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#### SUITABLE NEW YEAR PRAYER.

(Robert Louis Stevenson.)

We beseech thee, Lord, to behold us with favor, weak men and Christmas, on their return met women, subsisting under the covert many people, white and colorof Thy patience. Be patient still. ed, going out of town; and one published. Suffer us yet a while longer with of the ladies remarked that our broken promises of good, with when there were saloons in our idle endeavor against evil; suf- Scotland Neck such crowds fer us a while longer to endure, perfect order as prevailed with and if it may be, help us to do them this Christmas. The busbetter. Bless to us our extraordi- iness men of the town said that nary mercies; if the day come trade was not good, owing to when they must be taken, have us the short cotton crop and the play the man under affliction. Be low price of peanuts. There is less money in this community with our friends; be with ourselves. than there has been at this Go with each of us to rest; if any season in years. The panic awake, temper to them the dark has struck this region, of hours of watching; and when the course, but the chief reason for day returns to us --- our sun and the lack of money is the short comforter---call us with morning of peanuts, together with the faces, eager to be happy if happi- great quantity of peanuts still ness shall be our portion, and if the in the fields. The weather has day be marked to sorrow, strong been unfavorable for cleaning the night. to endure it.

#### AGAIN AT THE DESK.

The editor of The Comkon-WEALTH again greets his readers with the work of this week's paper with a keen appreciation of restoration to his place and with thanks to Mr. W. L. office.

son to all.

#### THE MEETING MONDAY.

Let the farmers of the county remember the meeting in Halifax next Monday, January 6th, of the Halifax county branch of the Southern Cotton Assocition. It will be a meeting of great importance, and every farmer in the county who can do so should attend.

And permit us to make a suggestion that the farmers who do go to Halifax Monday make it a point to go into the meeting when the court house bell rings. Do not say or think that the others will do the work all right without you; but see to it that your affairs are so arranged that you can go into the meeting and stay until it adjourns.

## THE NEW YEAR.

the opening of the new; but so many things have transpired tion wave that is sweeping on. away happy. during the time since our last publication, December 19th, space is crowded.

Let us say that we desire to greet all our readers with the

and inspiring in the coming of cotton market. a new year. New resolutions, The achievements already ac- his family. new purposes, new hopes and complished are somewhat re- The Halifax County branch

the old from the new. particular region, most people this organization of Southern plans and work for next year. at first thought feel like saying farmers in handling and pric. At that meeting officers will be that the new year holds out ing the cotton crop. And every elected for the ensuing year, a success. They had a large crowd from '61 to '65. May many blesslittle hope; for the money strin- farmer, and business man as the various committees will be and cleared forty dollars. gency has cut short every one's well, in the South should pay appointed and the general inexpectations. But, good good heed to the opportunity terest of the Association will friends, the money view is not which the Southern Cotton As- be discussed. the only view that belongs to sociation presents to him for Let every farmer in Halifax the new year. There are a securing and maintaining reas- county consider himself a del- Glenn grants a Christmas pardon to

and disappointments of the old. A happy new year to all.

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#### "A QUIET CHRISTMAS."

So says almost every one who remarks about it at all The absence of drunkenness was noted by many. Two ladies who rode to the cemetery in the late afternoon before peanuts, and those who have threshed their crops are slow to sell them at the present price. One often hears a farmer say, "I have not sold any part of my crop yet."

#### RALEIGH'S PROHIBITION.

The temperance advocates Vaughan for his good work throughout the State rejoice at burial was well attended. The during our absence from the the prohibition victory in Ral- people were very quiet, serious and eigh Dec. 26th. There were reverential during the performance Darling bady thou has left us, The best wishes of the sea- 1,311 votes cast in the election, of the last offices. O, what a solemn . And we long for thee in vain, 928 for prohibition, 381 for dis- thing is death, and to see those pensary and 2 for saloons, giv- whom we have known and loved ing prohibition a majority of and cherished long, pass within the Free from suffering the spirit 547 over the dispensary.

> Raleigh has had the dispensary four years, the sales of liquor under the system amounting to \$250,000, with profits of about \$75,000, according to the Raleigh correspondent to the Norfolk Landmark. The profits from the dispensary were divided between school

> and road funds. It is a credit to the people of Raleigh that, while the dispensary profits reduced taxes, they preferred to pay more taxes and be rid of the evil effects of

> the dispensary system. Looking calmly at the temperance situation in North Carolina, those who are not advocates of prohibition will admit that it looks like the State will

ONCE MORE, LET US SAY.

paying subscribers more than If they do not the contributions are consigned to the

waste basket. every communication.

this issue of THE COMMON-WEALTH, one signed "J. M.". the other signed "X. Y. Z.":

cation next week.

#### Death of Mr. M. A. Pittman.

mystery, and of things eternal. ly merits. Mr. Pittman was about sixty-three years old, one of the old soldiers of the Confederacy, and a member of the Buck Kitchin Camp. He was the second one of the camp to die in Christmas week, the other being Mr. Ben Drew, who, Tuesday morning Dec. 24th was found to have quietly passed away at some time during

Mr. Pittman has left four sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of a dear and affectionate father. His wife died June 20th, 1907. His presence will be much missed by his many friends and neighbors.

On Saturday, Dec. 28, 1907, bethe aged, tired and worn out body cemetery, Scotland Neck. The veil, to be seen no more with mortal

#### G. W. P.

# A Sunday Marriage.

There was a marriage at the Baptist parsonage Sunday, Dec. 22, that was a bit romantic. As Rev. G. T. Lumpkin returned from church Mr. Norman Barr called and asked if he would mary him. Mr. Lumpkin answered in the affirmative, whereupon Mr. Barr handed Mr. Lumpkin the marriage license, and went away for the girl who was to become his bride. When they returnand Mr. Lumpkin learned the girl's trying to hinder the prohibi- mony and the bride and groom went

## TO THE FARMERS OF HALIFAX COUNTY

sincere wish for happiness and ation is no longer an experi- est use of it. Indeed not to do prosperity during the year 1908. ment. During the few years so is to prove false to the inter-No matter what the gratifi- of its activity it has brought ests of their own homes and cations for achievements, or the world to acknowledge the firesides, and recreant to the people something exhilarating it wields in helping control the the welfare of his home and to child, one sister and one brother.

cent. of the world's supply of that day.

The Southern Cotton Associ-|placed to make a fair and honprovide proper comforts for

across the line which divides and manufacturers of cotton ation will meet in the court the world over realize full well house in Halifax on Monday, In this country, and in this that they must reckon with January 6, 1908, to consider

of the Southern farmers the for the great work that lies

E. E. HILLIARD,

Mr. Vaughan to Washington.

Many and many times have Mr. W. L. Vaughon, who for nearly Last Sunday Dr. W. R. Cullom, we insisted that all correspond- three months has had editorial con- of Wake Forest, filled the Baptist ing with the prices in other ents to this paper send their trol of THE COMMONWEALTH, left pulpit here morning and evening. things we propose to give cash names with their contributions. Monday for Washington, N. C., At 11 o'clock he preached a strong chosen profession, the law.

> taken sick in September, Mr. Vaugh- tempest, as rivers of waters in a dry We do not especially desire an assumed the duties of editor and place, as the shadow of a great rock to publish the name if the reporter, and through the editor's in a weary land." His theme was writer prefers otherwise, but long illness he did his work with a "God's means of doing good." He we must know the author of thoroughness which illustrated his said that God might have chosen distinguished and conspicuous ability other means and methods for bring-Two interesting communica- as a newspaper man. Mr. Vaughan, ing things to pass in the world, but tions have been received for after graduating at Wake Forest, he chose to make man the medium taught at Wakefield and Raleigh, of great and good works. and then filled an important place in Emphasis was laid upon the fact but we could not publish them. license before the Supreme Court do great things for humanity. The writer's name should ac- last September. He brought his fine Strong and striking illustrations company the communication literary attainments into his work on were given from the Bible and some on a slip if he does not wish it this paper and it evoked for him from the world's history outside of If "X. Y. Z." will let us know knew him, as well as from those who God has put man as a medium of his or her real name in time did not know hom. He is a young good. we will publish the communi- man of rare accomplishments and we At night Dr. Cullom preached After a short illness, at about two host of friends here in his home town four view-points. (1) He has a o'clock a. m. Saturday, Dec. 28th, would have been delighted for him new standing with God and with 1907, Mr. Henry Allen Pittman, at to remain in Scotland Neck; but his men: (2) he has a new motive; (3) his home a few miles from Scotland choice lay otherwise and we all wish he has a new view of Christ himself; Neck, passed away into the world of him the abundant success he so rich- (3) he has a new mission in the

#### Obituary.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.) On the morning of December 17, 1907, the death angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Barnes, near Dawsons, and took therefrom its light and joy. It was little Claude their infant son, aged seventeen months. He was sick only a few ments as a scholar, a philosopher hours with something like dyptheria and a preacher are something of Lawrence, has fallen asleep so quietit was of short duration as the angel soon wafted his little spirit to its great work at Wake Forest in the thing will He withold from them him up but oh how comforting to as a preacher of great power. know God doeth all things well and tween three and four o'clock p. m. has taken him from a world of sin and transplanted him in a world of was laid to rest in the Episcopal bliss. There to wait inside the pearly gates to welcome papa and mama in the sweet bye and bye.

But we know that thou art free frem All thy earthly care and pain;

And in peace rest thy soul; Dearest baby, thou has entered In the blessed heavenly goal.

And to be resigned we are trying, For we know God deemed it best, And thy face, so calm and peaceful, Told us thou has found sweet rest, And we would not call thee back

To this world of pain and woe, When the perfect joy of heaven Thou forever shall know.

## Allsbrook-Jackson.

A FRIEND.

At the residence of Elder W. B. name he found that it did not cor- Strickland Dec. 18, 1907 at 5:30 respond to the name on the license. o'clock, p. m., Mr. J. H. Allsbrook He hesitated to perform the cere- was united in the holy bonds of mony under the circumstances, and | matrimony to Miss Augusta Jackson. this somewhat discomfited the The ceremony was performed by would-be bride and groom, for it Elder W. B. Strickland. From there be under prohibition in a short was a runaway match. Mr. Lump- the happy couple went to the home while. And the same con- kin telephoned to Register of Deeds of the groom where a most delicious clusion may be safely drawn T. W. Fenner at Halifax and inform- supper was served and a delightful Just naturally we feel in- for the entire South. Saloon ed him of the matter. Mr. Fenner hour was spent with their relatives. clined to say some things about and dispensary advocates may gave him authority to put the cor- The bride is a popular young lady of and 9th grades. the closing of the old year and as well direct their energies in rect name on the license, and Mr. Beaufort county near Washington, some other direction other than Lumpkin finally performed the cere- N. C. She has many friends around (1) Margaret Braswell, Part (2) her home. She also has lots of Estelle House. friends in Scotland Neck for the short time she remained here before School. her marriage. The groom is wellknown in Scotland Neck and surrounding country.

## Epworth News.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.) Mr. Thomas Carlisle died Wednesday, Dec. 18th. He was taken sick regrets for disappointments of justness on which its principles duty that God imposes upon Sunday, Dec. 15th, with black jaunthe old year, there is to most are based and the power which every man to guard diligently dice. He leaves a wife and one Mr. D. A. Week's wife is right

sick with rheumatism. new efforts lead one expectant markable and the manipulators of the Southern Cotton Associ- to Farmville about the first of Jan., be called to leave him to take charge 1908. P. H. Pittman has rented his

> from Farmville to spend Christmas with his father, G. W. Weeks.

The tournament at Leggetts was

#### Alpheus Vaughan Pardoned. state of North Carolina.

(Charlotte News Dec. 24.) Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 24.-Governor

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N thousand and one things of onable prices for their cotton. egate to that meeting and let Alpheus Vaughan, former manager Y., had a very remarkable experience; more moment than money or The South produces 70 per there be a large attendance on of the Singer Sewing Machine office he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up at Raleigh, who has served two years over me; one said heart disease; two Let us, then, all look for the cotton, which is simply anoth- Let us come together in a sent that may come during the or way of saving that Dear t best that may come during the er way of saying that Provilarge number and start the Vaughan has a wife and three liver trouble; but none of them helped new year and forget the pangs dence has placed in the hands new year with new enthusiasm children and has been a model pris-

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Dr. Cullom Sunday.

where he goes to enter upon his sermon from Isiah 32:2: "A man shall be as an hiding place from When the editor of this paper was the wind, and a covert from the

Wake Forest as instructor in Eng- that the world needs real, true men lish. He studied law and obtained who are faithful to their mission to high praise from its readers who the Bible showing the use to which

commend him to the very highest from 2 Cor. 5:7: "If any man be in considerations of the good people of Christ he is a new creature." He the good town of Washington where said that when one accepts Jesus he proposes to make his home. His Christ as his Savior he is new from

Dr. Cullom's sermons were strong and forceful and scholarly. Having spent the summer here some years ago he is a favorite with Scotland Neck people, and his congregations er John T. Applewhite, departed this greatly enjoyed his sermons Sunday. life leaving a good wife and several He is one of the brightest and best of daughters and sons to perpetuate the men who have gone from Hali- his good name, and now another fax county, and his splendid attainshould be proud. He is doing a fulfilling the promise, "No good

## North Carolina Day.

On Dec. 20th the Scotland Neck graded school observed North Caro- many times and I never heard him lina Day. Following is the programme of the interesting exercises have not seen him in several years, of the day:

NORTH CAROLINA DAY PROGRAM. Irish-Their Character. Louise Fut- too and I hope to meet the friends

Orange County. Part (1) Laura these dear friends have had my Clark, Part (2) Mattie Josey.

Piano Solo. Reading. The Regulators. Part (1) Katherine Kitchin, Part (2) Lee Cutchin.

Piano Duet. Reading. The Regulators. Part (3) John Edwards, Part (4) William McDowell.

Chorus. By pupils from 7ht, 8th and 9th grades. Reading. Wm. Alexander Gra-

ham. Part (1) Mary Bryant, Part (2) Thad Mangum.

Story of the Black Boys of Cabarrus. By Superintendent. Chorus. By pupils from 7th, 8th,

and 9th grades. AFTERNOON.

Song. America. By School. Reading. James K. Polk. Hattie Whitehurst.

Chorus. By pupils from 7th, 8th,

Song. The Old North State. Py

Address. General View of the Scotch-Irish in North Carolina. By

Mr. Stuart H. Smith.

7th, 8th, and 9th grades. Vocal Solo. By Mrs. Bond.

## Death of Mr. Ben Drew.

(Cor. to The Commonwealth.) Mr. Ben Drew was taken from time to eternity on the night of December 23rd. His death was sudden. His youngest son was with Mr. Willie Whitehead will move him and he told him that if he should of what he had. On Christmas afternoon his remains were laid to rest Dr. Earl Weeks and wife came up in the family burying ground. Several old soldiers were present to pay their last tribute of respect. He ings rest upon his loved ones and all lovers of truth over the good old

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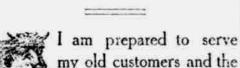
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#### Two Friends and Comrades.

comrade in the Enfield Blues, brothcomrade and dear friend for fifty years or more, brother James II. and though his suffering was severe which the people of the county ly, without any pain or struggle we guarantee to please, and will heavenly home. It is so sad to give School of the Bible, and in his work that walk uprightly." And how good to us. it is to depart as he did. Since he has lived in Scotland Neck he told me whenever I came there to make

me whenever I came there to make his house my home and I have enjoyed being in his delightful home utter an unkind or ugly word. I but would think of and inquire after him and hoped I would get to Song. Ho! For Carolina. School. see him again, but it will not be Reading. Origin of the Scotch- very long before I will have to go and loved ones gone before in those Reading. The Scotch-Irish in mansions above. The families of deepest sympathy in their sorrow and distress and I trust they have

> looked to our Father in Heaven who alone can comfort them. T. L. WHITAKER, Veteran of the Confederate War. Enfield, N. C., Dec. 23, 1907.



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11-28-6t

By virtue of power vested in us by that deed of trust duly executed and recorded in the Office of the Regis ter of Deeds for Halifax County Book 188 at page 164, we shall sell for cash to the highest bidder at Public Auction in the Town of Scotland Neck on the 18th day of Junuary, 1908, at 12 O'Clock Noon, the following described tract of real estate, lying, being, and situated in the county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, to wit:

That land which was conveyed by C. Minshew to D. Edmondson by deed of record in Halifax County, and devised by D. Edmonson to Minnie Taylor, and by the said Minnie Taylor conveyed to Jno. Gardner, and beginning at a Post-oak in the old Dickens line, thence N 41 1-2 E 138 poles to Cow Hall Swamp, thence down said Swamp to the Dickens and Smith Corner, thence along the Dickens line N 67 1-2 W 32 poles, thence N 27 W 41 poles, thence N 52 W 27 poles, thence N 73 W 73 poles to the beginning, and containing one hundred and two and one-half acres,

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