. His condition was found to be as described in the evidence herewith attached. We find that Dr. McKee, the superintendent, and Dr. C. L. Jenkins, the assistant physician, immediately upon the arrival of said Hall at the hospital at 4:30 o'clock p. m. on the 24th of August last, made an examination of the patient for the purpose of ascertaining his condition, and administered to him such treatment and remedies as to them seemed demanded by his symptoms; that the patient, notwithstanding, died at 5:10 o'clock that afternoon. With the evidence of physicians (admitted to be learned in their profession and experts) before us, we are forced to conclude that the treatment of the said Hall by Drs. McKee and Jenkins was, in the emergency and

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under the circumstances, such skilled and humane physicians would have given. As to whether or not their diagnosis of the patient's condition was correct, we are unable to say, seeing that skilled physicians have disagreed on this point. Seven of the nine expert physicians examined by us, to-wit, Drs. A. W. Knox, W. I. Royster, Hubert A. Royster, R. S. McGeachy, H. M. Tucker of Raleigh, Dr. J. P. Miller of Goldsboro and Dr. R. Young of Concord, testified that in their opinion the diagnosis was correct. The other two physicians, to-wit, Dr. J. N. Taylor of Chatham county and Dr. T. M. Jordan of Raleigh, testified that in their opinion the diagnosis was incorrect. If it be conceded that Drs. Taylor and Jordan are right in their conclusion, still we are forced to the decision that both Drs. McKee and Jenkins did all that they could for the patient, and there is no suggestion from any source that anything more could have been done than that which was done to save the life of Hall. But some have criticized Dr. McKee, the superintendent, for not having an autopsy in order to determine the guilt or innocence of the four attendants concerned in the capture of the patient. Had he held the views of Drs. Taylor and Jordan he would doubtless have done so, but holding contrary views as to the cause of the death of the patient, to-wit, dilatation of the heart and exhaustion (in which he is sustained by seven of the expert physicians), his suspicions were not aroused; hence he did not see the necessity for an autopsy. The most that can be said is, that if there was an error in the diagnosis it was an error of judgment. If the said Thomas H. Hall died from blows on his head, or received evil treatment at the hands of the said attendants who captured him (and we do not pass upon these matters now, for reasons before given), we have no reason to think that the superintendent, Dr. McKee, or the assistant physician, Dr. Jenkins, had any purpose or intent whatever to conceal the facts or to shield said attendants.

In addition to the expert physicians, examined by us, we had summoned Dr. S. D. Booth of Oxford; Dr. Geo. W. Long of Graham, and Dr. W. H. H. Cobb of Goldsboro, all of whom are admitted to be experts in their profession, but who we regret to say could not appear before the board.

Relative to the expressing of the body of Thomas H. Hall, deceased, to his father, we desire to say, that the remains of inmates dying in the institution are decently interred in the hospital cemetery at the expense of the institution, unless by request of the family or friends of a deceased patient the remains are delivered or sent to them, at their cost. It is not the policy of the institution to pay the burial expenses of the remains of such deceased patients as are delivered to or sent to their families or friends. The father of Hall, deceased, wired Dr. McKee to send to him the body of his son. Complying with that request, Dr. McKee turned the remains over to an undertaker with instructions that he must not look to the institution for the burial expenses. That the father was not prepared to promptly meet the "C. O. D." charges on the remains was his misfortune (which we deeply regret), which could not have been anticipated by Dr. McKee. With a view to avoiding in future any embarrassment to the family of a deceased patient, the superintendent has been instructed to notify the family of the deceased of the actual expense necessary to send the body to them for burial.

In order that the public might have the fullest light, to which it is entitled, turned upon the present management of the hospital, the board gave notice through the Raleigh daily papers and the correspondents of state papers that we would be glad to have any person who had any information as to any ill management, or of any ill treatment of the inmates, appear before us and testify. Notwithstanding these notices, not one appeared in person or by writing. Previous to this notice, we had received information of only two complaints, one from Z. B. Newton, Esq., an attorney at law, of Hope Mills, a former patient, and the other from George M. Lindsay, Esq., an attorney at law, of Snow Hill, who was also a patient of this institution, and is now at home on probation.

One of the first acts of the board, on assembling, was to request, by wire, the attendance of Mr. Newton. He answered that he would appear on Friday, the 15th inst. But the board, having finished the examination of all witnesses, except Mr. Newton, by Thursday night, did not think it advisable to remain in session to await his arrival, since we had, as far as we could, inquired into the alleged ill treatment of certain patients named by him.

Mr. Lindsay, in response to our request, appeared and his testimony will

be found among the voluminous evidence herewith transmitted. We made a careful examination of his case, and conclude, from the testimony of Dr. E. B. Ferebee, assistant physician, and Mr. Brown, head nurse, given under oath, that on Mr. Lindsay's arrival at the hospital, in July last, he was in a highly excited nervous condition, noisy and irritable. The weather being very warm, Dr. Ferebee prescribed for him a tepid bath, which was given with beneficial results to the patient, soothing, quieting effects; that on a return of his excitability, the bath was repeated by Mr. Brown, the head nurse. The patient violently resisted the administration of these baths. Mr. Brown admits that the patient's hands were tied with a towel, but declares that his legs were not tied, and that the binding of his hands were done not for the purpose of humiliating him, but kindly, for the purpose of keeping him from injuring his arms against the bath tub, and was necessary for that purpose. That the patient's (Lindsay's) head was not held under water as he alleges.

Mr. Lindsay began to improve rapidly under the treatment he received, and was, within three weeks from the date of his admission to the hospital, allowed to go home on probation, and, on leaving the institution, according to the testimony of Dr. Jenkins, spoke in highest terms of praise of the kind treatment he had received at the hospital; and at that time made no complaint as to any mistreatment.

We examined, upon oath, separately, every officer and employee of the hospital who came in contact with any of the patients, and we found nothing, with the exception of the Hall case, that indicated that the employees and officers were not obedient to the by-laws, rules and regulations of the hospital, which require, not only skillful and humane treatment, but most but most kind consideration of the patients' feelings. That during the several years of the present administration of the affairs of the hospital, we find evidence of but very few infractions of the rules, regulations and by-laws governing the conduct of employees towards patients, and these have invariably been followed by prompt dismissal, from the service of the institution, of the transgressors. It is the duty of all employees to report to the superintendent any unusual, harsh, or cruel treatment of patients by any one, and any employee failing to report such infractions of the rules as come to his or her knowledge is summarily dismissed from the service, though he or she may not have been guilty of any other breach of said rules.

As a matter of fact, we find from the testimony that, with the exception of the Hall case, there have been reported but two cases of indignities being offered patients. One of these was the use of profane language to a patient, and the other was the striking of a patient, while out at work, with a small switch by an attendant, who was promptly dismissed. The former denied the charge, but offered his resignation, which was accepted.

In our opinion the affairs of this institution have never been in a better condition. The patients are well fed, well clothed and receive the best skill of the medical staff, supported by well trained attendants. On our visits through the building we frequently find but one or two patients in many of the wards, the others being out in the fresh air, either at light beneficial work, or resting under the shade of the trees. No mechanical restraint is ever used in this hospital, except canvas sleeves, which restrain the hands and prevent the actually violent insane from injuring themselves and other patients, and from tearing their clothes from their bodies. At this time only two patients are wearing them, one, a male, suffering from homicidal mania, who, while out at work, has made repeated efforts to kill his attendants with a rock; the other a female, who has to have her hands restrained to prevent her from tearing the clothing from her body and from the bodies of other patients. No crib, cuff, muff, belt, or other device, strap, or anklet is ever used in this institution.

We file herewith a copy of the "by-laws, rules and regulations" now in force in the hospital, which will show the rigid discipline governing all officers and employees, especially as to their conduct towards the patients.

The board of directors serve this institution without any pecuniary remuneration whatever. Our only reward being the consciousness that we are accomplishing the condition of the insane placed in our charge, and using our best endeavors to secure ample accommodations for every insane person in our beloved state.

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### The Supreme Court

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Stone vs. Steamship Co., by Goodman for plaintiff; Rountree for defendant.  
Sykes vs. Power Co., by Bryan for plaintiff; Meares for defendant.  
Chemical Co. vs. McNair, by Rountree for plaintiff; Bryan for defendant.  
Hicks vs. Kenan, by Bryan for plaintiff; Rountree and Meares for defendant.

Outlaw vs. Garner, by Grady & Graham for plaintiff; Parker for defendant.

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