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EDUCATION A SOURCE OF WEALTH.

Governor Jarvis, in his inaugural, says:

"It is susceptible of proof that education is a source of wealth to a State. The difference is inconceivable between the efforts of an untutored mind and the efforts of the same mind quickened and trained by education."

Our readers will remember that some time ago we went rather elaborately into an argument to show, when viewed commercially, how much more valuable an educated man was than one without education.

It is a delusion to suppose that the three R's are all. Give to Ireland fair rents, sixty of tenure, and free sale, and still these would not be enough. It is a worthy and a lawful object at which to strike to get these and with them the dear right of home rule—of local self-government.

It is known to all intelligent explorers that the Northern centres of trade and manufacture are much richer than any portion of the South. The same case exists in England. That country is richer than any other—far richer according to territory and population—and it is the most intelligent.

Let us turn to the Northern States. In 1870 the population was 24,546,578. The number of persons over 10 years of age who could not read and write was 1,941,045. The population of what is called as Southern (but many of these States were with the North mainly in the war) was 14,009,315. The illiterates are given at 5,773,646.

It is true that a large part of the wealth of the South had been swept away by the war, and that recuperation had been comparatively slow since the war ended in 1865 up to the time the census was taken in the summer of 1870. But, deducting all this there remains still a great disparity in the wealth of the two sections.

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HOME RULE FOR IRELAND.

The aim of the Irish Land League is evidently to secure local self-government throughout the island. Nothing else will answer their purpose or desire, and until it is secured there will be no permanent tranquility.

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COTTON MILLS AND MACHINERY.

Mr. Atkinson, the Boston authority on cotton manufacturing, is a sceptic so far as the South being adapted to cotton manufacturing where large mills are used. But such doubts will not prevent experiments of the kind, and why should they?

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After we had written our editorial yesterday relative to Ireland the dispatches informed us that Mr. Gladstone had yielded to the pressure finally, much to the delight of the Tories, and had agreed to strong coercive measures before attempting legislation as to the settlement of Irish grievances.

Mr. Gladstone said it was regarded as impossible by the Government that a land bill could be dealt with before they had dealt with the existing condition of affairs in Ireland. If this be a correct opinion, it is much to be regretted.

The present Congress expires on March 3—some five weeks hence. Mr. Martin, from the First District, in this State, has held his seat until now, and has drawn nearly \$10,000 as his pay.

Certain Massachusetts Republicans are very desirous of honoring Rutherford B. Hayes, who has been permitted to sign himself, for nearly four years, President of the United States.

The Biblical Recorder, the organ of the Baptists of North Carolina, has been devoting a good deal of its space and brains to what seem to be a disparagement of the University.

In North Carolina there are not less than 2,000 young men who should be at our various colleges and at the University. There is room for all. The harvest field is large. Where are the reapers? We see no occasion for jealousy or bitter antagonisms.

The STAR is the sincere friend of all educational institutions. It would do what it can to increase the patronage, usefulness and excellence of all of our colleges and private schools. It would not cause one to triumph upon the ruin of another. Let all grow and flourish together.

If the University is not equal to Berlin or Heidelberg, to Oxford or Cambridge, to Harvard or Johns Hopkins, then it is clear that our legislators should not rest satisfied until all has been done in that direction that can be done.

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State vs. George Harris et al., from New Hanover; argued by E. S. Martin, in person, and Geo. Davis, Junius Davis and A. T. J. London, by brief, for the plaintiff, and Ducean K. McRee for the defendant.

Among opinions delivered in appeals was the following by Chief Justice Smith: R. O. Burton, Jr., vs. Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company, from Northampton. Judgment affirmed, except as to question of damages, upon which a new trial is granted.

New Biographical Dictionary.—An excellent feature of the New Edition of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, just issued, is the New Biographical Dictionary, in which are given the names of nearly ten thousand noted persons of ancient and modern times, with a brief statement of the dates of the birth and death, their nationality, profession, etc.

Sports Turpentine.

Pittsboro Record: There is a gentleman in this county whose wife and eight daughters each weigh on an average 165 pounds. That may be called a healthy family.

Hillsboro Observer: Mr. Henry N. Brown had a cow killed last week. In the stomach some eggs were found several days, 8 to 10 pennies in size, a large sack and three or four pieces of lead. The cow was a very fine one, and is said to have weighed nearly a thousand pounds.

It is probably known that Doctor Deems, a native of North Carolina, but now residing in New York City, had long since donated \$300 to our State University for the education of indigent students.

Elizabeth City Economist: We learn from reliable information that Geo. Wallace & Son managed a sack of ground corn in their Dover tract, near Wallace's, North Carolina, that weighed 24 pounds and measured from the sack 110 bushels and 24 pounds of corn by weight.

Charlotte Home: The Wilmington STAR wants every man who believes that he will do what he proposes, to be elected to the Insane Asylum. The doctor thinks the asylum will have many inmates from this section.

Warrenton Gazette: It is reported that the Legislature of Oregon, at its session at Salem, will pass a bill to divide the State into counties, with county seats, of course, at the above places.

Monroe Enquirer: Minor McCain, a colored youth of this place, had a narrow escape at Winchester & Morgan's mill in the town of Beasly, on the 23rd inst. at the time in arranging a griststone band on the main shaft, when his clothing was caught by the heads of screws of a coupling on the shaft, which was running at a high speed.

Kinston Journal: Some of the married ladies in town are getting up a masked ball for February 14th. We warn the young girls that this is an innovation and that they should be on their rights.

University Notes: In the Asheville News: The University of the South, constructed under the direction of Prof. Kerr, will be issued shortly. It is all in respect to a model map—one alike a credit to its designer and a boon to its users.

Milton Chronicle: The White Barley tobacco, about which so much has recently been written, does not stand high in the eyes of good judges. Old planters say it is worthless as brown paper or oak leaves, and fit for nothing but to be used as horse and dog feed.

Wadesboro Times: We have received a copy of the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Eagle. The Eagle speaks very complimentary of the Pine Bluff, Arkansas, formerly of the Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

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