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CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS.

FOR THE SHORT TERM.  
HON. R. B. GILLIAM,  
OF GRANVILLE.

FOR THE LONG TERM.  
HON. S. H. ROGERS,  
OF WARWICK.

AN INVITABLE OBSESSION.

The friends of North Carolina are about to enter upon a campaign for the election of a Legislature, and a batch of county offices for each county, on the result of which depends, in a very great degree, their political and social well-being, and it becomes every man, not only from private, but from patriotic considerations, to weigh well the responsibility that rests upon him and to decide dispassionately what he ought to do.

That the public affairs of the State have been badly managed—that its legislation has been a mere farce—its financial operations a series of blunders—its public improvements and material interests retarded—its credit disgraced, and its educational interests, for want of skill and the confidence of the people in those who have handled it, passed, in a deplorable condition, no one who has any regard for his veracity or intelligence will pretend to deny.

In order to establish the truth of what we have stated, it is not necessary to go back and retrace the history of the last two years—the extravagant appropriations by the Legislature—the misappropriation of the funds issued under that legislature—the exorbitant taxes exacted from the people, notwithstanding which the Treasury is empty and has been forced to borrow the silver money to meet the expenses of the State government—the few acts of our books in the money center, together with a hundred other facts that might be mentioned; these things are familiar to the prosecution and knowledge of every one.

Who is responsible for these things? Who shall the people that have suffered, hold to account for this state of affairs? Why, certainly the who have done the mischief; that party which has had unmitigated and unchecked sway in the State for the last five years.

Governor Holden made the distinct declaration that on one but a majority of the Republican party would hold sway in the State, from the highest to the lowest; and strictly for this rule he adhered to. They have held the power in every department of the Government, in all railroad management, where the State had a controlling influence, and in a large majority of the county and municipal corporations. They had the absolute control of the administration of the State; the execution of the laws; the levying of taxes, and the spending of the money, and if the legislature has been unable to pass the laws lady exacted the taxes burdensome, or the demands created, the Republican party is alone responsible for it, and no ingenuity or false logic can shift the responsibility to any other shoulder.

If this statement of the case be true, then it follows as an inevitable conclusion that the continuance of that party in power in the State would be a solid endorsement of all that has been wrongfully and mischievously done by it.

Let it be borne in mind that in all the Republican country Conventions that have yet been held (and we know what sort of material they are generally composed of) the anti-slavery of Gov. Holden has been formally endorsed, and as Gov. Holden and the Legislature has been in perfect accord throughout, the endorsement of his administration is an endorsement of all the swelling and rousing that his base practices by those men.

An enormous bribe has never raised his voice against the bad measures taken and were it not for his wanton and wanton disregard of the people and the wants of his administration, this as to nothing of those high taxes and extravagant expenditures.

The friends of the State are bound to oppose such a administration as we described, and the people that intend to it. The Legislature does all sorts of the State and the public welfare, and we believe that the public welfare is best secured by the friends of great justice.

For the Lentine,  
**WAKE FOREST GALLON**, COMMENCEMENT.

Rev. Dr. Toy's sermon on Valentine night closed the second day of his commencement, and a very singular sermon it was. The "Influence of the Devil," that most interesting of all themes to the Christian, was the subject—and while there was a beautiful simplicity and candor in the treatment of the topic, the extraordinary powers and attainments of the preacher could not be concealed. The general complaint against the sermon was that there were too much in it—the sensible thoughts came too thick and fast for the mind to appreciate their force and power, and many expressed the desire to see the sermon in print, that they might study it with care.

Dr. Toy is about 25 years of age, his reputation is good; his attainments already place him among the learned men of the country, and it should be a subject of congratulation to all admirers of sanctified knowledge to know that he has identified himself with a general theological seminary in S. C., where there were last term 65 students, the largest Baptist Theological Seminary in America. The young minister represent N. C. in this Seminary.

Thursday was commencement day proper. Then the crowd was greatest, the girls were prettier and the young gentlemen sought to display the grace of debonair gallants.

At 10:30, Students, Faculty, Trustees and invited guests entered the chapel which had been decorated with evergreens by the good taste of Mr. Englehard, and after a little rustling of silk and adjusting of skirts to allow the crowd to be seated within the given space, the exercises were opened by prayer from the Rev. H. Graves, of Gaston Church, member of the Board of Education.

Latin Salutation—R. E. Royal, Wake Forest.

"The Law of Change"—M. L. Fowler, Wake County.

"Power of Public opinion"—Wm. Blount, New Hanover County.

"The American Republic"—R. J. Biggs, Baltimore, Md.

"What Next?"—S. W. Brewer, Wake Forest.

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"Truth is Mighty and Will Prevail!"—Victory Addresses—D. W. Green, Caldwell County.

Conferring Degrees.

Made by the hand, between each of the addresses.

After conferring the degrees, President Worcester delivered a brief address to the graduating class, which in wisdom, beauty and sentiment, I have never heard surpassed, if equalled. The speeches of the graduating class were well written and rendered with much originality. It is just, however, to say that, the address of Mr. Scovell, which was patriotic, and that of Mr. Brewer, which was humorous, were both excellent of their kind, and were greeted with great applause.

At 4 P. M. the two literary societies held their annual social meetings, and there was much gaiety now of soul as well as wit, wisdom and anecdote enlivened the festive occasion. By the way, the society balls of this institution are too small, but they are furnished in a beautiful and costly manner and at no College in the land is there more interest taken in the debates, while the shelves of their libraries display about 7,000 well-selected volumes.

At night the young people and the old people I believe were themselves to social enjoyment. There was no party, no dancing, and no supper, and yet, as the balls and banquets promoted through the various Chapel Societies, Halls and corporate walks of the group of splendid candidates, all addressing the chair of the same time, and each one claiming the floor. Finally John Galloway entered the ring, to be succeeded by Price, Mahon, Leary, Simcha and others—all addressing the chair at the same time, and each one claiming the floor. Finally John Galloway, and he succeeded. Confusion reigned supreme, so much so that poor Price, which got up and said he was ashamed of such proceed ings;—so high was the confusion that a motion was made to adjourn "sine die" without naming a nominating committee and could have been carried but for the timely intercession of some who had not shown them selves on the stage before. It was impossible to do any business, and a motion to adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M. in order that the hands might cool off, was made and adopted.

Convention assembled at 9 o'clock.

A motion was made to appoint a committee of five on credentials, whom ensued another long discussion between Sinclair, Lester, Bishopson and others. It was evident that the adjournment was too short for the bands, and the same conclusion which had led the Convention before dinner showed itself again. George Price, a deserter from the United States navy, was to be recognized as a delegate to this Convention? This rather stunned Price, but he was brought to it by the decision of the Chair, who ruled Long out of order.

Nothing was done in the evening session, but the appointment of a Committee on Credentials and an investigation of the credentials of delegates from contested constituencies.

Convention adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning, as no session had been opened.

One day has passed and they have not even elected a permanent organization. It is probable that they may do it to-day; but suppose the Convention will adjourn to-morrow. Andrew Jones kept away from it, and says if Dickey is nominated, he is the ruling spirit in the Convention, and so stands a good chance for the nomination.

Brown, N. C., June 8th, 1870.

From the Wilmington Journal  
**FROM LUMBERTON**.

**THE MONROE CONVENTION.**

**NO ORGANIZATION.**

**THE DEVIL LOOSE.**

**GALLOWAY HIS DEPUTY.**

**ONE HALF HOUR ON JONES A CANDIDATE ANYHOW.**

**DOCKERY STOCK DECLINING.**

**FRENCH SICK.**

**AND ALL HARDS DRUNK.**

Wilmington, N. C., June 8, 1870.

**Editor's Journal.** I wrote you by this morning's train a short description of the Monroe's train and its arrival sessions it was. The "Influence of the Devil," that most interesting of all themes to the Christian, was the subject—and while there was a beautiful simplicity and candor in the treatment of the topic, the extraordinary powers and attainments of the preacher could not be concealed. The general complaint against the sermon was that there were too much in it—the sensible thoughts came too thick and fast for the mind to appreciate their force and power, and many expressed the desire to see the sermon in print, that they might study it with care.

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**TRINITY COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT.**

Sermon to the Theological Society, Sunday, June 12, by Rev. T. W. Gardner, of the N. C. Conference.

Mr. Editor: Dear Sir, according to your recent news from Watonga, and perhaps would like to hear something from all parts of the State, and not knowing whether the Jefferson Times, (or young Standard) has found its way to your section, or not with its columns filled with news from this mountain country. I will merely say that the Conservatives of this county are in a very bad state and looking forward with pleasant anticipations in regard to the approaching contest. A Convention composed of delegates from the different Townships has already been held and candidates nominated. (The proceedings of which will be sent to you shortly.) The Radicals are very much "down in the mouth" and don't seem likely to get up again. Some tried to get up a ticket, but it was plainly to be seen that they don't wish any such change of tactics. The meeting then commenced the examination of credentials and adjourned until next day without electing a permanent organization.

It would take a more ready pen than mine to give an insight into this intriguing scene, and we abandon the attempt to discuss it until we have more news.

June 12, 1870.

**LEACH BROTHERS.**

**GROCER & COMMISSION MERCHANTS.**

**SOUTH EAST MARKET SQUARE,** Lumberton, N. C.

Raleigh, N. C.—We are sorry to inform you that the new building of the Bank of America, which is to be erected on the site of the old one, will be completed in time to receive the new bank.

We shall open through the summer months.

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selected dried and pickled fish.

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