

Commencement.

The Annual Closing Exercises of Kinston Collegiate Institute have become to be quite a marked and interesting feature of pleasure and bustle in our quiet little town.

From the annual Catalogue we find that 149 pupils have been in attendance during the past year, under the teaching of six instructors: Dr. R. H. Lewis, Principal; Elder C. W. Howard, Instructor in Mathematics and Junior English; Mrs. Anna L. Davis, Instructor in Music; and Mrs. Richard H. Lewis, assisted by Misses Agnes Grady and Rowena Tull, Superintendent of Primary Department.

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- 'Profanity.' Alpheus Moore. 'The Rainbow.' Miss Laura White. 'Address to a School.' George K. West. 'Your Mission.' Miss Orlena Haskins. 'Is it nothing to you O Christians.' Miss Elvie Collins. 'Maturans' Address to his Band.' William Churchhill. 'Her letter.' Miss Mattie H. Rountree. 'The Flood and the Ark.' Farnley Wooten. 'Foreclosure of the Mortgage.' Miss Gertrude Hooker. 'An appeal to the Hungarians.' Frank Taylor. 'The Squire's pledge.' Miss Lillian Sutton. 'Las Casas dissuading from Battle.' H. C. V. Peebles. 'Mrs. Candler's cold.' Miss Julia Harvey. 'The death Penalty.' Jesse T. Hoach. 'Asking Mamma.' Miss Sue Phillips. 'The Outlook.' Albert J. Grady. 'A Domestic Tempest.' Miss Winnie Fordham. 'Only an old Man.' Miss Nannie Latham. 'An interesting traveling companion.' 'A voice from the dead.' Miss Lucy Rountree. 'Richard Caswell.' Frank Gates. 'Curing Betty.'

Among the declaimers William Churchwell was the first to break the somewhat monotonous tone adopted by those who preceded him, throwing some feeling into the subject. Albert Grady spoke deliberately and distinctly; Frank Gates discoursed on "Richard Caswell" with some earnestness, making an appeal in behalf of the Caswell Monument; but it was left to Frank Taylor to carry off the prize in "An appeal to the Hungarians."

Among the Readers, Miss Laura White read "The Rainbow" well enough to capture the prize; Miss Sue Phillips, we thought did almost as well in "Asking Mamma"; Miss Winnie Fordham commanded close attention while she related a "Domestic Tempest"—it probably being a true picture of the domestic affairs of some of those who had been noisy—while "A voice from the dead" was solemnly and impressively rendered by Miss Lucy Rountree.

We imagine the judges had a difficult task in deciding which of the four we have mentioned should have the medal. The universal verdict tonight was "the girls beat the boys."

THE THIRD NIGHT was the competition for the Gold medals, and was confined to those who had been in the Institute for the whole of the past ten months, one to the best reader among the girls and one to the best declaimer among the boys. With this announcement from the Principal the following bill of fare was served in good style:

PROGRAMME. WED. NIGHT. Miss H. Tull, "My Mother's Picture" Cooper. Miss E. Einstein, "The Sprinkling" DeLoe. James McDaniel, "Regulus" DeLoe. Miss J. Chadwick, "A race for the train" DeLoe. Mrs. J. P. Hayes, "The Court Gaiter's Ride" Edward Bennett. Albert Abbott, "The Stars and Stripes" B. H. Hill. Miss S. Dunn, "Pledge with Wine" Mrs. J. White, "The Palm Equivocance" Mrs. Ed Williams, "Emmett's Defence" Miss W. Brooks, "Walking with the world" Miss M. Dunn, "Our Guide in Geneva" Mark Twain.

Miss L. Bryan, "Lady Clara" Tennyson. Miss J. Lewis, "Virginia" McAuley. Miss J. Grady, "The Lepers" Willis. Miss Katie Lewis, "Archie Dead" Gail Hamilton. William Dibble, "The Dying Soldier" Miss B. Tull, "Under the Lamplight" Miss M. Walsh, "Death Doom" Will Carlson. D. Wooten, "Southern Cavalry" Ransom.

We would like to give a passing notice of all of the contestants to night but our space will not allow us. Jimmie McDaniel received a shower of bouquets, but, as these were thrown by the young girls, and as Jimmie is a handsome boy, we must not conclude on this account that he was the best declaimer. Messrs. William Dibble, Ed Williams, Albert Abbott and D. Wooten all did very well. The medal was awarded to Willie Lewis.

If the contest had been between the boys and the girls, the girls would have won to-night. "A Pledge with Wine" as rendered by Miss Sebie Dunn would make a splendid performance lecture. Perhaps an ardent admirer of Mark Twain would have awarded the medal to Miss Maude Dunn, but Miss Katie Lewis gave "Archie Dead" with so much pathos as to capture the prize, while Misses Rowena Tull and Mollie Walsh were second to none.

On Thursday at 11 A. M. the Annual Address by Rev. Dr. T. H. Pritchard was heard by a crowded house. On being introduced by J. W. Harper Esq., Dr. Pritchard contrary to general expectation delivered an agricultural and mechanical address. But all admit that it could not have been done better and was rendered exceedingly appropriate, even for a school address, by showing the need of education to make good farmers and Mechanics. People generally see no great need of extra education to make money at farming but a free dissemination of Dr. Pritchard's ideas would soon dissipate that erroneous impression. He makes the important distinction that, while not every educated man makes money any faster or so easily as rapidly as his uneducated neighbor, yet all educated communities are far

richer than where the masses are ignorant. This was shown by a comparison of the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut with North Carolina and other Southern States. In the former where the Public Schools have been reduced to a science and free education is given abundantly to all, the Census shows that there is about \$1,000 to every man woman and child in the entire State; while in North Carolina, where heretofore Free Schools have been a farce for want of system and a lack of money, the average value of property for each inhabitant is only \$200.

After the delivery of the Address Mr. Pollock one of Dr. Pritchard's Wake Forest pupils presented his preceptor, from the young ladies of the Institute, with a superb bouquet of flowers.

Next came the presentation of Prizes, and Rev. Mr. Forbes gave Master James Pridgen and Miss Lidie Lassiter a very sensible talk while presenting the books which they had won in Monday nights contest in oratory.

The Silver Medals were delivered to Mr. Frank Taylor and Miss Laura White by Mr. N. J. Rouse of La Grange, a recent graduate of Chapel Hill; and the Gold Medals were presented to Mr. W. F. Lewis and Miss Katie Lewis by Mr. E. W. Wilcox of Farmville; and the morning's exercises were concluded by the reading of the following

ANNUAL REPORT: The Session of 1880 '81, which closes to day, has been the most remarkable one in the history of the Institution.

The Fall Term of 1880 contained on its register the names of 62 young gentlemen and of 48 young ladies—Total 110.

The Spring Term 1881 contained on its register the names of 65 young gentlemen and of 60 young ladies—Total 125.

The Catalogue for the Annual Session of 1880-81 bears the names of 149 pupils.

Of these, there were from Lenoir county, 49; from Kinston 77; from Jones county, 6; from Greene county, 7; from Beaufort county, 1; from Craven county, 1; from Pitt county, 6; from Pamlico county, 2; thus showing that the school has drawn patronage from seven counties.

HEALTH. During the session, the health of the pupils has, generally, been very good. In such a large number, we might, very naturally, look for some isolated cases of severe illness.

One pupil, Miss Blanche Parrott, has died,—the only one during the entire period of four years that we have had charge of the Institute. And sadly we miss her bright, happy face from the throng of her school fellows. And it is only simple justice to the memory of the departed, to speak of her qualities of head and heart, at this time. Always amiable, she gained for herself the friendship and esteem of all her fellow pupils. Being diligent in the pursuit of knowledge, she always held high rank in her classes. And altogether, she was one whose example and influence could be productive of nothing but good. We are glad to have numbered her among the students of the Institute—and her memory will ever be fragrant in the history of the school.

During the session, 45 pupils have pursued the study of Latin; 20, that of Science; 17, that of Book Keeping; 8, of higher mathematics; 11, of French; 32, of Music.

The others were engaged in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography, Rhetoric, Composition, English Grammar, History, Phonetics and Calisthenics.

With a few exceptions, the conduct of the pupils has been very good. And we are glad to record the fact several young gentlemen, over the average school age, have shown by energy, perseverance and industry, coupled with unusual good conduct, a determination to obtain the advantages offered them. Their example and influence has exercised a salutary influence over their school mates. To the maintenance of correct discipline, the aid of parents adds greatly; and we fear that the importance of a co-operation in this matter has not been sufficiently considered.

Irregular attendance is a drawback to the pupil that can scarcely be remedied. And the Instructors have deemed it necessary to state in the Catalogue that they will not hold themselves responsible for failures to make advancement in studies when the attendance is not regular.

AID IN ERECTING A CHAPEL. We would, at this time, return our thanks to the citizens of Kinston who last Fall gave us such timely aid in continuing the work on our Chapel. Although not yet finished, it is sufficiently comfortable to allow of daily use.

SCHOLARSHIP. Of the 10 months' students, the following are entitled to rank as the best: Misses. Maud Dunn, Lidie Lassiter, Katie Lewis, Evia Nunn, Mattie Rountree, Rowena Tull, Mollie Walsh. Messrs. Albert S. Abbott, William Daly, James Pridgen. Of the 5 months' students, the best

Misses Gertrude Hooker, Nannie Latham, Sue Phillips. Messrs. George Edwards Frank Gates, Needham Phillips.

PUNCTUALITY. 10 months. Miss Katie Presson has neither been tardy or absent. 5 months. George Edwards, Wm. Churchill, Alonzo Grady—and Misses Ada Grady, Nannie Latham, Marietta Sutton, Sallie Bergeron, Hattie Tull and Rowena Tull have neither been tardy or absent.

GREATEST IMPROVEMENT. Miss Lucy Askew for ten months and Mr. Wm. Churchill for 5 months have made the most marked improvement.

PREMIUMS. Have been awarded in Spelling to Miss Sebie Dunn Miss M. Sutton, James Pridgen, and Edward Isler. In Book-keeping to Misses Maud Dunn and Rowena Tull. In Map drawing—Miss R. Tull.

In the competition Monday night the Premiums were awarded to Miss Lidie Lassiter for best reading and to Master James Pridgen for best declamation. Miss Lelia Loops and Master W. Grady deserve special mention for excellence. In the competition Tuesday night for Silver Medals, Miss Laura White and Mr. Frank Taylor were the successful competitors. Next best Misses Phillips, Fordham, L. Rountree and Mr. Churchill.

In the competition Wednesday night for Gold Medals Miss Katie Lewis was awarded one and Mr. Wm. F. Lewis the other. Next best Miss Mollie Walsh and D. Wooten.

JUDGES MONDAY NIGHT: Miss Lillie White—Mr. Mrs. Laura Miller, J. Q. Jackson and Prof. Joseph Kinsey of La Grange.

JUDGES TUESDAY NIGHT: J. T. Walsh, J. Q. Jackson, and Rev. S. Isler of Goldsboro.

JUDGES WEDNESDAY NIGHT: Prof. E. W. Wilcox of Farmville, George Rountree Esq. of New York, Rev. Israel Harding of Kinston and N. J. Rouse Esq. of Lenoir county.

THE ANNUAL CONCERT. On Thursday night at an early hour a large crowd had assembled to enjoy the Musical feast given by Mrs. Davis' pupils in the following

PROGRAMME. Vocal, "Welcome Friends" Class. Inst. Duet, "Polo Galop," Misses Walsh and Rountree.

Vocal Solo and Chorus, "The Farther Side," Miss J. Hooker and young men. Inst. Duet, "Yacht's March" Misses Collins and Dunn.

Vocal Solo, "Raymond's Bell Galop," E. Emet-in. Solo and Chorus, "Some day I'll wander back again," Misses Latham, Bryan and young men. Inst. Solo, "Unique Galop," Miss R. Tull.

Vocal Duet, "The Awakening of the birds," Miss Pugh and Mrs. Davis. Inst. Duet, "Notre Dame," Misses L. and H. Bryan.

Vocal Solo, "The Wild Bells chimed their warning," Miss Fordham. Inst. Duet, "Cumberland March," Misses Latham and Hooker.

Solo, "Choralistic," Miss J. White. Solo and Chorus, "Beside the Sweet Shannon," Miss Pugh, Mrs. Davis and young men. Inst. Duet, "Californian Polka," Misses L. Sutton and H. Tull.

Solo and Chorus, "As gay as a Steer in the Corn," boys. Inst. Solo, "East of Rose," Miss S. Dunn. Vocal Duet, "Young Spring," Misses Bryan and Fordham.

Inst. Solo, "Faisance from Oberon," Mrs. L. White. Solo and Chorus, "De Cabin on de Mississippi Shore," Girls and boys.

Inst. Duet, "Open Diapason March," Miss Brooks and Mrs. Davis. Solo and Chorus, "Little Stars are brightly shining," Miss J. Hooker and young men. Solo, "Love me dearest," Miss Pugh.

Inst. Solo, "Forest Echoes," Miss Lewis. Solo and Chorus, "Shelling green Peas," young men. Trio, "Starry night," Miss Fordham, Mrs. Davis and Mr. Heath.

Vocal, "He and She." Inst. Duet, "Bando He Bravo," Miss Tull and Miss Lewis.

"Open the Gates as high as the Sky." Class. Gazing upon the class as they sang "Welcome friends" we wished that we could say something—write poetry like Dossey Battle—no, not this—something nice about sweet faces, pretty dresses, but our descriptive powers fail us and we give up the task. The piece which completely captivated the Reporter was "Young Spring" by Misses Bryan and Fordham.

Thus closed the exercises of Kinston Collegiate Institute. The interest felt by the public was evidently shown by the large crowds attending. From Monday night till the close of this Concert, every entertainment was greeted with a crowded house, and it is admitted that our Court House fill ed, means not less than one thousand spectators.

In closing it is not inappropriate to add a word of commendation for the teachers who superintended and directed the week's entertainment. Dr. Lewis and Professor Howard have won their way into the esteem of the community by solid worth and merit. They make no attempt at display—holding Commencement Exercises rather in deference to public demand than for any desire to parade their pupils for public inspection—and earnestly endeavor to give their pupils the benefit of practical education and of solid business habits. Mrs. R. H. Lewis who has charge of the Primary Department, and Mrs. Anna Davis the Musical Preceptress have shown by their work that the community is

the better off for having them in its midst. Mrs. Davis' musical entertainments, year after year evince artistic teaching and cultured training surpassed by no other ladies seminary in the State. And the generally accepted statement, that the "children's night" is the most enjoyable of any night of the Commencement week, speaks with no uncertain sound as to the fitness of the Principal in that department.

This school has done and is doing great good for the people of Kinston and the surrounding country, and we hope to see it prosper and increase and continue to send forth educated young men and women into every walk in life.

PROHIBITION. MR. EDITOR: It is evident that your Constitutional, Temperate, Henry Clay, Republican, Anti Jarvis, Anti Merriam, Anti Prohibition Democrat is mad. He pushes aside the veil and shouts with all the honors of a man with the delirium tremens. Sissy Keptile, Judas Iscariot, Benedict Arnold and twin brother of Aaron Burr; somebody please hold the man, no never mind, it's not me he is after, it is the truth I am advocating, you may hurl upon it your foul bilingsgate, stanch it with your Henry Clay whiskey and Thurman and Bayard rum, cover it up with a pervert d constitution, but sir, t will rise again to stare you in the face and upbraid you as a Stiecker, Whiskey is the bane of our state, it needs no elaborate argument to prove the e it there if, it is an acknowledged fact, the living, moving victims of it are but finger boards pointing to its cruelties, we see it, feel it, hear it, the people curse it and in spite of themselves drink it. It is a bar to education, a bar to good government and a bar to the carrying out of our great and glorious constitution, which was never intended to shield it from the just condemnation of an insulted and outraged people. The blood of our fathers and sons cry from the ground against it, our mothers and daughters shrink from the open jawed monster with a bitter hatred. Now sir with our further portrayal of this evil, I want to make a supposition thereby making an argument, not in reply to democrat, for his laborious mountain has not yet produced a mouse. Sister Kinston we may suppose is a quiet village with its present number of inhabitants with a constitution like unto the one of the United States a constitution that would give to all and exclusive privileges to none—these Kinstonians pursue the honest and sober avocations of life, live under the constitution, hold their courts, adjust their difference a quiet, thrifty and enterprising people. In process of time Liquor is commenced being sold in their midst; the once quiet young men commencing with its influence, become disturbers of the peace. Would it impair their constitution for the people to say to these Liquor Vendors, stop, shut up your shops, you have brought an evil in our village; our people, once quiet have become disturbers of the peace, why sir get out, for our jail, once empty, is now filled with our own children. John stabbed Jack, Bill shot Sam, Jim went home and whipped his wife, Dick cursed his aged mother and so on down the chapter of crime, produced by this vile fire water. Wonder if these mothers and wives see any equal rights and equal justice in these to them. No sir, such "exclusive privileges" is too shocking to be tolerated, and the seller who is the prime cause of all such ought to be shut up that he may follow a more noble occupation. This democratic gentleman thinks that in his first, he has shown "by the most irrefragable proof, that no democrat can consistently vote for the bill," after converting this great Democratic party lets himself down easy under the "mudsills" of the Republican, crawls out, and into the arena, snatches the republican platform and squalls, equality of all men before the Law." What a remarkable sermon this great Apostle to the Republican party preaches to it in order to hold it in the hands of the whiskey ring.

Again passing over the heads of the ministers of the gospel, give them a mournful charge not to "pollute their high and sacred callings, stain and besmother their ministerial robes, degrade their pulpits, and impair their usefulness by descending to the level of—what? Of asking their sons to remove from our statute books the abominable whiskey law. The fair women of the country are asked not to lay aside their dignity and all that is dear to womanhood and join in with his crusading against—a woman! Liquor. What is dearer to a woman than her boy, or more dignified in her than to use all her power to keep her husband out of the gutter?

With one bound he flies? Kentucky and digs up the ashes of the Immortal Clay, scatters them around as a sweet smelling savor exclaiming: "These ashes once pregnant with celestial fire," and once the applause of listening senators to command, asks the "followers and admirers of this great statesman" how they can vote against whiskey that great article of manufacture of the State of Kentucky. Surely this Millenist has brought about a glorious day, when the beautiful little democratic Lamb shall fondle and caress and skip over the Republican Lion and a Little Henry Clay child shall lead them. What a happy Millennium the gentleman would have if he only would get clear of the whiskey. In Bayard

and Thurman he finds men who are giants in intellect and honesty, but he can only see in Merriam and Jarvis men "who are peeping through the key hold trying to get a sight at the dim Shadow of Makoceus," what a discovery, what an assertion, cheap stuff. Others might say that some others were peeping through another key hold than Mahonism, to say that it was a clerkship would be cruel, a mere assertion and no argument at all.

Prohibition Does Prohibit. Greely, Colorado has a population of about 3000. There is not a liquor shop allowed in the place. There are no poor, no police needed, and prohibition has not only been a great success, but a great blessing. A fair was held shortly after the colony was founded, and \$91 realized and put into a poor fund. Two years and a half passed and there still remained \$84 in hand.

Bybrook, Ireland, a town of 4000 inhabitants, has no liquor shop, and whiskey and strong drink are strictly prohibited. There is no poor house, pawn shop, or police station. Tyrone Co. Ireland contains 10,000 people. No public house is allowed. Lord Hamilton late M. P. said in 1870.

"At present there is not a single policeman in that district. The poor rates are half what they were before, and the magistrates testify to the great absence of crime."

Prohibition has prevailed for many years in Saitaire England, and not a beer shop or beer house exists. The Daily Telegraph says: In short stage of experiment has long since passed; the scheme has survived open hostility, envy, and detraction, and is now a brilliant success."

We have given the above instances to prove that prohibition exists and succeeds elsewhere besides in America. These given are not solitary, but a few of many. We promised to come nearer home. A few weeks ago I wrote to a minister in Northampton Co. to know if the prohibitory law was of any value there or not. The following is his answer. "The change to one, coming as I did from a section when liquor was a rally used, was striking and arrested my attention at once. No bars, consequently no drunken men. No bar, consequently no loafing, but nearly every one at work. No bars, consequently no jail filled by poor creatures brutalized by drink. No bars, consequently but little to man the peace of communities."

Thus much seen everywhere by the casual observer. I have conversed with life long residents and find them unanimous in the opinion that the effect of prohibition has been good. And this is seen in all relations between man and man, Labor is steady.

Confidence is strong, Debts and taxes have both decreased. The county is on the up grade and the best citizens credit it in great part, to the prohibitory law."

Portsmouth Carver Co. N. C. has had no liquor shop for fifteen years. In all that time there has been but one arrest for crime or offense, and that one was a merely accused.

I have given without facts to prove that the prohibitory law can be enforced, and that their existence is in every way beneficial. The man that is willing to be convinced must be convinced by these facts. Prohibition is enforced. Who are they that persistently urge the objection that the law is useless? They are, in every instance those who are opposed to the law and do it for effect. If the law is a failure, and whiskey flows as freely as they say it does where prohibition exists a why do they oppose it.

One of the best evidences in favor of prohibition as a law, is the uniform and powerful opposition of the liquor men to the law. A writer on the Morality of Prohibitory laws denounces them as "frauds" "a hell on earth" and says they have uniformly failed. And yet the same writer living in a prohibitory State, so far forgot himself as to acknowledge that he was obliged to send to New York for a "jug of cooking wine."

General prohibitory laws are always better enforced than local ones and hence what experience we have had in N. C. is not a fair standard by which to judge and yet we have shown that even local laws are in many cases beneficial to us.

Greene County Items. MR. EDITOR: On the 1st Monday of this month the Commissioners "let out" the contract for the building of the new double bridge. Mr. Stilly of New Bern takes the contract for six hundred and thirty five dollars.

Mr. E. T. Albritton was elected superintendent of the Public Schools of the county.

After some negotiation, Col. Humphrey has obtained the promise of enough money, from a Northern Company, to build a road between Norfolk and Goldsboro, they have ordered him a good engineer and put him to work, they will begin at Goldsboro in about sixty days.

W. P. Grimsley has cut his fine clover, getting from ten to twelve thousand pounds (green clover) per acre, and sold for fifty cents per hundred.

Crops, generally, are looking fine.

Mrs. Hargrave's school closed last Friday, the entertainment given by her that night was a creditable affair.

Rev. Dr. Cross passed through town on the 10th inst.

Goldsboro Items. MR. EDITOR: In these days of "lava torrents of fever frenzy," otherwise known as the hottest of the season, a humble correspondent like the present, finds it difficult to give "a local habitation and a name" to the "airy nothing" known as local items. There was one occurrence though on last Thursday which came near resulting seriously. Mr. Samuel Butts, one of the workmen engaged in building the Messenger opera house, was, while unloading a wagon load of heavy timber, thrown heavily to the ground by the springing of a derrick, and falling on his head was picked up senseless. He is now out of danger and improving.

On the evening of the same day Lillie Pendu, a colored girl about 13 years old, was so badly burned that she died that night—another victim to the mania for lighting fires with kerosene.

The Prohibition Meeting held here last Saturday drew together a large crowd of people. Speeches were made by Price and Williamson both colored, which we have heard commended in high terms.

Notwithstanding the heat and dust, some person, instigated by the devil and not having the fear of God before his eyes, did on last Thursday night burglariously enter the office of the Western Union Telegraph company at this place and take therefrom the sum of sixty-one dollars and fifty cents. No clue as yet to the robber.

Thursday seems to have been a bad day for accidents. A small negro boy was severely bruised and had several of his teeth involuntarily extracted by jumping off the southern bound train after it had gotten pretty well under way.

We close the list of the injured with Mr. Wm. Stirling who, while strolling last Saturday in too close proximity to the business end of a mule received a kick from his muleship which persuaded Mr. Stirling that it is impossible always through this checkered life of ours to walk the path of dalliance, but that it sometimes becomes necessary in the case of human events—to wit when kicked by a mule to resort to medical assistance and have a badly lacerated scalp sewed up.

Now come we to something pleasant. Last Wednesday evening the Town Hall was crowded to witness the closing exercises of Mrs. Chapman's school. The music was much of it of a high order, and the selections showed excellent taste in the musical director Prof. De La Croix. The instrumental pieces had, too, the shining merit of being short and I may say, sweet. The young ladies acquitted themselves creditably. I heard several of them mentioned as having peculiarly sweet voices.

But as the newspaper men all say "distinctions are invidious" which place I would so threadbare that I wonder at it being worn together, and so I cannot single out any of the bright particular stars that glittered on that occasion, he will say to go up there all in one luminous constellation. I may mention that Prof. De La Croix's rendition of Marcellus Hymn was highly appreciated.

The hot weather and the dust are having their usual effect upon the health of our people and the doctors are moderately happy.

Several of the quill driving fraternity are in the city to-day en route for Winston where the Press Convention meets to-morrow. They are as jolly as only celebrities can be. Nothing further of interest.

Pollockville Items. MR. EDITOR: Everthing is now quiet in our little town on the Trent; nothing to mar the happiness of her good citizens.

We had a cutting off a few days ago between W. G. Rouse and Fred Hammond which resulted in the latter getting an eye cut out. Whiskey at the bottom of it.

Crops are looking very well in this section and the farmers are talking as if they expected to have plenty of money in the fall.

The steamer Contentnea still continues to make two trips per week and is now carrying off a good many potatoes for the trucks.

Col Sellers Jr. has been trucking to some extent this season and I believe is no without shipping his potatoes.

The A. F. and A. M. of Zion Lodge expect to have a public installation of officers on the 24th at Trenton and I understand that the Hon. C. C. Clark will deliver the address on that occasion; hope to see you there when the "general roll is called."

We now have a good Black Smith and Buggy maker in this place, from Carver Co., Messrs. Pelletier and Oglesby and I think they will do a good business.

I see one of our fellow truckers has gone into a new Suit, think we will have to do the same when we get returns from Potatoes. Pollockville stands about half and half for Prohibition. I will be glad when the election is over as that is about all that I can hear discussed. I see in one of your back issues that a stranger wished to know why the Pollockvillians laughed so heartily when a gentleman passes through in a salkey. As I don't remember of laughing just at such a time I do not take it to myself, but if anything had of tickled me enough to have made me laugh, I don't think that I should put it off because a stranger was passing through in a salkey. BROTHERS DUNCAN.