

The Commonwealth.

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NEEDED AT THE COURT HOUSE

To every one who goes to the court house in Halifax, it must be plain that there is needed a well in the court yard.

People go to the court house from all parts of the county at all times of the year; and there is not a public well or pump in the town of Halifax at which one can get a drink of water either for himself or his horse.

Tuesday of this week we met two friends on the main street of the town looking for a well or a pump at which they might get a drink of water.

Now, THE COMMONWEALTH believes that, inasmuch as there is no public well in the town of Halifax, the county commissioners ought to make reasonable expenditure from the county funds in order that the people of the county may be able to get a cool drink of water when they are at the court house.

We do not wish to be understood as advocating any unnecessary expense in the county or any unwarranted disbursements of the county's funds; but we believe every citizen of the county would commend the county commissioners in any reasonable expense for a well in the court yard.

FROM TRINITY COLLEGE.

(Correspondence to THE COMMONWEALTH.)

DURHAM, N. C., May 8, '99. Dr. B. C. Stather, lecturer on American Constitutional History at Johns Hopkins University, lectured before the Historical Society of Trinity College, Thursday evening, on "Success of the American Revolution."

Mr. M. B. Odell, Dr. T. M. Ivey and Rev. N. M. Jurney, members of the building committee of the Craven Memorial Hall, met at the College Wednesday and formally accepted the building from the contractor. The chairs and storage furniture are being put in, and everything will be in readiness for commencement.

Prof. Edwin Mims will deliver an address at the closing exercises of Roxboro Institute.

Mr. H. M. North, of the Senior Class, will take charge of Central church in Raleigh during the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. C. Glenn, whose health has failed.

Pres. Kilgo is in Nashville this week attending a meeting of the Board of Education of the Southern Methodist church.

Prof. Heritt attended the Epworth League and Sunday School Conference at Greensboro last week, and delivered an address on the literary work of the League.

At the municipal election at Trinity Park the following were elected: Mayor, Dr. J. S. Bassett; commissioners, Dr. J. C. Kilgo, S. A. Stewart, S. H. Sparger; Constable, Johnathan Peele.

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The Smithfield Herald has entered upon its 18th volume, and gives evidence of a prosperity commensurate with its growth in years.

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LIVES OF DISTINGUISHED NORTH CAROLINIANS.

This valuable book, compiled by Mr. W. J. Peete and published by the North Carolina Historical Society, has received many pleasing comments by the press of the State, and it merits them all.

The Biblical Recorder recently reviewed the book, and said in part: North Carolina has been blessed with a few great lives; she has given as many, if not more, to other States.

Whether amongst her sons and daughters any of the New World's greatest are to be numbered is a question which North Carolinians are apt to dispute with others. There are North Carolinians who say that her sons have had equal chance with those of Virginia; but we hold us above that: It is shame to say that one's native birth is against one's birth. North Carolina is not a Nazareth. Greatness may occasionally appear accidental, but when it does the matter of locality is not the determining incident.

North Carolina has produced great lives, but not many if one is scrupulous of the word. Of good men and women, women with all the worthy greatness of the world in them, no state has been blessed with more.

At any rate let no man tolerate the notion that North Carolina has not been blessed and greatly blessed the world with good and great men. And let us one and all be glad for a book at last, that using the modest word "Distinguished," sets forth to show us and our children somewhat of the characters of some of the sons of North Carolina.

The work is on the whole very well done. The three sketches by Graham, who has three of the choicest subjects, are not surpassed. The sketch of Macon is also excellent. And the others are good—some of them would be better if their subjects could suffer it. In at least three instances the subjects fall so far below their fellows that one cannot expect much of the men who had the writing of the sketches.

The mechanical work is most worthily done. Print, binding and paper are all that could be desired.

I have been a sufferer from chronic diarrhoea ever since the war and have used all kinds of medicines for it. At last I found one remedy that has been a success as a cure, and that is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Washington, May 8.—The Evening Star to-day publishes a complaint from a number of Federal prisoners incarcerated in the State penitentiary at Raleigh, N. C.

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MAGAZINES RECEIVED.

WAKE FOREST STUDENT. The May number of the Wake Forest Student has been received. It is perhaps the best number of the year. It shows a variety of literary thought that makes it a most attractive journal, well worth the subscription price as such; and it is particularly interesting to those who are concerned about the welfare and progress of Wake Forest College.

SEMINARY MAGAZINE. The April number of the Seminary Magazine, of Louisville, Ky., has reached us. It comes rather late but its contents show it to be an interesting number. The number is well supplied with good and interesting reading of a general nature, besides matters of special concern to those interested in the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

THE NATIONAL MAGAZINE. The May number of this most excellent periodical is before us. Its contents show quite a variety of reading matter by strong and able writers. "Stories of a Confederate" is a most interesting serial paper, the present number giving the seventh article. This is among the best of the cheap magazines of the day and is well worth the price.

CARTER'S MONTHLY FOR MAY. Carter's Monthly Magazine, published in Chicago, and edited by Opie Read, is making rapid strides in the public favor. It is the only ten cent magazine in Chicago devoted exclusively to American literature, and is certainly supplying the need for a western magazine.

INCENDIARY AND DEATH. A special from Rocky Mount to the News and Observer Monday night gave the following distressing account of an incendiary's work: "At Cool Spring farm, six miles from here in Edgecombe county, at 11 o'clock last night the residence of Mrs. Turner W. Battle, together with all the furniture, was entirely consumed by fire, which it is supposed was of incendiary origin.

TESTIMONIAL. Scotland Neck, N. C., April 8, '99. Mr. E. E. Hilliard, Dear Sir:—My husband, Henry B. Dickens, who died on March 21, 1899, was insured in the Union Central Life Insurance Company for \$500.

LAND FOR SALE. I have at Dawson's X Roads, Halifax county, three separate tracts of land for sale, one containing 228, one 50 and one 27 acres, which I will sell for three dollars per acre.

COURT NOTICE. Upon authority of Judge W. A. Hoke I hereby give notice that there will be no first week of May term of Superior court for Halifax county. The second week of the court will be held beginning June 5th.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of Chat. H. Pletcher.

GOLD IN EASTERN CAROLINA.

The Rocky Mount Argonaut says: "A beautiful bar of Nash county gold is now on exhibition at the Planters' Bank. Its value is between eight and nine hundred dollars and is the product of six days' run of a part of the stamps of gold mill at Mann-Arrington mines.

The operating expenses average between \$35 and \$40 per day, thus leaving a very fair margin of profit. Several of the mines of this wonderful belt are now being developed, and are showing up very much above the most sanguine expectations.

A new vein has been struck on the Culpepper, which shows 18 inches of wonderfully rich ore, free gold being visible on nearly every piece of ore taken out.

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A CONSTABLE KILLED. A special from Greenville to the News and Observer date 8th says: "Saturday night at Bethel, this county, Constable Elijah Bryan was trying to quiet a crowd of boisterous negroes when four of them assaulted him. He was struck on the head with a rake and cut several times with knives.

PAID IN FIFTEEN DAYS. Mr. Henry B. Dickens, who had a policy in the Union Central Life Insurance Company, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died at his home in Scotland Neck, N. C., March 21, 1899, and the check was drawn for payment of the claim April 5, 1899.

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ENFIELD NOTES.

ENFIELD, N. C., May 8, '99. We are soon to have telephone connection with your place, and already have it with Henderson and other places.

Mr. A. S. Dunn has put up a saw mill here to saw oak and other timber. Mr. M. T. Wood has moved to the house he bought of ex-Judge S. Whitaker, and sold his house on Railroad street to Mr. Cole, who is having it painted before moving.

Mr. J. D. Williams is conducting a meeting in the M. P. Church, assisted by Revs. Abernethy and Herring. Mr. J. H. Parker and Miss Callis Whitfield are still quite sick.

Our neighbor, the Roanoke News, has entered upon its 34th volume. It is among the oldest and best weekly papers in the State, and from all appearances it is quite as prosperous. It is ever alert to local news and county interests and does good service for its patrons.

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HOME CURE FOR BLOOD POISON.

Beware of the Doctors' Patchwork; You Can Cure Yourself at Home. There is not the slightest doubt that the doctors do more harm than good in treating Contagious Blood Poison; many victims of this loathsome disease would be much better off to-day if they had never allowed themselves to be dosed on mercury and potash, the only remedies which the doctors ever give for blood poison.

The doctors are wholly unable to get rid of the disease—the sores and eruptions. This they do by driving the poison into the system, and endeavor to keep it shut in with their constant doses of potash and mercury. The mouth and throat and other delicate parts then break out into sores, and the fight is continued indefinitely, the drugs doing their utmost more damage than the disease itself.

Mr. H. L. Myers, 100 Mulberry St., Newark, N. J., says: "I had spent a hundred dollars with the doctors, when I realized that they could do me no good. I had large spots all over my body, and these soon broke out into running sores, and I endured all the suffering which this vile disease produces. I decided to try S. S. S. as a last resort, and was soon greatly improved. I followed closely your 'Directions for Self Treatment,' and the large spots on my chest began to grow paler and smaller, and before long disappeared entirely. I was soon cured perfectly and my skin has been as clear as glass ever since. I cured myself at home, after the doctors had failed completely."

S. S. S. FOR THE BLOOD—acts in an entirely different way from potash and mercury—it forces the poison out of the system and gets rid of it entirely. Hence it cures the disease, while other remedies only shut the poison in where it lurks forever, constantly undermining the constitution. Our system of private home treatment places a cure within the reach of all. We give all necessary medical advice, free of charge, and save the patient the embarrassment of public display. Write for full information to Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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