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Mr Chairman:

North Carolina in responding to the call for this Convention is here to day to endeavor to aid her sister states ~~of~~ our beloved Southland in rebuilding the waste places made desolate by the hand of ^{the depopulation} and I desire to assure you, Mr Chairman, of her hearty cooperation in this most laudible undertaking. We have had somewhat of experience ^{in integration} ~~along this line~~ and our delegation is composed, not alone of those who are to become

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interested in such movement in the future but those of experience in the past. Our former Commissioner of Immigration Col. John S. Patrick has kindly consented to be with us present and give us the benefit of his experience.

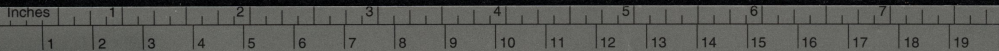
Therefore we have deemed it wise to limit our efforts only to immigration from ~~our~~ the more inhospitable climates of our northern and northwestern States instead of seeking a more promising foreign immigration. And now, with deep divided plagues, the

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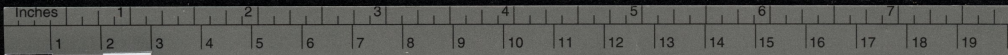
Asiatic Cholera, threatening us,
I am not sure but that is
is still the wisest course of pursuit.
We are free to admit we need
more people, and of a class that
can purchase our spare lands
or ^{such as} are skilled in manufac-
turing - I am also aware of
the wide-spread prejudice against
foreign immigration, but
that grows largely out of the
misconception that an im-
migrant must be a pauper
and hence a competitor in
labor



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Our mineral Springs rival any in the
world in genuine merit and ^{supply} require
to be known to become standard remedies
in the Materia Medica

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~~or such as are skilled in man-~~
~~ufacturing.~~ However, Mr Chair
man I am not wedded to
any particular scheme, content
~~to~~ abide the result of the
deliberations of the body
which I feel sure can be
aught but wise

Nature indeed has been bountiful in her
gifts, which only await capital and
industrious to develop. There we may
fondly hope the future has in store
for them.