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His Doctored Divinity

An aged couple whose lives had run parallel for nearly 50 years... The old lady resented for a few moments and then replied, "Well, I think his divinity needed doctoring."

Through the reply of this old lady may provoke a smile... The doctor's method employed may be summarized. It was external and superficial. The universities conferred the doctorate upon him upon a constitutional repair, spiritus was the same, like Pygmalion's statue, lifeless and motionless as marble.

These and similar incidents give one an insight into the character of the current scholarship... The trouble with Sprigg is this: The Gospel ministry is more a means than an end. It is not the end for which he exists, but the means by which he lives and strives to reach the end.

What a travesty on learning! What a blow to real scholarship! The question which a cynic put to a professor of divinity was, "What do you manufacture there?" He would have done a laconic answer "Power," but "Doctorates" it would seem that the sole qualification for a doctorate is as follows: 1st. An audacious use of words...

High License in Richmond... In the local columns of the Richmond Times-Dispatch of the 5th inst., appears the following: "Define steps in the direction of the further curbing and controlling of the liquor traffic in this city, clearly indicated from the attitude of councilmen and city officials at a preliminary conference held yesterday afternoon."

North Carolina has been, in some sections at least, a sort of stamping-ground for all sorts of people of queer beliefs. This began many years ago and every once in a while peripatetic ambassadors of freak faiths come wandering through the Commonwealth, seeking what sheep they can find to fatten on.

The laws of the State from 1715 to 1791 have been compiled by Chief Justice Walter Clark and are in volumes 23, 24 and 25 of the State Records. It may be generally known that a fact that in the Union has a more complete series of printed records than the Colonial Records, the work of Col. William L. Saunders, and the State Records, the work of Judge Clark.

DAILY PROGRAMME AT JAMESTOWN SHOW.

MONDAY, JULY 22D. Elks day. Conventions meeting. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Auditorium room 2, 10 to 6 p.m.

Eleven Swedes Being Held to Testify in a Proximate Case at Greenville.

Which is Attracting Considerable Interest to the Observer. Kingston, July 20.—Mr. R. Hyman, deputy sheriff of Pitt county, and Mr. J. K. Brock, deputy United States Marshal, brought a crowd of eleven prisoners to Kingston this morning and lodged them in jail for dinner.

Religious Fervor of Danish Smart Set.

London Sketch. The Queen of Denmark will hardly appreciate all the gay doings got up in London in her honor, for she is a royalty devoted only to good works and caring less than nothing for the sinful pride of worldly affairs.

Big Batch of Prisoners.

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