

DR. T. B. WILLIAMS.

Ridgeway, N. C., Nov 13. 1893

Cousin Elias:

In thanking you for your kind letter of the 7th inst. I can but express my satisfaction that your interview with Capt. Burwell verified the position I have insisted on or as you express it "there is a general consensus of opinion as to Dr. Fuller's entire unfitness for his position?"

But knowing all this I had not thought it expedient to ask the Board to retire him: it was my idea to let his term expire by limitation thinking his time would be out in March 1894. But if everybody agrees that he is incapable of discharging the duties of the office, I think the board should retire him ^{now}. Especially is this an opportune time just as the new buildings are to be completed and the capacity of the Asylum enlarged. I hear from one of the Board that at the time of his election Dr. F. got only 4 votes out of the 7 present & he got these only because no other applicant was in the field: and that Mr. B. J. Boykin introduced a resolution, reciting the fact that the board elected Dr. F. on condition that said board reserved and retained the right to call for his resignation at any time. (See minutes of proceedings of board). At the same time Dr. F. I hear made a motion that if there was no other way of disposing of Dr. F.

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that the Bd pension him at \$500 a year and elect some efficient man as physician. This motion I hear was treated as a joke & was not put to a vote. But that such remarks were made & passed unrebuked shows what a force the whole thing is. Will you ask Dr. Wood his opinion of Dr. Fuller? I hear that he complains of him, but, politician-like, hesitates to antagonise him. Dr. Poote will be in your City tomorrow. I would be glad for you to talk with him and also with Dr. Kirby one of the Directors, as to contemplated and desirable changes in the medical staff when the new buildings shall be completed &c. I mention these because they will be in Raleigh tomorrow. Also Dr.!

If I feel by the December ^{meeting} that I am developing enough strength to stand a reasonable chance of victory, I shall push the fight before the Board ~~this~~ to try and induce them to call for the Boykin resolution.

Any suggestions from you will be graciously received and any aid will be duly appreciated as you know.

I only hate to presume on your kindness by further trespassing on your time. But this is a matter of concern to me. And if people don't greatly lie this man is totally inefficient, and if he is hopelessly worthless to the State his name should not adorn her payroll.

I beg to remain
Yrs Truly
Booke