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### TWO DAYS IN DURHAM.

Rev. F. L. Reed, in Raleigh's Christian Advocate.  
Durham is neither dead nor dying, if we may judge from what we saw during a visit of two days there the past week. It seems to have almost recovered from its recent financial disasters, and we are glad to learn that those who suffered heaviest from the failure of the Bank there are likely to pay all their debts and have a small balance left. We trust that such may be the case.

We reached Durham last Wednesday morning. There had been held the night before an enthusiastic mass meeting in Stokes Hall, looking to getting Trinity College removed to Durham. An account of it from the Globe will be found elsewhere in this issue. We found the citizen generally intensely interested in the matter, and we believe that if Trinity should go to Durham it will be in the hands of its friends, and in the hands of friends who will not see it suffer for anything that it ought to have. AN EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLAR GIFT.

Mr. Washington Duke, the father of the "Duke Boys," has forever enshrined himself in the hearts of North Carolina Methodists and in the hearts of all men everywhere who appreciate a noble, generous act. His proffered gift to Trinity is \$55,000. So far as we know, it is the largest gift in cash ever made by a North Carolinian to one time for any purpose. Our people will hail the announcement of this grand gift to Trinity with profound gratitude to the large-hearted liberal donor. If the offer of Durham is accepted fifty thousand dollars of this amount is to go to the endowment fund, and thirty-five thousand dollars of it is to be applied to the main building to be erected. That central building ought to be called "the Washington Duke Building." In the name of North Carolina Methodists, and voicing as we know we do the sentiments and feelings of all true men and women everywhere, we sincerely thank Mr. Duke for his large-hearted liberality.

Thinking that perhaps our readers would like to look upon the face of this large-hearted, liberal Methodist and patriotic citizen of our commonwealth, of whom we all feel proud, we have arranged to present next week, a cut of him. Long may he live to enjoy the fruits of his labors and to bless the world with his benefactions.

### A TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR GIFT.

That princely giver and whole-souled layman, Mr. Julian S. Carr, has offered a most magnificent site for the College, for which he is to give \$20,000. It is what is known as the "Blackwell Park," and contains six acres of land. It fronts on the railroad, and can be seen for several miles as the train approaches Durham from the West. It is a beautiful place, and fine buildings erected on it would be a sight on the railroad and right on two of the principal county roads leading into Durham. They would present an imposing appearance and command a fine view of the country round about. There are three dwellings already on the site, a building that would answer for a Gymnasium. Two good wells, and it is enclosed with a good fence. The Methodists, and other good people, will forever hold Mr. Carr's grateful remembrance for this additional gift for Trinity. It will be remembered that he gave Trinity \$10,000 a few years ago. This will make his donation, in all, \$30,000. Mr. Carr loves his church and its enterprises and institutions, and his brethren love him and are proud of having among them such a noble large-hearted man. In company with several gentlemen we went all over the site, and we unhesitatingly say that for College buildings it would be a superb place.

### THE OFFER OF DURHAM.

From the best information we could get Durham's offer for the location of Trinity College in that place will be a \$20,000 site; a \$50,000 building and \$50,000 cash on the endowment fund. Of this amount Mr. Washington Duke gives \$35,000 and Mr. J. S. Carr gives the \$20,000 for the site, and the other citizens of Durham are making an effort to raise the additional \$15,000 necessary to complete the above offer. The committee from Durham, we suppose, will first ask Raleigh to release the College from its contract with Raleigh, that this proposition from Durham may be entertained by the Trustees. Our impression now is that Raleigh will release, and that the Trustees will accept the offer of Dur-

ham. Of course this is a matter of opinion simply on our part. Whether Trinity goes to Raleigh, or to Durham, or remains where it is, in the forcible and expressive language of Mr. Duke: "I am for Trinity College." The Board of Trustees of Trinity College are called to meet in Durham on to-morrow (Thursday) when this whole matter will come up for consideration.

### OUR DURHAM PLEASURES.

Durham has six excellent ministers of our church as residents, and they creditably represent us. Rev. J. T. Harris, the young and progressive P. E. of the Durham District, lives in Durham. He is doing a fine work on the district and is greatly beloved by the preachers and people. He and his wife were boys together, roommates and bed-fellows at College, and we are the only living members of the class that joined the Conference in 1870 at Greensboro. It was our peculiar pleasure, on last Thursday, in the presence of a delightful company of relatives and friends, to dedicate in holy baptism little Nannie Parrish, infant daughter of Brother and Sister Harris. Their hospitality was cordial and gratefully received.

Rev. I. J. Gattis, our Conference Colporteur Agent, lives in Durham. He has a store right on Main St., and he and his son are supplying the people there and all over North Carolina with any kind of books wanted. Bro. Gattis is doing a fine work and, ought to be kept at it for years yet to come. He deserves and ought to have our patronage in North Carolina. We give him all we can, and wish all our readers would do the same.

At Trinity Church Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates is moving along pleasantly and successfully. He thinks he has the cleverest people in the world, and they seem to think they have the cleverest pastor to be found. Happy preacher! Happy people! They have an elegant church and a nice parsonage. Dr. Yates is shouting happy over the idea of what Trinity College will get and be and do when it gets to Durham. He is one of the best preachers we have.

Rev. R. F. Dumpsie is at Main St. Church. The people love him and respect him much, and they couldn't well help it. He is as pure as gold, and true to Christ as the needle to the pole. He met us at the depot, conducted a very pleasant and successful canvass of the town for the Advocate with us, and placed us under great obligation to him. It was pleasant to sit at his hospitable table, and dine with his excellent family. He has a nice parsonage, well located, a splendid church and a large congregation.

Rev. L. L. Johnson is at Carr Church, in a comfortable parsonage, with a pretty church right at it. When we entered upon the canvass for the Advocate in his charge, he led the way and we had success. He has his work well in hand, and is a fine success wherever you put him. For solid worth and substantial work Johnson is hard to beat.

We met and had a pleasant salutation with Rev. Oliver Ryder, who is on the Durham circuit and lives in Durham. He is just recovering from La Grippe, and is suffering much with his throat. We are glad he is improving, though. Bro. Ryder, we learn, is doing splendid work on Durham circuit, as he does everywhere else he goes.

We would like to write much more of Durham and its clever people. Everywhere we went we met a cordial greeting, and much kindness. The Advocate has a large circulation in Durham, which is now much larger than it was before we went. We admire the pluck of the people, and their progressive spirit. They are full of energy and liberality. Durham now has more wealth, probably, than any other town in North Carolina. "The Dukes" have recently sold out for seven and a half millions of dollars. Mr. J. S. Carr has sold for three and a half millions of dollars. Both of their factories, however, will continue in Durham. This vast amount of money has gone into the hands of large-hearted, Christian men, and there is every indication that God's cause and humanity will be largely helped by it. In addition to this, there are a number of men of large means in Durham, and a more clever collection of business men could not be found. The growth of the place has been remarkable. May it continue to grow in material prosperity and in good works.

### CONFEDERATE TIMES

#### HOW A MAN FEELS WHEN THE WORD "CHARGE" COMES—THE FIGHT AT FAIRFIELD.

#### A Veteran Tells of His Experiences During and After a Charge of Rebel Horses.

We had been held in reserve on the second day at Gettysburg so long that men and horses became nervous and afraid, writes an ex-Confederate. My horse was an old veteran, who would drop his head and pick at the green grass with a battery firing on either side of us, but as the moments dragged away on this occasion he evinced a woman's nervousness. I looked down the lines and saw that the alignment was constantly being broken by the horses backing up or forging ahead. They could see the fighting to the right and in front, and the smoke from the Union battery to the left and in front of us drove back and over us, and the horses breathed it in and blew it out of their nostrils in gasps.

A tremor of excitement—a set of shiver—ran down the line.

The wind had shifted a bit to blow the smoke to our left, and down across the meadows we saw the Confederate cavalry forming, with the green woods for a background. Jeb Stuart's men were there—Abby's men—men from Hampton's Legion—Imboden's Virginians—Reiser's Rangers—guerillas from Mosby's command. There were fragments from every cavalry command we had met on the trophies of old Virginia, and there wasn't a squadron that would stand for a charge. The battery began firing more rapidly, and there wasn't a man of us who did not realize what was coming long before we got the word. Some of the horses knew it, too. You could feel them filling their lungs and straining up their nerves for hard work.

The troopers in gray wheeled in line under a fire which must have led the nerves of the bravest, and then the compact mass got the word to advance. They were coming for our battery, which was without infantry supports. There we stood, two thin, shot lines, representing one thousand dragoons, but not numbering half that figure, and a body of five to one was moving down upon us. I saw several of the graybacks look back. They saw the odds and wondered, perhaps, why we did not run away.

"Attention!"

We had obeyed the order before it was given.

"Right dress!"

We were a minute ahead of the command.

"Forward—draw sabres—guide right—trot!"

Ah! Weave off! They gray moves north and the blue moves south. We are going to meet in the meadow below. We must hold them back until infantry supports can be brought up. Every man knows that he is moving down into a meat-stomach of death, but no one lags. A strange exultation creeps into the heart. It is as if you had heard some grand, good news and wanted to shout over it and tell everybody of your good luck.

"Gallop—charge!"

Death! Why, if one could die a score of times instead of only once, there would be no fear. I sit so lightly in the saddle that my horse seems to have no weight to carry. He skims over the ground as if he had wings, and I begin cheering and yelling in chorus with my comrades. It is a living missile of five hundred men thrown at the front of three thousand. What a crash there will be! How horses will go down and wea pitch from their saddles! A-ah! No! Why, man, I would not miss the scene for a year's life! My hand catches the sabre with a strength I did not know I possessed. I feel a hunger for blood such as I never felt before.

"Yi! Yi! Whoop—rah!" and we strike them fair in the centre. The five hundred have the greatest momentum, and we drive through the three thousand as a wedge is pounded into soft wood. Men strike at me. There is a flash, and a pop,

pop! of pistols. I strike back. I feel the desire of the tiger to slay. "Rally!"

We have driven through the mass and the bugles sound the call to gather for the return. The horses obey it without a touch of the rein. It seems that the whole living mass is riding in a circle and that there is blood on every man and horse. All of a sudden we shoot out from under the smoke-cloud into the sunshine—not the five hundred, but the three hundred—and the battery opens again. We are to the right of it, and it sends grape-shot into a wild mob to drive it back into the cover of the woods. It is a sight to look down over that field. Five hundred dead and wounded men and horses are lying there. It is only as I sit on my horse and look over the field that I begin to feel weak and grow frightened. My head begins to swim—things grow dark, and some one helps me to the ground. I have a pistol ball in my shoulder and the blood is running down my back from a sabre cut on the head.

### TRINITY TO GO TO DURHAM.

#### Raleigh Releases the Board of Trustees from Their Contract to Locate the College Here.

As announced in our Durham dispatch yesterday morning, the committee appointed by the trustees at their meeting at Durham to confer with the Raleigh committee of the Chamber of Commerce in charge of the Trinity College matter, arrived here yesterday, and met the Raleigh committee.

The committee representing Trinity College were President Crowell, W. F. Kornegay, Esq., Rev. J. A. Cunningham. The Raleigh committee is composed of Messrs. R. T. Gray, chairman, R. S. Pollock, Julius Lewis, W. G. Upchurch, James Boylan, E. B. Barbee, Jos. G. Brown, W. S. Black, J. A. Jones, all of whom were present.

The committee on behalf of the board of trustees made a written statement of Durham's offer and presented resolutions requesting Raleigh to release them from their agreement, stating their reasons for asking the release.

The resolutions passed by the board of trustees of Trinity College at Durham on Wednesday were as follows:

Whereas, The board of trustees of Trinity College and the North Carolina Conference are in law and equity bound to maintain the obligations in to which they have publicly entered with the citizens of Raleigh for the removal of Trinity College to said city, and

Whereas, Messrs. W. Duke, J. S. Carr and other citizens of Durham have this day made a most liberal offer, for which we are most profoundly grateful, and which it would be to the permanent interest of the college to accept; therefore be it

Resolved, By the board of trustees of Trinity College, now in session at the city of Durham, that a committee of three members of this board be appointed by the chairman to wait on the Citizens' committee of Raleigh on Trinity College and request of them a release from our obligation to comply with the terms of our agreement with them, that we may be free to accept the offer of the citizens of Durham.

Resolved, That on condition that the citizens of Raleigh release this board and the N. C. Convention from the said obligations, it is the sense of this board that the offer of the citizens of Durham be accepted.

Resolved, That the thanks of the board of trustees be tendered to the citizens of Raleigh for their liberality and that we will hold them in continued and grateful remembrance for the earnest interest they have manifested and for the generous spirit they have shown in this whole matter.

The committee made a statement to the Raleigh committee setting forth their reason for asking the release, in which it was stated that the college is in need of an endowment fund, which Durham offers to the amount of \$24,000; the site of sixty acres of land will relieve the College of further purchases; the building by Durham will be more ample, costing about \$25,000, more than the one offered by Raleigh; the removal of the College to Durham will unite the conference in its interest, and forestall the establishment of a Western institution; the committee stated its wish to emphasize the fact that the trustees and the citizens of Durham have constant-

ly made prominent the necessity of keeping faith with Raleigh, and have refused to entertain a proposition of removal to Durham, except in the event of Raleigh's release, and that if the release was not granted the trustees would seek to fulfill the obligations with Raleigh. The committee expressed its thanks to the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, to Messrs. Boylan and Devereux, who offered sites for the College, and to the subscribers to the enterprise, and to the newspapers of the city.

The trustees having retired the Raleigh committee held a full conference resulting in the adoption of the following resolution to be submitted for the approval of a majority of the subscribers to the Trinity College and at a meeting to be called for next Monday night at the mayor's office.

The following is the resolution adopted by the Raleigh committee:

Whereas, We are informed by the board of trustees of Trinity College through their committee that they have received a very liberal offer from the city of Durham to locate the said institution at that place, which they think it to the interest of the institution and church to accept in case the city of Raleigh will release them from the contracts existing between the North Carolina Conference and the city of Raleigh, and send a request for such release; and

Whereas, We are informed that if the release be granted so that the offer of Durham can be accepted, the opposition heretofore existing to the removal of the college will be withdrawn and harmony thus secured; and whereas we believe that the generous offer from Durham is made not in a spirit of rivalry or antagonism to Raleigh but in good faith for the immediate and future good of the college and church in the whole State; and whereas we as the friends of the college believe that if located in Durham it will be in the midst of those who are and who will continue to be its strongest friends and most able and willing supporters; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the committee representing the city of Raleigh, while we would be delighted to have the college here and are willing to perform our part of the contract for its location here, we would not stand in the way of a better offer and thus hinder its usefulness or retard its progress, and therefore hereby grant the request of the board of trustees and consent to release them and the N. C. Conference of the M. E. Church, South, from any obligations to remove Trinity College to Raleigh.

### SEA SONG.

TUNE—"BANISH SORROW"

Comrades! join the flag of glory,  
Cheerily tread the deck of fame,  
Earn a place in future story,  
Seek and win a warrior's name.

YANKEE TARS can laugh at dangers,  
While the roaring mountains wave  
Teems with carnage—they are  
strangers  
To a deed that is not brave.

May our banner'd stars; as ever,  
Solemnly o'er freemen burn,  
Till the night of war is over,  
Till the dawn of peace return.  
—In Memory of Gen. Robert E. Lee.

I saw a chestnut tree that in its day  
Spread high and wide the lustre  
of its bloom;  
But now an ivy vine clasped its decay  
And wrapped in living green its  
beauty's tomb.

Just so 'twould seem the jest nuts  
of the Past,  
Like ghosts of fun that will not  
down or die—  
Oft walk to-day in new-made fash-  
ions cast  
And bring up memories of the  
Long Gone By.

Captain Kidd, the pirate, is said  
to have been familiar with New Jer-  
sey, but the mosquitoes of that State  
are not descended from him. They  
are blood-thirsty bill-ians on their  
own account.

The youths who were playing their  
cards for the maid  
Could never well understand  
How the fellow who said that he  
had no trumps  
Was the one who got the girl's  
hand.

Strange thing, that line "for bet-  
ter or worse" in the ceremony of  
marriage. The "better" goes before  
and "the worse" comes after.