

Crusader Makes Temperance Address

Temperance Unit Once Functioned In Martin County

Address Delivered by Late W. H. Carstarphen Is Found in Old Papers

Little is known about the organization, but a speech delivered to a temperance society in Martin County by the late W. H. Carstarphen clearly indicates that there was a working opposition to liquor in this county back in the late seventies. Adverse votes received by prohibition in this county possibly have weakened the advocates, and the people are not as active against the admitted evil as they were when Mr. Carstarphen attacked the liquor traffic. The speech, delivered by Mr. Carstarphen while he was home from old Trinity College about 1879, was recently found in a batch of old papers now in the possession of Mrs. C. D. Carstarphen, of Williamston. It reads, as follows:

Worthy Chief Templar Brothers and Sisters, I rejoice to be with you tonight and feel somewhat flattered by your calling on me to make you a speech notwithstanding, I feel my inability, however, I will try and say a few words in behalf of Temperance. It has been ten long months since I was here, and I assure you nothing pleases me more than to be with you tonight, for since I have been gone I have thought often of my dear old lodge here and have

Representatives Of Varied Business Field



Prominent in their respective fields, the group pictured above forms an integral part in the business life of this community and section, Mr. Garland Woolard (left) as head of the furniture company bearing his name; Mr. Dred Darden (center) as owner-operator of Darden's Department Store, and Mr. John Henry Edwards (right) as manager-operator of the Roanoke Chevrolet Company.

wished many times that I could be with you. I congratulate you on your increased memberships and may your order ever progress with honor to you and it.

We will all rejoice when temperance rules the land, and the day is ahead. The time is coming for the Temperance reformation was never so vigorous and determined, as it is at the present throughout the civilized world.

For what are you banded together? For what do you meet here week after week? Why is it that I see so many smiling coun-

tenances before me tonight? Is it merely to pass the few fleeting hours more pleasantly? God forbid.

What then is it? I answer, it is in order to advance the great temperance work which God has placed in our hands and of which he will require us to give an account in that last great day, and if we have hidden our talent and fail to bring him a respectful increase, we will not fail to receive our just deserts at his hand.

So let us arouse and work for the temperance cause, so that we

may receive that welcome plaudits. Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord. At Trinity College the temperance cause has been very prosperous. We have initiated 40 members consisting of young ladies and gentlemen during last session. We have temperance working all around us.

About three miles from Trinity there is going on a temperance work which is trying to break up intemperance and I think they will succeed; for they are working day and night. In Randolph

County the sale of liquors is prohibited and in the several other adjoining counties, which makes it a very good county to live in. There is very little liquor sold about Trinity and what is will soon be broken up entirely. It is made around some of the old mountains and it is very hard to find, but I would tonight that old Martin County was as clear from selling liquor as these counties I have just spoken of and had the prohibition law, then, we could rejoice and tell our friends around what a great victory we have gained and then old Martin could stand among the sparkling counties that are rejoicing over their success.

So let us work day and night until we can rejoice over our success, then we can all be happy. We do not propose to save from a drunkard's grave many of the confirmed double-chinned, red-eyed inebriates with bloated bodies convulsed with delirium tremens, whose days of debauchery are already numbered with the days of yore and if saved would be of little benefit to themselves or the world. But we propose applying the remedy before the disease is at all developed; to remove the cause before the effect commences. To accomplish this we must establish the principles of total abstinence and after a while we may be able to get the prohibition law which we need everywhere.

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