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MR. PURRINGTON DEFENDS THE DRASTIC SUNDAY LAW.

To the Editor:—I am not used to newspaper discussions, and shall probably not be tempted to indulge further after this venture. But I have thought it highly fitting at this juncture, as one of the commissioners anathematized, to make, in some sort, a reply to the scathing editorial of the past week. I desire to state right here in the outset and in all sincerity, that if you be stating your honest convictions, and I would not even hint otherwise, then I have nothing but respect for the clearness and fearless honesty with which you have uttered them; but at the same time I claim equal indulgence and courtesy for the opinions I may happen to entertain, even though they differ materially from yours. I grieve to say it, but not to be outdone in frankness, I am constrained to say that in my humble estimation the editorial argument is shallow and flimsy and the construction of the article loose and weak. But then you had a poor case. Without flattery I may say you are a young man of considerable ability and probably said all it was possible to say for your cause.

Your first tentative argument shows either wilful misrepresentation or egregious ignorance. You seem to be apprehensive that some one may "LAY down and die" in consequence of the drastic measures of the town board at its last session. If you will consult the town ordinances you will find the sale of DRUGS on Sunday is NOT prohibited. In other words, we do not close the drug stores, but we do prohibit the sale of any goods or merchandise whatsoever other than drugs. So no one is obliged to LIE down and die for lack of physic.

Trusting that I have allayed all anxiety on this point, I proceed. Your next point may be a veiled threat; but believe me, my dear young man, you have touched the wrong note when you hint at no reelection for me. Far from desiring reelection, I shall most cheerfully and gladly lay down the truncheon of power whenever the majority of the voters of the town desire it, possibly sooner, for the staff of office is not only entirely unremunerative but appears to be even grossly thankless. However, if my office were a well paid one, I trust I would have the courage and manhood to do my duty as I see it, regardless of threats, vituperation, dirty calumny and malicious misrepresentation. Of these last two charges I do not accuse you; but dirt manufactured for the occasion has been hurled at me from the ranks of your cohorts. However, I bear no malice towards the slingers, for I have found such FILTH DOES NOT DEFILE WHAT IT DOES NOT HIT.

Now, in regard to the laws of other towns, I can only say that the fair fame arising from civic purity and righteous municipal government has reached my anxious ears from no town in our broad Commonwealth, hence I judge that none has attained prominence in these virtues. I acknowledge I do not know what other little towns have done in regard to this matter. Possibly if there be towns that have open fountains on Sunday they see good in such a course, I cannot. Nay, more, if every town in the country countenanced such proceedings, I should not be convinced one whit the more that it was right nor give my support to the measure one whit the sooner.

"Ridiculous! Absurd! they ARE the words." Of course I knew that Scotland Neck and its vicinity was a hard working community, earning its bread by the sweat of its brow, but I had not thought there was in all the town and surrounding country one soul whose toil was so unremitting as to leave no single five minutes in the six days of the commercial week in which the poor man might rise (not wretch, Mr. Editor) his dusty throat. Sad! Sad! They all, I believe, find it perfectly possible, nevertheless, to come to

WHEN YOU ARE NERVOUS

you have the first symptom of a run-down system, and nervous people too often conceal their aches and pains and suffer in silence, while, if neglected, this condition often foreruns more serious trouble. If those so afflicted would stop taking medicine containing alcohol or drugs, which menace the foundations of health, and just take the pure, strengthening nourishment in Scott's Emulsion, it would create new blood to pulsate through the organs, refresh their bodies and build up the whole nervous system. It is rich, sustaining nourishment, free from wines, alcohols or drugs. Shun substitutes.

town as often as necessary to attend to newspaper discussions, and shall probably not be tempted to indulge further after this venture. But I have thought it highly fitting at this juncture, as one of the commissioners anathematized, to make, in some sort, a reply to the scathing editorial of the past week. I desire to state right here in the outset and in all sincerity, that if you be stating your honest convictions, and I would not even hint otherwise, then I have nothing but respect for the clearness and fearless honesty with which you have uttered them; but at the same time I claim equal indulgence and courtesy for the opinions I may happen to entertain, even though they differ materially from yours. I grieve to say it, but not to be outdone in frankness, I am constrained to say that in my humble estimation the editorial argument is shallow and flimsy and the construction of the article loose and weak. But then you had a poor case. Without flattery I may say you are a young man of considerable ability and probably said all it was possible to say for your cause.

Your next facetiously touched upon mosquito swamp and "Lake Bacteria!" Some puddles of water have stood at times on Main street. We all regret it, but the drainage seems difficult. I feel sure the committee whose business it was to attend to such matters tried to remedy the trouble. There are also several Lakes "Bacteria" (or cesspools), we understand, situated just beyond the corporate limits of the town. They are exceedingly offensive and dangerous, but they do not lie within the jurisdiction of the town authorities.

Now as to the shows we plead guilty to the indictment. But have you read the law on this point? If not I will inform you that under the State law we cannot refuse shows admittance, and a number of undesirable shows have come. Scotland Neck seems to have a weakness for shows (not the higher class shows either, as the disgracefully small attendance on the Lyceum Course abundantly testified). Again suppose we had had the authority to exclude shows, have you asked yourself what would the result would have been? They would have pitched their tents beyond the town limits; WOULD HAVE BEEN EXEMPT FROM TOWN TAX and WOULD HAVE CARRIED AWAY JUST AS MUCH MONEY with them.

Methought I heard some one say, "Consistency what a jewel though art." Take note, Mr. Editor, WE did not guarantee the shows nor advise any one to go to them. But just below the philippic against the commissioners in last week's issue I noticed quite a glowing "ad" for the show that has just left the town. Does the editor occupy a very responsible position, and should he not be very circumspect how he imposes on his subscribers by soliciting patronage for "low-browed" shows? Just what is an editor's moral duty when even advertising is concerned? Have not the ideas of better class editors and newspaper men thought a higher level of late in regard to these very things?

Then you served the old tocsin, "Unconstitutional!" The mellifluous and sonorous syllabication of the word "unconstitutional" has been used "many a time and oft" ere this to intimidate the faint hearted.

Now I am not so sure that our much belabored law is unconstitutional; but IF by any possible chance it SHOULD be I have never been in any sense a believer in infallibility, and by proving the point you will only prove that our grand constitution (I say it reverently) stands in need of another amendment.

But having done with trivialities, let us consider one practical, pertinent issue: On no higher ground than a purely commercial basis would it be equitable or even logical to allow the drug stores to sell soft drinks on Sunday and prohibit others, when the drug stores do not even represent a majority of the fountains in town? If we were thus arbitrary in our laws and failed to see that each interest has a fair chance before the law we would be liable to far harsher epithets than that of stringency. We might then be accused of favoritism and class legislation. Would Allsbrook & Boyette, J. W. Allsbrook, J. W. Robertson, N. Herring, Strickland, and others I might mention, think we were legislating fairly? Or if we allowed the sale of soft drinks at ALL fountains would it not be a logical consequence for these last mentioned stores to bring forward the old argument used by the representatives of the drug stores? The others might say, "When we have a crowd around drinking cool drinks it is almost impossible not to

accommodate a man with a box of crackers or a pound of cheese for his Sunday's supper." He was so "busy!" forsooth, he could not lay in his rations on Saturday. Where would it end? With practically open groceries such as we had before the passage of this law.

Let us be just. Let us legislate conscientiously for the best interest of the community at large. Honesty and righteousness are both good policies—even good worldly policies.

In conclusion, if I might venture in all kindness and friendliness to offer a few words of advice to you, my young friend, I would say: It behooves every young man "To-alay with some few drops of modesty his skipping spirit," and also, if I may paraphrase slightly, "to inform his mind that he may be the better judge." Be sure you are right (but oh! be very sure) then go ahead.

If you would be a success range yourself on the side of purity, Christian progress, and noble manhood. Then you cannot be a failure because

"All true noble men succeed: For what is worth success's name If it be not the consciousness, The inward surety to have carried out."

A noble purpose to a noble end Altho' it be the gallows or the block." Yours respectfully,
A. L. PURRINGTON.

Sunday Morning Sermons.

"Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" was the text Sunday delivered by the ministers of the three churches in Scotland Neck. The local pulpit delivered strong sermons upholding the recent rulings made by the City Commissioners in regard to the Sunday Blue laws which have lately been rigidly enforced. Reverend McFarland of the Baptist church, Reverend Singleton of the Methodist, and Reverend Blackwelder of the Episcopal church highly endorsed the enforcement of the stringent Sunday selling laws which have just lately been carried out. Although the Sunday Pulpit was far from attacking any of the element which was unfavorable to the recent rulings of the City Fathers, they were emphatic in their endorsements of the law which closed every kind of business on Sunday that the Church may not be robbed of full attendance on account of Sunday business.

Fire Early Tuesday Morning.

Waking up early Tuesday morning about 1 o'clock Mr. Stuart Smith who lives in Clarksville discovered his house to be on fire. He hardly had time to assist Mrs. Smith and his little daughter, Julia Boyd, out of the house before it seemed that there was no chance to save the burning home. In a few minutes the fire alarm was given and hundreds of citizens flocked about the house which was already enveloped in flames. The fire was not discovered early enough to save anything in Mr. Smith's home, so the fire fighters turned their efforts to Mr. J. C. Hardy's house the next door and by keeping the roof covered with wet blankets and continuously dashing water on the sparks that fell upon the Hardy home the house was saved but not until every piece of house furniture and everything else in the house was carried out to Main street.

Mr. Smith lost all of his furniture and every thread of clothing which his family possessed. He had insurance both on his house and on his furniture. The house which burned was about a year old and was one of the prettiest little cottages in town. Its architecture resembled the California bungalow.

Commencement Program.

The following is a partial program of the Commencement of the Scotland Neck Graded School.

Sunday evening 8:30 p. m. May 24th, Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. M. A. Barber, Raleigh, N. C.

Monday evening, to be announced in the next issue of the paper.

Tuesday evening, 8:30 p. m., Musical Entertainment, under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Bond and Miss Nannie Shields.

Wednesday evening, Open Air Concert.

Thursday evening, 8:30 p. m., Class Day Exercises, by the Senior Class.

Friday evening, 8:30 p. m., Commencement Address, by the Hon. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C.

ERECTION OF CONFEDERATE MONUMENT PATRIOTIC DUTY.

Patriotism is love of one's country and devotion to its welfare and interests. It directly involves loyalty to a country's dead heroes as well as faithful allegiance to her illustrious living, for the heroic dead are they who wrought in the country's uplift and the illustrious living are they who are furthering and promoting its interests.

Without patriotism and loyalty no community is what it should be and cannot remain long what it is, hence the necessity for both. To inculcate patriotism into the hearts and lives of those around us, we must be patriotic with that patriotism that shows itself in outward expression. All sermons are good and powerful, but no sermon is quite so forceful, mighty and lasting in its influence as is the sermon of a living example. If there is a cause to defend, an interest to promote, a country to love, a community to work for, we should defend, promote and exhibit love and zeal with deeds. Is there the birth of a patriot to celebrate, his deeds to commemorate, then we should do so in beautiful and appropriate outward expressions. Strew flowers on his grave, hold exercises in his honor, pause in the midst of the continuous grind of our daily labors to pay him loving tribute. Vary the regular order of school routine. Let the children know, let the world know that there is a patriot dead, and a patriotic people to commemorate his noble deeds. A people's patriotism will be thereby strengthened and loyalty to a country's institutions will be thereby intensified, and the community that practices such patriotism will be lifted to higher stage of development, for as the years come and go, children and their children's children will grow in patriotic love and loyal zeal until the citizenship which is the country's life shall be more nearly perfect.

The foregoing leads to the subject for whose object this article is written—the erection in the town of Scotland Neck of a monument to the Confederate soldier and his faithful helpmate. Are not the deeds of the one and the unselfish, self-sacrificing life of the other worthy of an undying expression of appreciation from the people whose lives they have enriched, who live in a land they have freely a sacrifice to the cause he felt was right; the other lived her life in unselfish love, patient endurance, brave hopefulness, waiting and watching with that suspense that only loving hearts can know, yet working ever, performing the duties that came to hand, meeting the "eternal every day" with a courage born only of a perfect and beautiful character. Do we, the people of Scotland Neck, desire to express in some outward form the appreciation and love that is ours for the rich heritage they have left us, so that all looking may see, and all seeing may know that heroes have lived here, that somewhere out yonder on the field of duty they did their work, and sometime, with a sweet consciousness of a life well-spent, died as they had lived, like true men and women? Such an expression would be a worthy manifestation of our patriotism. A people that raises monuments to its dead heroes will never be lacking in men of heroic virtues. As much so is this true when a people shows its living heroes tangible appreciation. If the old soldiers and their helpmates could live always there would be no need of monuments—they would stand as living monuments and be to us and our children a continual source of inspiration. They cannot live always, however, and though without monuments they can never be forgotten, yet we should give visible expression to the love and appreciation that it is ours for the lives they have lived, and the deeds they have wrought in order that the children who grow up in sight of such an expression of appreciation will have kindled in their hearts a flame of righteous pride and abiding patriotism which will never burn out, but ever be a light to lead our people upward.

Now is the time here in our midst is a remnant of the people whom we would honor. What could be more fitting than those who toiled so faithfully together in life should be honored together in death? May the time soon come when a monument to the men and women who lived so nobly in those trying times shall greet the eye of every passer-by. The Daughters of the Confederacy have already raised over one hundred dollars for this object. Several citizens in Scotland Neck have expressed a willingness and a desire to subscribe their names for certain amounts. It has been intimated that the county will give five hundred dollars whenever the Scotland Neck people have raised one thousand dollars. It is high time that an earnest effort be made to crystallize words into deeds, dreams into realities, and the plans be put into execution. If the people want this monument they can have it. The writer intends calling on all the citizens of Scotland Neck during the coming week and ascertain whether or not they are willing to assist in the worthy cause. Think the matter over and let us make haste to attend to this long neglected duty.

ASHEY DUNN.

Dawsons Items.

Dawsons, May 12.—Miss Annie E. Lawrence, of Enfield, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lawrence here.

Dr. O. F. Smith, of Scotland Neck, made a professional call here Sunday morning.

Mr. add Mrs. O. P. Stalling are spending sometime in Enfield at the bedside of Dr. G. C. Stalling who remains critically ill.

Mr. Joe Lilley, of Spring Hill, and Mr. W. E. Whitmore, of Scotland Neck, were visitors at Mr. S. A. Partine's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lawrence, of Scotland Neck, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Mr. Marion Partine attended Sunday school at Spring Hill Sunday afternoon.

Mr. J. A. Barnhill, of Scotland Neck, was here yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Partine celebrated their little daughter's first birthday Sunday by entertaining a few friends at dinner.

There will be services at Dawsons fourth Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. R. A. McFarland, of Scotland Neck.

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Democratic Judicial Convention.

The Democratic Judicial Convention for the THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, of the State of North Carolina, is hereby called to meet in Weldon, North Carolina, on Friday, May the 29th, 1914, at 12 o'clock, M., to nominate a Solicitor for the said district, to be voted for at the General Election in November. This the 8th day of May, A. D. 1914.

F. R. HARRIS,
Chairman of the Judicial Executive Committee.

T. O. REDWELL, Secretary.

Announcement.

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, I hereby announce myself as a candidate to become one of the Representatives from Halifax county in the next session of the General Assembly of North Carolina; and I respectfully solicit the support of all good Democrats.

J. H. DARDEN.

May 2nd, 1914.
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