

THE DISPENSARY AGAIN.

"One Petitioner" in this issue of THE HUSTLER gives his opinion in regard to the benefits to be derived from a dispensary for the town of Hendersonville. We have written an article or two against such an institution in our town and our articles were based upon the subject strictly from a moral standpoint.

"One Petitioner" seems to think from our view of the question that there is no room left for discussion. To be candid about the matter we will say there is not much room for discussion if viewed from a strictly moral standpoint, but as dispensary advocates have no moral side they must necessarily adhere to the other side in reference to the good Christians and preachers at Raleigh who "worked and prayed for a dispensary" they simply thought they were choosing the lesser of two great evils, not being able at the time to obliterate both. They now see their error and will remedy it as early as possible. I certainly think they made a mistake in voting for a dispensary and most of the good people referred to stand ready and willing to acknowledge the error, and promise the all-wise Judge that they will never do so again, if they get forgiveness for this great offense. The mistake these good people made does not justify the action. If the same conditions exist in Hendersonville should we not profit by their mistakes?

Dispensaries and saloons, you admit, have their attendant evils, and then you leave a blank for me to fill out. That is a pen, I suppose, in which you would place the blind tigers. Well, we admit that they are here, and there would be none less if we had the dispensary, or even open bar-rooms. These South Carolina towns with dispensaries have blind tigers in abundance, and the bushes around Marion, N. C., and the hedgerows about Salisbury are full of these dangerous beasts. There are three evils, dispensaries, saloons, and blind tigers. The first two have been removed from Hendersonville. The latter still lurks around. What shall we do? Let the officers of the law be diligent and the blind tigers will disappear and then we will be a free people. If our officers will not make an effort to better present conditions, then let the people choose better officers. Therein lies the remedy. Placing one evil upon another only makes matters worse.

I say our town is in better condition religiously, morally, and financially without these attendant evils. Legalizing a wrong does not make the wrong right, nor does it lighten our responsibilities, but rather increases them. I am aware that "one petitioner" is not a drinking man, neither am I, but as both have the good, of the town in view, the question is, which will do the town most good—liquor or no liquor?

Is it the best thing for the boys of this town, for us, voters, to legalize one of the greatest curses that ever befell any community, it matters not how much, so that our taxes may be made lighter? Why, my dear sir that little boy that plays around the knees of his mother, now, but later on may frequent the liquor shop, is of more value than all the taxes that ever could be gotten from a liquor source. Then instead of condoning the evil let us put our forces together to destroy it.

Again. Some of the evils you mention, my friend have their origin, their foundation stone, upon the evil you would foster in our midst. Remove this evil and its attendant evils will diminish. Our friend must have been quite a mischievous little fellow while in school. He ought to know that all boys have not been guilty of habitually breaking rules in school. This is just as true as the saying that all boys must sow their wild oats, and we all know this is not true. A little reflect-

tion along this line is necessary. A child that is properly trained while young is not apt to go astray when he is old. A wiser man than either of us said this, in substance, and we have no reason to doubt it. "Find a cure for a desire to drink and I will be with you for a dry town? There are many desire in the hearts of men that are hard to cure. Many men would commit murder were it not for the penalty attached. Many more than do, would steal were it not for the punishment that would follow theft. There are laws against every species of crime, yet all sorts of crimes are committed. Shall we render these laws null and void because they are sometimes broken? Shall all restrictions be removed and give the liquor business full sway just because there are violations of the law? The advocates of the dispensary hold exactly the position that Aaron did when Moses went upon the mount to receive the law. Aaron was left in charge of the camp, and the people were clamoring for something that was not good for them—something that would utterly destroy soul and body. Aaron humored their ungodly whims. He ordered that all ear rings and other gold jewelry be brought and cast into the mold, which was in the fire, and thus a golden calf, an idol to worship was modeled. About this time Moses put in his appearance, and Aaron to clear his own skirt, said to Moses "I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf." Aaron was a leader and better things were expected of him, but he yielded to the common cry or demand. Will our friend excuse himself upon the ground that he does not drink? Does that remove his responsibility in the least? There must be leaders in all movements for reform, and there will be leaders against all movements for reform. "Am I my brother's keeper?" "The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto thee from the ground."

Another word about the taxes. The revenue from the dispensary would lessen taxes by half. Who pays the bill? It is not the rich and well-to-do man. It is the wage-earner. The morsels that should be given to the needy children are given to the dispensary and in turn the money is sent out of the state for more liquor and the wage-earner again spends his all to gratify his cravings and the money goes in the same way. There is one class whose coffers are filled by a dispensary, and only one that we can see, and that is that of the lawyer. This traffic always increases his business by adding crime upon crime.

We love to see lawyers, as well as others, succeed, but not at the bitter experience of women and innocent children. Our space will not admit of a reply in full to our friend this week. We will conclude next week.—Hustler.

ENLARGEMENT OF CAPITAL.
The Proposition Being Urged Upon General Assembly, Architect Milburn On Hand.

The question of the enlargement of the state capitol to relieve the crowded condition of the state offices and to provide fire proof protection for the supreme court records and the state library is being vigorously pressed upon the attention for the members of the general assembly just now. During today there will be distributed among the members a pamphlet giving the full report of the legislative committee and appointed by the last legislature for the purpose of investigating and making report as to the feasibility of enlargement. This report as is well known, urges the necessity of such an enlargement.

Architect F. P. Milburn who prepared plans for the additions that have been approved by the legislative committee, appointed by the last try of the old building will be retained and that the extension of the two wings on each end will be on a line with the main central feature of the present building which will be carrying out in general outline the national capitol at Washington. He says the distance from the new wings to the inside of the pavement or property line will be over one hundred feet when the new wings are completed, so that the square will not by any means have an overcrowded appearance.

And the appearance of the enlarged capitol on the Fayetteville and Halifax street entrances will remain just as they are now as the granite facing will be removed and rebuilt on the new outside walls. Of course new granite from the same quarry will be used to fill in between the old walls and this new facing. Asked as to the possibility of erecting one of the proposed wings now and leaving the other one for some time in the future, Mr. Milburn said that it is entirely feasible and he finds that there is a strong sentiment in favor of enlarging the capitol even though it should be one wing at a time. He says that money put into the capitol will be there for all time to come and the records and everything stored in these enlarged quarters will be right at hand and far more convenient. He says the actual cost of one of these fire proof wings is about \$90,000, which is less than a separate building could be erected for, affording the same accommodation and all fire proof protection.—Raleigh Post.

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CORRESPONDENCE OF INTEREST
Attorney For Schafer Brothers And Governor Glenn Exchange Compliments
Raleigh, N. C. Feb. 4, 1905.
The attorneys for Schafer Brothers, holders of \$242,000 of North Carolina bonds, have made a formal communication to Governor K. B. Glenn and yesterday gave his reply. Schafer Brothers donated to South Dakota the ten bonds upon which that state brought suit against North Carolina and recovered judgment.

The attorneys for Messrs. Schafer, Mr. A. G. Ricard of New York and Mr. F. H. Busbee, in their communication, to the governor recite that they have now offered to compromise these bonds with the state for \$1,250 per bond, that is \$302,500. In his reply Governor Glenn says that if the Schafer's submit a formal proposition he will convey it to the legislature together with his recommendation. The governor adds that "In 1879 the state made your clients a fair offer of compromise which was not accepted. Since then the state has no proposition to make."

The Governor's reply.
February 1st 1905.
Messrs. A. G. Ricard and F. H. Busbee, Attorneys for Schafer Bros., Raleigh, N. C.
Gentlemen:—Your letter of January 30th relative to North Carolina state bonds held by your clients, Schafer & Brothers of New York, has been carefully read and considered by me. Having stated therein that you will submit "no formal proposition to the state for the settlement of these bonds," there is nothing left before me to transmit to the general assembly. If your clients desire to make in writing a formal offer, stating what they will accept in full payment of all bonds held by them against the state, this proposition, accompanied by such recommendations as I deem advisable will at once be transmitted to the legislature for their consideration. In 1879 the state made your clients a fair offer of compromise, which was not accepted. Since then the state has had no proposition to make. Unless therefore your clients desire to take some action, I consider that there is nothing before me requiring any further action on my part.

Respectfully yours,
R. B. GLENN, Governor.

Decided to go Herself.
Wife—My dear, I need a little more of this stuff, and some trimming to match. I wish you would drop into Bigg, Sale & Co's and get it.
Husband (a smart fellow)—Let me see. Oh, I know. That's the shop where they have so many pretty girls, isn't it?
Wife—Yes.
Husband—Yes, I remember. That blonde girl at the trimming counter knows your tastes and will doubtless select just the sort of trimming you want. I mean the girl with the golden hair, alabaster skin, blue eyes and sweet little.

Wife—There are a number of things I want down town. Never mind, dear, I'll go down and get them myself.—London Tit-Bits.

PAY AS YOU GO.
Postmasters Must Not Pay Expenses of Delegates
Washington, Jan. 31.—The president and cabinet today approved the action of Postmaster General Wynne in notifying John G. Capers, Republican national committeeman for South Carolina, that postmasters in that state will be dismissed from the service if in the future they pay the expenses of delegates to political conventions.

In principle the declaration of Mr. Wynne will apply to all other states where such methods are practiced. The decision of the postmaster general grew out of a complaint made to the post office department that it is a custom for postmasters in South Carolina to pay expenses of delegates to political conventions. It was alleged that they paid the expenses of certain delegates to the last Republican state convention, and had requested other postmasters to contribute to the fund. An investigation was ordered by the department, the work of the inspectors develop-

ing the facts of the complaint. It was the determination of the postmaster general to order the dismissal of the postmasters, but on a showing made by Captain Capers it was decided merely to notify the officials through him that the practice if continued would result in their dismissal.

Reduced Rates.
Presidential Inauguration ceremonies, Washington, D. C. March 4, 1905. Tickets on sale March 2nd and 3rd, at rate of one first class fare plus 25 cents for the round trip. Tickets to be limited to continuous passage in each direction; final limit March 8, 1905. By depositing ticket with Special Agent at Washington, D. C. not later than March 8th, and payment of fee of one dollar, an extension of final return limit may be obtained to leave Washington March 18th.

Madri Gras, New Orleans, La., Pensacola, Fla. and Mobile, Ala. March 27 1905. For this occasion tickets will be on sale March round trip; final limit March 11th. By depositing ticket and payment of fee of 50 cents, final limit may be extended to March 25th, 1905. Stop-overs will be permitted on these tickets at the regular winter tourist stop-over points.

National Association of Manufacturers, Atlanta, Ga., May 16-18, 1905. Tickets for this occasion will be sold May 14-15, 1905; final limit May 20, 1905. Final limit of these tickets may be extended by payment of fee of 50 cents to June 15, 1905.

General Assembly Southern Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth, Texas, May 18-26, 1905. Account of the above occasion tickets will be sold May 15, 16 and 17th, rate of one first class fare, plus \$2.00 for the round trip; tickets to be limited to continuous passage in each direction. Final limit May 31st, 1905, 1905.

North Carolina Bankers Association, Winston Salem, N. C., May 17-19, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before May 22nd.

Meeting of Shriuers, at Charlotte, N. C. February 28, March 1st, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before March 4th.

Tri-State Medical Association of The Carolinas and Virginia, Greensboro, N. C., February 22-24, 1905. Account of this occasion tickets will be sold on the certificate-plan. Certificates to be honored on or before Feb. 28th, 1905.

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