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SUMMARY.

The James river at Lynchburg was higher Saturday than it has been since 1870. Reports of the desolation come from all points on all streams from eastern Virginia to West Pennsylvania. The accounts are terribly distressing. The citizens of Pittsburgh, Pa., Saturday afternoon contributed fifty-five thousand dollars for the sufferers by the flood. The press dispatches can tell nothing but accounts of the fearful floods. Miss Bertha A. May, who took laudanum at Danville on last Friday, died that night. Joel H. Oliver, a member of the Danville bar, died Saturday. The high water has injured the pumps of the city water works at Lynchburg, and there is danger of the water supply being cut off. Signal Service officer at Harper's Ferry telegraphs the river there higher than in 1867.

SECRETARY BLAINE seems to have his eyes on Hayti. He probably wants a few more negro States added to the Union. The Republicans, ever since the days of Grant's administration, have had a banking after West Indian possessions.

The Wilmington Messenger does not like the county of Stanly having the name of Albemarle for its county seat, and advises them to change it. It does not suit the Messenger's idea of the "eternal fitness of things" for a town so far in the interior to bear that name.

The triple alliance between Austria, Germany and Italy is at an end. Now is Mr. Blaine's chance to put into execution his vigorous foreign policy. He should form an alliance with one and whip out the other two. Of course it will make no difference how he divides them up into friends and foes.

TOWN TALK.

Court week. Election next Monday. Read Rev. Mr. Darnall's sermon in this issue of THE PLANT.

Methodist Female Seminary Concert to-morrow night, at Stokes Hall. The public is invited.

We have received no Northern papers of later date than last Friday, on account of the awful floods.

Boys, it won't cost you so much to get married now. The county tax on license has been abolished.

Elder Isaac Jones will preach at the Primitive Baptist church to-night, at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

The moonshine railroad force worked by electric light Saturday night. The moon was too young at that time, we presume.

Trinity Sunday School on yesterday donated one hundred dollars to its protegee, Rev. Charles Jones Soon, missionary to China.

The Oak Ridge baseball nine passed down the road to-day to Raleigh, where they will tackle the club of that city to-day and to-morrow.

A regular meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will meet in their rooms, to-morrow afternoon, at 5 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

The beautiful shade trees in front of the Hotel Claiborn have fallen under the devastating march of the railroads and town commissioners. Oh, for shame.

At a joint meeting of the Boards of Commissioners and Education to-day, Mr. W. G. Vickers was elected County Superintendent of Public Instruction vice Rev. C. C. Newton, resigned.

We are glad to learn that Mr. J. A. Gresham has decided to conduct a bakery. A first-class establishment of this kind is needed, and we hope Mr. Gresham will be encouraged in his effort to supply the want.

A mass meeting of the Methodists of Durham will be held at Trinity church next Sunday morning in the interest of the proposition to build a church in North Durham. It is expected the Presiding Elder, Rev. J. T. Harris will be present and preside over the meeting.

It was reported this morning that Capt. N. A. Ramsey coerced Wm. Overby, colored, to sign the affidavit which appeared in Saturday's PLANT. Capt. Ramsey authorizes us to say the report is a base falsehood. We are sorry that anybody should resort to lying in the campaign. Let anybody and everybody be as earnest as they wish, but stick to the truth.

What Would Have Been the Consequences?

If the Puritan Fathers cast the Britishers' tea into Boston Harbor on account of the Stamp Act, My! My! What would have been the consequences if they had dug up their streets and cut down their shade trees?

An Anti's Far-Fetched Conclusions.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Were it a fact that no liquor had been sold in Durham, under the operation of the local option law; and could it be shown within the scope of remote probability that none would be sold under the further operation of said law, and were it a fact that so soon as a man connects himself with a church he must there and then surrender all his opinions whether upon economic questions or otherwise, then there might be some argument in the article signed "Pro." in Saturday's PLANT. Q. X.

One Year Old.

THE DAILY PLANT enters to-day upon the second year of its existence. We haven't the space or time in this issue to review the year through which we have passed or to anticipate the events of the year to come. We will simply say that we are grateful for the patronage we have received and that we will continue, with all the energy at our command, to strive for the promotion of the best interests of our plucky and enterprising town. Remember THE PLANT is for Durham, "first, last and all the time," and is square out for everybody and everything that stands upon this platform.

Against the Liquor Traffic.

Rev. R. F. Bumpass preached a sermon against the liquor evil, last night, at Main Street Church, to a large and attentive congregation. The text was a part of the 9th verse of the 4th chapter of Genesis: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain tried to find excuse. The text suggested the universal fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man and along these lines the preacher gave his hearers something to think about in drawing conclusions as to their duty in the warfare that is now being waged in this community in the interest of the liquor traffic.

Joint Meeting.

The County Commissioners and Justices of the Peace met in joint session to-day. M. A. Angier, Esq., was called to the chair.

The following Board of Education was elected for the next term: G. A. Barbee, R. B. Blalock and Kinchen Holloway.

The following taxes were elected for 1889: County purposes, 26 1/2 cents on the \$100; Polls, 78 1/2 cents; Courthouse bonds, 4 cents on the \$100; Railroad, 8 cents on the \$100.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the County levy the same taxes as levied by the State under Schedules B and C, except the County tax on marriage licenses, on which there shall be no County tax.

The Mecklenburg road law (previously in force in the county) as amended by the Legislature of 1889, was adopted by a vote of 20 to 7.

The road tax was fixed at 10 cents on the \$100.

Mr. Busbee's Card.

In to-day's PLANT will be found a card from Mr. Walton M. Busbee, together with affidavits, touching the "Hands Up" matter. Mr. Busbee is pursuing a rather peculiar line of prosecution. He made an imputation against the "no license leaders" in general and Mr. Robert Holloway in particular, based solely upon what somebody said that Wm. Overby, colored, said. Overby swore he didn't say it and now Mr. Busbee turns around and impeaches the veracity of the only witness he had to sustain his charges. Now, after doing this, if friend Busbee had withdrawn the charges, we would be willing to say "Hands Down." Instead of doing this, however, he declares he feels "thoroughly justified in having written the article in the manner in which it appeared." We leave it with the public to decide whether or not such testimony as that offered by Mr. Busbee is sufficient to justify him in bringing the charge of attempted bribery against innocent citizens.

The public, the jury, will bear in mind that the affidavits presented by Mr. Busbee to-day are simply that Overby did say what he said he did not say. Only this and nothing more. None of the gentlemen assert that anybody offered a bribe. Take the case, gentlemen.

Plant Photographs.

Master Winston Rogers is the coming man. Capt. A. Mangum, of Flat River, is in town to-day.

Mrs. J. L. Blackwell is quite sick, we are pained to learn.

Maj. Jno. W. Graham is in attendance upon our Superior Court.

Prof. M. H. Holt, of Oak Ridge, was on the east-bound train to-day.

Mr. Chas. H. Conrad, of Danville, came to Durham on the noon train.

Prof. T. J. Simmons left to-day on a visit to his mother, at Wake Forest.

Mr. Clyde B. West, of Charlotte, is on a visit to Durham relatives and friends.

Hon. M. H. Pinnix, of Lexington, is visiting Mr. J. T. Pinnix, en route to Chapel Hill.

Mrs. C. M. Hutchings left Saturday afternoon on a visit to relatives in Washington city.

Miss Irving, of Tennessee, is visiting the family of Mr. W. H. Rogers, on Mangum street.

Miss Lipscomb, of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. A. Lloyd, on Chapel Hill street.

Mr. Bernice Walker, of Creedmore, Granville county, is in town, the guest of Col. W. T. Blackwell.

Mr. R. E. Loader and daughter, formerly of Chapel Hill but now of Tennessee, are visiting Mr. Alexander.

Prof. J. S. Bassett, of the Graded School faculty, has gone to Goldsboro to spend the vacation with his parents.

Messrs. James Southgate, J. H. Southgate and others went over to Chapel Hill yesterday to hear the sermon of Bishop Duncan.

In Justice.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—Herewith, I hand you the affidavits of Matthew G. Markham, A. B. Matthews and J. R. Patton, gentlemen who are well known in our city, and ask that you publish the same in justice to me. The facts therein set forth will justify me in the sight of every unprejudiced, uncarped man in this community, for having published the article in the Sun, referred to in your Saturday's issue, and for the opinion of others, I care not.

I feel thoroughly justified in having written the article, in the manner in which it appeared and only regret that my hastiness caused me to allude to my friend, Mr. Holloway, as a "patriarchal fanatic," for which I ask pardon.

Very respectfully,

WALTON M. BUSBEE.

NORTH CAROLINA, Durham County: M. G. Markham being sworn, says that on the 31st day of May, 1889, about 4:30 o'clock, p. m., William Overby, colored, approached him as he was walking in the rear of Overby's restaurant and said that "old man Holloway came to me this morning and offered me money for my vote and said that he would give me a good price if I would vote 'dry.'"

M. G. MARKHAM. Sworn to and subscribed before me this June 1st, 1889.

W. M. BUSBEE, Notary Public.

NORTH CAROLINA, Durham County.

A. B. Matthews being sworn, says that on the evening of May 31st, at 10 o'clock, Wm. Overby said to him the following words: "A certain rank prohibitionist said to me this evening that he was my friend and if I would vote the way he wanted me to vote he would give me money, and he showed me money at the time." He then said that old man Robert Holloway was the man.

A. B. MATTHEWS. Sworn to and subscribed before me this June 1st, 1889.

W. M. BUSBEE, Notary Public.

NORTH CAROLINA, Durham County.

J. R. Patton being sworn, says that Wm. Overby, colored, came into John W. Markham's store on the morning of June 1st, 1889, and said to him, "I had a chance of making some money yesterday." He was asked how, and said "a prohibitionist offered me a lot of money if I would vote with him." Patton asked why he didn't accept it. Overby then said he told the man that he could not buy his vote.

J. R. PATTON. Sworn to and subscribed before me this June 1st, 1889.

W. M. BUSBEE, Notary Public.

Temperance Prayer-Meeting.

Let the ladies remember the temperance prayer-meeting to-morrow (Tuesday) evening, at 4:30 o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. All felt that it was good to be at the meeting last Tuesday, conducted by Rev. Mr. Oliver.

Graded School Commencement.

The commencement exercises of the Graded School, at Stokes Hall, this morning, were attended by a large audience. Upon the platform were representatives of the faculty, the Board of Education, the clergy, the Town Commissioners, and the press. The Durham Light Infantry band was present and added to the enjoyment of the occasion. The following was the order of the exercises: Song, "Ring Merry Bells," by a number of little girls. Invocation, by Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates.

Salutatory, Miss Jessie Woodward. Essay, "Roman Antiquities," Miss Hattie Freeland.

Music by the Band. Essay, "Freedom's Voyage to America," Miss Jessie Woodward.

Music by the Band. Essay, "Empress Josephine," Miss Cora Ramsey.

Music by the Band. Oration, "Temperance," Master Winston Rogers.

Music by the Band. Awarding of Certificates of Distinction, by Rev. J. L. White.

The certificates were awarded to pupils in the 4th, 5th, 6th 7th and 8th grades whose average in Scholarship, Attendance and Deportment did not fall below 85 any month during the year, as follows: Misses Daisy Adams, Mittie Carlton, Lola Rogers, Bessie Battle, Eva Carlton, Blanche Morgan, Blanche Ferrell, Annie Rawls, Lizzie Taylor, Hattie Vickers, Master Ernest Green.

Presentation of Medals, by Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates. Two medals were offered—one for the 3d and 4th grades and one for the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades, for the highest general average. The first was secured by Miss Hattie Vickers, who made an average of 97 3/10, which was closely contested by Miss Lizzie Taylor, with an average of 97 2/10. The other medal was awarded Miss Bessie Battle, who secured the very high average of 98 6/100.

Honorable Mention, by the Superintendent, Prof. E. W. Kennedy. In this list were those who were in attendance every day during the year, and were not tardy a single time: Misses Hattie Freeland, Daisy Adams, Mittie Carlton, Blanche Morgan, Eva Carlton, Lucy Vickers, Minnie Happer, Blanche Ferrell, Annie Rawls, Lizzie Taylor, Rosa Freeland, Hattie Vickers, Katie Brandon, Masters Ernest Green, Marshal Happer, William Saunders, Hallie Holloway, Dick Happer, Harry Happer.

Valedictory, Master Winston Rogers.

Presentation of Diplomas, by the Superintendent. The Graduating Class was composed of Misses Jessie Woodward, Hattie Freeland, Cora Ramsey and Master Winston Rogers.

Maj. S. F. Tomlinson approached to the front of the platform and presented to one of the teachers, Miss Alberta Newton, who will soon leave for a foreign land, a copy of God's Holy Word, as a token of esteem and appreciation of the Board. Miss Newton was greatly affected by this manifestation of regard and her tearful eyes were more expressive than words could have been of her heartfelt appreciation of the testimonial.

After a few words by the Superintendent upon the success of the school the past year the exercises were closed with prayer by Rev. J. L. White. The salutatory, the essays, the oration, and the valedictory, were all very meritorious, reflecting credit upon the graduates, the faculty and the institution. Long live the Graded School to be a blessing to our community.

Superior Court.

Judge Bynum did not arrive until noon to-day and therefore the opening of court was deferred until the afternoon. Solicitor Strayhorn is at his post. The following compose the grand jury: J. F. Corbett, foreman, Norwood E. Couch, J. R. Page, Thos. J. Rigsbee, Robert T. Faucett, Talbot E. Smith, John W. Proctor, W. H. Harris, Jas. W. Walker, J. D. Pridgen, Thos. C. Barbee, D. C. Umstead, T. S. Christian, R. C. Lowe, J. L. Freeman, California Massey, W. P. Mangum, Jr., F. M. Norwood.

THE CHRISTIAN'S POSITION.

Timely Sermon by Rev. H. T. Darnall, at the Presbyterian Church, Yesterday Morning.

TEXT.—"Neither be partakers of other men's sins."—Timothy 5: 22.

The text is characteristic of the apostle Paul, and indeed, characteristic of the Bible—in laying down broad principles of action rather than in detailing specific duties or denouncing specific forms of sin. And yet, it is not so general in its teachings as to leave it difficult to ascertain duty or to determine sin. Sin in its concrete form, indeed is expressed as transgression of the law, but under the interpretation of Christ it is not confined to transgression itself, but to everything which leads thereto, or which tempts others thereto, as when He forbids the cherishing of anger because of its being in the direction of murder.

The position of the true followers of God then must be that of square, open and unflinching resistance to sin in its beginnings, in the feelings and purposes of the heart itself, as well as in the words and actions. He must be careful to depart from all iniquity, and avoid the appearance of evil. Anything that is sinful or that may lead to sin, or may tempt others thereto, must be resisted, and resisted steadfastly. The principles are well understood in so far as individual christian life is concerned. The text now brings us out to another position, which is, that we are not to be partakers of other men's sins. And this is a broad field of action. We must have no fellowship with the influential work of darkness, but rather reprove them, whatever form they may take, however common or established by the usages of society, however plausible or fashionable or pleasing. Yet, it is by the tests of God's word, they be sins, we must not, we dare not be partakers in them. Hence idolatry, hatred, covetousness, strife, sedition, heresies, envy, drunkenness, revelings, quarrelling, pride, everything that the wicked delight in, everything that would injure ourselves or our neighbor, either in fact or in tendency, is to be resisted and rebuked.

If this high principle of action is clear and admitted, as by every unbiased right thinking mind it must be, then the calculation of consequences can never form the criterion of duty. Only when the voice of duty is silent, or when it has already spoken, may we already think of the consequences of a particular action and determine how far it is likely to fulfill what duty has enjoined; but duty is above all consequences, and often at a crisis of difficulty commands us to throw them overboard. It commands us to look neither to the right, nor the left, but straight onward, and hence every signal act of duty is an act of faith. It is performed in the assurance that God will take care of the consequences, and whatever the immediate results may be, His word shall not return unto him empty. With these clear and acknowledged principles settled, then I pass to the consideration of the matter that is now beginning to absorb the attention of the community and which is

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A Child Killed.

Another child killed by the use of opiates given in the form of Soothing Syrup. Why mothers give their children such deadly poison is surprising when they can relieve the child of its peculiar troubles by using Acker's Baby Soother. It contains no Opium or Morphine. Sold by R. Blackhall & Son.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

J. A. Gresham. Liberal support of the enterprise is solicited. I have rented the Durham Bakery and am prepared to furnish good wholesome bread, rolls, pies, cakes, etc. in any quantity. A

If you are looking for Gents' Furnishings at bottom prices, go to the closing out sale at Sam Lehman's.

For bargains in Clothing, go to Sam Lehman's Durham Clothing Hall.

Don't miss the last chance to buy Hess' celebrated Shoes at down yonder prices, at Sam Lehman's.

Triumphant Songs

Just received. Sold at publishers' prices: 35 cents each; \$3.60 per dozen. At the Durham bookstore of J. B. WHITAKER, JR., & Co.