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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MAYOR AND OFFICERS

OF THE CITY OF

RALEIGH, N. C.,

Fiscal Year ending April 30, 1883.

RALEIGH:

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From the annual statement of the City Clerk (the annual report of the Tax Collector to the Mayor corresponding therewith), you will find that the collection for taxes, tax penalties, and rent of market, for the year, amount in the aggregate to the sum of \$47,114.45, and from same statement (Clerks) the annual reports of the Treasurer and the Chief of Police to the Mayor thereunto agreeing, the collections for licenses, fines, sale of cemetery lots, &c., amount to \$6,257.60, making the sum total receipts during the year,..... \$53,372 05

From which, as per vouchers exhibited by the Treasurer to the Finance Committee, there has been expended,..... \$39,426 74

And paid by Tax Collector to Commissioner of Sinking Fund, --- 10,805 37 50,232 11

Leaving a balance of, \$ 3,139 94
To which add balance on hand first of the year, 161 17

And we have now in the treasury, - - - \$ 3,301 11

The Treasurer has paid all warrants that have been presented to him for payment during the last six months.

We have a law abiding community, but all cities are troubled with thieves, desperadoes, and a class of idlers who are always ready to make mischief and break the peace; and while I am glad to say that we have a small number of such named in comparison to other cities of like population, yet we have a sufficient number of them in our midst to require the services of an active and efficient police force. Our citizens require us to furnish a reasonable number of policemen on duty day and night, so that they can have protection when needed, and they also demand that you shall appoint men for such duty who shall be fearless and vigilant. It gives me pleasure to state, that we *have* a reasonable number of policemen of *such* character on duty day and night

and the result of the efficient system adopted by your Police Commission, and endorsed by your honorable body, is such that the *morale* of the force has been advanced during the past year, and I think that, with the present discipline enforced, the reputation for good conduct, and the reliability of the force for a prompt and fearless discharge of duty, will be elevated to a higher standard than even now exists.

From the report of the Chief of Police you will see that the force has been engaged in investigating the sanitary condition of the city, and notwithstanding this added labor, they have made during the year eight hundred and fifty-five arrests, and the year has been noted as one of quiet and good order.

From the report of the Commissioner of the Sinking Fund you will find that the assets of this fund, in bonds, mortgages and cash, amount to \$62,761.12. The Commissioner has received from all sources during the year \$13,630.02, and has expended for city sixes, mortgages, market house coupons, &c., the sum of \$11,243.13, and has now on hand, in cash, \$4,669.12.

Our Fire Department is very well equipped, and the number of men reported for duty is sufficient for present needs.

From the report of the County Superintendent of Health, made for the three years ending April 20th, 1883, for Raleigh township (the estimate of the population of the township being 14,500), the number of deaths amount to 644, making an average of 2.15 per annum. This is a very low rate, being an average of only about 14 for every 1,000 persons. There have been no contagious diseases reported in the city during the past year, and we can report Raleigh as a remarkably healthy city.

The streets of the city have been considerably, and in some instances, *permanently* improved. Your Street Committee, with the approval of your honorable body, have supplied the city with some improved machines to grade and repair streets, by which a great saving of labor and expense can be