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RALEIGH, N. C., December 21, 1918.

To His Excellency, T. W. BICKETT,
Governor of North Carolina.

SIR:—On behalf of the Board of Directors of the State Hospitals of North Carolina, I beg to submit herewith the reports of the superintendents, showing in detail all the operations at each hospital for the two years beginning December 1, 1916, and ending November 30, 1918.

The institutions and the State suffered a great loss in the death of Mr. Charles P. Matheson, an honored and useful member of this Board and a gentleman of sterling character.

Your special attention is called to the fact that a deficit is shown at each institution. It is a source of gratification that this deficit is not larger as, because of war conditions throughout the entire period, the price of labor and of supplies of every kind have been excessively high.

Two years ago the directors of the three hospitals asked for increased appropriations, basing their request on the advanced prices then prevailing. The General Assembly thought best to curtail the amounts asked for, and did so. Prices continued to advance, and, clearly foreseeing that the appropriations would be inadequate, the directors, in person and by letter, in May, 1917, called the matter to the attention of yourself and your Council of State.

After due consideration the directors were advised to make the available funds go as far as possible and when they were exhausted to call upon you for further instructions. This course was followed and every possible economy was practiced. Rooms were kept empty because funds were not sufficient to support the present population.

There are now empty rooms sufficient to accommodate at Morganton 100 and at Raleigh 110 additional patients. Because of lack of funds these rooms could not be used, although there were many applicants on the waiting list, and some unfortunately lying in the county jails.

In October, 1918, your attention was again called to the lack of funds, and your Council of State authorized the directors to borrow for Goldsboro \$30,000, for Raleigh \$30,000, and for Morganton \$60,000. The hospitals did not find it necessary to borrow quite so much, although at Morganton it was found necessary to leave some outstanding bills. Attention is called to these matters in the various reports, and the General Assembly is asked to provide for these deficits in addition to their appropriation for maintenance for the next two years.

The directors would suggest and most earnestly urge that authority be lodged in some one to provide for emergencies of this kind so that the directors may not be called upon to assume personal responsibility for the support of these institutions or to ask the banks to make loans for which there exists no authority.

Your attention is further directed to the crying need for other permanent improvements, as indicated in the reports of the superintendents. The directors are fully aware of the lack of funds sufficient to provide for all of the interests of the various institutions of the State, but the needs of the class

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of patients served by these hospitals are of such a nature that they think it their duty to submit these matters for the careful consideration of yourself and of the General Assembly.

There is a fund known as the "Receipts or Steward's Account," which comes from pay patients and other sources and which the various hospitals have been allowed to use. But for this fund it would have been impossible to have made as good a showing with the regular appropriations. In large institutions of this kind, as in smaller households, many unusual emergencies occur which cannot possibly be anticipated. This fund has been used judiciously, and detailed report is made thereof. It should not be interfered with.

Messrs. Pullen, Henderson, McKinne & Co., a well-known firm of accountants, have been employed to audit the books and accounts, and comparative statements have been inaugurated which it is believed will result in great good. Summary of the same will be found herein, and all per capita calculations, comparisons, etc., will be found in the Auditor's report.

The suggestions and requests found in these reports have been made after the most careful consideration of the Board, and are solely for the interests of the institutions and of the patients under their care.

The directors wish to express their appreciation of the cordial support and hearty coöperation which they have always received at your hands.

Very respectfully,

Jos. G. BROWN,
President of the Board.

REPORT
OF
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AT
RALEIGH, N. C.
FOR THE
TWO YEARS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1918

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

*Mr. Joseph G. Brown, President, and Members of the Board of Directors of
the State Hospital at Raleigh.*

GENTLEMEN:—Report of the work of this hospital for two years ending
November 30, 1918, is herewith submitted:

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Insane Department

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Patients remaining November 30, 1916.....	481	556	1,037
Admitted during the past two years.....	203	205	413
Total number under treatment.....	689	761	1,450
Average daily population in hospital.....	538	618	1,156
Total number discharged.....	224	231	455
Restored	17	17	34
Improved	88	142	230
Unimproved	2	1	3
Died	117	71	188
Per cent of deaths on number treated.....	.....	.....	12
Per cent of recoveries on number admitted.....	.....	.....	4
Remaining	465	530	995

Epileptic Department

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Patients remaining November 30, 1916.....	88	82	170
Admitted during the past two years.....	39	26	65
Total number under treatment.....	127	108	235
Average daily population.....	90	88	178
Total number discharged.....	42	25	67
Discharged improved	13	11	24
Transferred to Main Building.....	3	.....	3
Died	26	14	40
Per cent of deaths on number treated.....	.....	.....	17
Total number remaining November 30, 1918.....	85	83	168

The statistical summary includes the Epileptic Department.

There has been no suicide during this biennial period.

There had been no epidemic of any disease until the influenza came in October and lasted until about the close of the year.

Three hundred and seven cases, including all officers, employees, and patients, occurred in about thirty days, a little over ten cases a day. Of these, there were seventy-two employees and officers with only two deaths; the balance were patients—eighteen of whom died—making 2.7.9 per cent mortality among employees and officers and 7¼ per cent among patients.

R. E. Chesnutt, our chief cook, was the first to die of pneumonia. No finer hero than he died in the trenches. He strictly considered his post of service as one of patriotic duty, and flatly refused more remunerative offers and stuck to his job with supreme loyalty.