

# DAILY REFLECTOR.

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Merry Christmas is here. The most joyous season of the year has once more come around bringing with it the happy re-unions of friend and kindred, its festivities, and the hallowed memories associated with the glad day. Let us not in our happiness forget the less favored ones around us, but do some deed of kindness in the name of Him who was God's best gift to the world. We spend a poor Christmas if we fail to make some heart glad.

Reports received at the State Agricultural Department show that the increase of hogs in North Carolina is 100 per cent. in the last two years, and that less meat will be purchased outside of the State than at any time since the war. Farmers state that they propose to reduce the cotton acreage one half to two-thirds and to proportionately increase grain crops.

The low price of cotton is the cause of serious alarm to the Egyptian growers. They are unable to pay their taxes, and the price of land in the delta has fallen off considerably. American planters have but to grow corn as well as cotton and they will command the situation.

Mr. B. L. Perry who for two years past has been proprietor of the Atlantic Hotel, Morehead City, is so severely ill at his home in Raleigh of heart disease and dropsy that his life is despaired of.

The DAILY REFLECTOR wishes for every one the very fullest measure of happiness this merry Christmas.

The report of the insane asylum at Raleigh for the two years ending November 30th, last shows that there are now 307 patients. Two years ago there were 300, and during that period 84 males and 87 females were admitted, making total number under treatment 471. Ninety-six were discharged cured, 20 as improved, 3 on probation, and 47 died. The death rate is only 5 per cent, the average in this country in asylums being 7 per cent.; and 54 per cent. of those admitted recovered their minds, the general average in asylums being 35 per cent. The annual appropriation for the asylum is \$52,500, and the per capita cost is only \$108.87, this including all their expenses of maintenance, clothing, &c., as well as repairs of the buildings. During the year a new building containing wards for 75 females and a congregate dining-room large enough to accommodate 250 females has been completed at a cost of \$16,880.

Marion Butler, President of the National Farmers' Alliance, announces that the next annual meeting will be held in Raleigh in February, at which time the corner stone will be laid to the monument that is to be erected in Oakwood cemetery to the memory of the late Col. L. L. Poik.

### Cotton and Peanuts.

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