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MR. DUNN'S FINE SPEECH.

On Thanksgiving day the annual Trinity-Wake Forest debate was held in Raleigh. The question debated was: "Resolved, that the South Carolina Dispensary system is unwise."

Trinity-held the affirmative and Wake Forest the negative. The speakers from Trinity were Mess. A. T. Liles, W. H. Wansmaker and F. S. Carden; the Wake Forest speakers were Mess. S. S. Flournoy, W. A. Dunn and H. E. Flack.

Mess. F. H. Busbee, of Raleigh, Ed. Pou of Smithfield and H. C. Rountree, of Wilmington, were the judges. In rendering the decision Mr. Busbee said: "I am requested by my colleagues to perform a difficult duty. The decision arrived at is not unanimous, but is acquiesced in by one and is the judgment of the other two judges. The rules require that the decision should depend upon argument and not oratory. We are chiefly embarrassed by the fact that that question was argued from two different points of view, consequently the judges have been compelled to rely largely upon their own knowledge of the state of affairs in South Carolina. Prohibition and the dispensary are totally different. But without entering into the argument, I will say, that while Wake Forest indicated greatest merit in oratory, we must yield the palm for argument, and hence the cup to Trinity."

All the young men acquitted themselves well.

We have space only to give a synopsis of Mr. W. A. Dunn's speech, son of Mr. W. A. Dunn, of Scotland Neck, which has been highly complimented from many sources. The synopsis as given in the News & Observer was as follows:

W. A. Dunn followed for the negative, and scored the following points:

The only alternative to prohibition is high license. There is, however, a better way of settling the question, and it has remained for a Southern State to demonstrate it. This is the Dispensary System. Man throughout all history has craved intoxicating liquors. According to John Stuart Mill, drinking is a habit that is individual. The Dispensary System is intended to control that individual habit. Prohibition cannot stamp it out. The statistics of the sale of liquor in Maine prove this. Prohibition is aimed at the use and not the abuse of intoxicating liquors, and yet under it there is more drunkenness than before. It fosters deception, too. The value of a man's oath in Maine has decreased 50 per cent. Then there is the spectacle of temperance movements becoming identified with politics.

High license is equally unsuccessful, and presents many of the same difficulties which prohibition occasions.

Previous to 1892, South Carolina had local option. It was not a success, and a change became necessary. High license would have been a return to the saloon. What was wanted was some system that would restrain the abuse of intoxicating liquors and not prohibit their use in vain, for man's love for strong drink can only be restrained, and not prohibited. The Dispensary System was the only one to fit the need. It is one that is responsive and that to an enlightened public opinion.

It was tried and proved a success. The hundreds of saloons have been reduced to a few government dispensaries. The domination of local whiskey rings is now a thing of the past. In the last election, the entire General Assembly was elected solid for the dispensary. Local authorities report a great decrease in the number of drunkards. There has been a tremendous falling off in the consumption of liquor, and therefore a great reduction in the amount of crime. Not only is the element of personal profit for the liquor traffic eliminated, but the liquor money of the poor man is turned into an income for schools and other public institutions. Its plan eliminates the possibility of control by rings. The board of control is elected by the Legislature, and the county boards and constables are appointed by the board. It restrains effectually the liquor traffic. There are no saloons to drinkards or minors, no drinking on the premises, no opening of packages, thereby doing away with the meeting habit that is responsible for so much drunkenness. Gambling dens and pool rooms are abolished altogether.

QUESTION ANSWERED.

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CONGRESS IN SESSION.

Congress convened Monday. The President's message is so long we have not had the time to read it yet.

REASONS why you should use Robb's TARTARIC CHILE TONIC: composed of purest ingredients, pleasantest to take, and cures when others fail. It is master of chills, fevers and all malarial disorders. 25c. No cure, no pay.

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THE CONGRESSIONAL VOTE.

The State canvassing board last week made the following announcement of the congressional vote:

First district—Small, democrat, 18,709; Abner Alexander, republican, 9,493; Isaac Meekins republican, 4,355; J. R. Elks, prohibition, 16.

Second district—Claude Kitchin, democrat 22,901; Joseph J. Martin republican, 12,521; J. T. Kendall, prohibition, 4.

Third district—Thomas democrat, 13,541; John E. Fowler, populist-republican, 11,632; E. L. Parker, prohibitionist, 13.

Fourth district—Pou, democrat, 18,929; J. A. Giles, republican, 13,057; J. J. Jenkins, populist, 1,096; J. W. Templeton prohibitionist, 53.

Fifth district—William W. Kitchin, democrat, 18,538; J. R. Joyce, republican, 16,687; W. H. Rodgers, prohibitionist, 53; J. T. B. Hoover, populist, 16.

Sixth district—Bellamy democrat, 18,902; Oliver H. Dockery, republican 7,146; Richard H. Mores, prohibitionist, 17.

Seventh district—Klutz, democrat, 15,712; John Q. Holton, republican, 13,380; A. C. Shuford, populist, 744; W. H. Moffitt, prohibitionist, 218.

Eighth district—Blackburn, republican, 19,629; J. C. Buxton, democrat, 17,778; W. J. Allen, prohibitionist, 60; J. B. Forture, independent republican 32.

Ninth district—Moody, republican, 19,334; William T. Crawford, democrat, 17,250; S. H. Keller, prohibitionist, 16.

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GATTIS-KILGOTRIAL.

Last week in the Superior court at Oxford the case of Gattis against Kilgo was tried before Judge Hoke. Rev. T. J. Gattis, of Charlotte, sued Dr. J. C. Kilgo, president of Trinity College in the sum of \$100,000, for defamation of his character in a published pamphlet containing a speech made by Dr. Kilgo in the celebrated Clark-Kilgo trial last year.

The jury rendered a verdict Saturday in favor of Mr. Gattis for \$20,000. Dr. Kilgo took an appeal. From what the papers and individuals say public sentiment seems to be in favor of Mr. Gattis.

Help is needed at once when a person's life is in danger. A neglected cough or cold may soon become serious and should be stopped at once. One Minute Cough Cure quickly cures coughs and colds and the worst cases of croup, bronchitis, grippe and other throat and lung troubles. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

THE LEGISLATURE BY PARTIES.

The Raleigh News & Observer says that the next Legislature will be made up in party membership as follows: Senate—89 Democrats; 8 Republicans and 3 Populists. House—101 Democrats, 17 Republicans and 2 Populists.

Don't use any of the counterfeits of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Most of them are worthless or liable to cause injury. The original DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve is a certain cure for piles, eczema, cuts, scalds, burns, sores and skin diseases. E. T. Whitehead & Co.

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REVENUE OFFICERS' MISTAKE.

A special from Raleigh to Saturday's Wilmington Messenger said:

Deputy Revenue Collector Allen was here this evening from Littleton. There he saw Deputy Collector R. J. Lewis, who gave him news to bring to Collector Duncan, here of the shooting by Lewis, and a posse yesterday afternoon of two deputy collectors from Virginia. Allen says Lewis stated that he and a posse were in the act of destroying an illicit distillery in Northampton county, when they saw armed men rapidly approaching and, believing they were moonshiners, Lewis fired into them with a rifle, hitting two. Discovery of the terrible mistake was made immediately. A message was telephoned to Littleton for a physician, who went to the scene of the shooting. Lewis told Allen he feared the Virginia deputies were badly hurt. Allen said both parties were after the same distillery, which was very close to the Virginia line.

WINTERVILLE HAPPENINGS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.

Winterville, N. C. Dec. 4th, 1900. The A. G. Cox Mfg Co have commenced shipping their celebrated Cox cotton Planters and applications for them are rapidly coming in already, thus far ahead of the season. Many have been shipped and over at the factory it is like a bee-hive in honey time.

Miss Lula Patrick spent Thanksgiving with Misses Effie and Hattie Kitterell and left Friday evening for her home in Ayden. We naturally presume her stay was pleasant, at least others enjoyed thanksgiving in an unusual degree and would be pleased to have Miss Lula come again and stay longer.

Misses Besie and Hattie Nichols who have been visiting relatives near Greenville returned Sunday evening. Charlie Newton, Jr., of Falkland, arrived yesterday and has accepted a position in the cigar factory.

G. W. Parker has bought the dry goods and groceries of Carroll Bros. and will conduct business at the same place. He would be pleased to receive the patronage of his friends and the public.



For advice in cases requiring special directions, address, George Washington, Washington, D. C. For a free copy of the book, send a 10 cent stamp to the publisher, The American Dispensary, 100 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Wine of Cardui will give you health and vitality. It is the best medicine for women. It is the best medicine for the female system and for every ailment connected with it. For every ailment connected with the female system, it is the best medicine. For every ailment connected with the female system, it is the best medicine.

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Sale of Horses and Mules.

The State Prison will sell on Tuesday the 18th day of December, 1900, at the Northampton Farm about 50 mules and 10 horses at public auction for cash. Also a lot of farming utensils, wagons harness etc.

This is a splendid opportunity for farmers to obtain good, well seasoned, well broken mules.

E. L. TRAVIS, Chmn Ex. Board. W. H. DAY, Supt.

Notice.

By virtue of power in me vested in a certain deed executed to me by Robert Taylor and wife Francis Taylor, on the 13th day of February, 1888, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax county, book 80, page 357, I will sell for cash in the town of Scotland Neck on the 27th day of December, 1900, the following described real estate lying and being in Halifax county, State of North Carolina, viz: Beginning at a stake, corner lot No. 1, Weeks line, thence N. 89 W. 36 1/2 poles to a stake, Weeks line, thence N. 85 E. 36 1/2 poles to a stake, corner lot No. 1, thence along the dividing line No. 12, W. 96 poles to the beginning, containing twenty-one acres more or less, the same being the interest of said Francis Taylor, heir from the estate of Billy Jones, deceased. For a fuller description reference is hereby made to the deed of partition among the heirs of said Billy Jones.

This November 28, 1900.

W. H. KITCHIN, Trustee.

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Advertisement for Princess Carmyniski's Warner's Safe Cure. Includes a portrait of the woman and testimonials from her and others.

Advertisement for Futrell-Hardy Hardware Co. featuring the slogan 'EVERYTHING IN HARDWARE' and 'The Handsomest Display ever made in the county may be seen at our new store.'

Advertisement for Jewelry A Staple, Crumpler & Mixon, and W. F. Main Co. listing various jewelry items and services.

Advertisement for Notice of Sale, including details about property auctions and legal notices.

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