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THE UNIVERSITY.

The discussion of the University occupies much attention and much space in the papers.

There are two classes in the discussion; one favors making the University a big free school by taxation.

The other, favoring making it an University in all particulars as well as in name.

The organs of the churches show no hostility to the plan of endowing the University so as to carry out the idea of making it in all respects a superior institution equal to the best.

Their opposition is to the free tuition idea. The Raleigh Advocate makes an excellent suggestion for the consideration of those who demand free tuition, even though it breaks down the denominational college. It says:

"Let the Legislature appropriate a certain amount to pay the college tuition of the poor young men of the State. Then upon the certificate of the faculty of the University, or upon the certificate of the faculty of any of the chartered male colleges of the State, the State Treasurer may issue a warrant upon the State Treasury for the payment of the tuition charges of such young men to said faculty. Of course the aggregate of these warrants will not exceed the amount appropriated. Each such institution must be limited to an equitable share of the appropriation."

This proposition is worth the attention of enlightened legislators. Let us have an endowment for the University, but let it be on the line of building up and not of tearing down. While fostering the University let not legislators lay their destructive hands upon the other institutions that are doing such an important work for North Carolina.

In the Raleigh News-Observer of Tuesday there is a long communication from that eminent teacher and scholar, James H. Horner, Esq., of Oxford. Mr. Horner is one of the most distinguished of the living graduates of the University. He is entitled to be heard upon the University, and we gladly make a few extracts from his paper. He says:

"Our aim should be to make the University equal in all respects to the best colleges and universities of this country. We want a university that can furnish our aspiring youth an education as good as any that can be had at home. Many of our most able and ambitious young men are now sent to the University of Virginia, or to some Northern University for those advantages, which our own University ought to furnish them, but cannot for the present do. We should provide the necessary equipment."

"A student should not be made to devote his attention to the University to furnish free tuition. The State will not be required to pay the tuition of the educational interests of the State. It will not be required to break down the preparatory schools, the universities of the State and of our denominational colleges, and to make classical education a free tuition work. It should be made a part of our preparatory schools, and parents abundantly able to be induced to their sons' preparatory education at the University as a matter of economy. Free tuition for the University would be a poor, for any one who is able to defray the other expenses is also able to pay tuition. It would take away from the high schools the support of the class of boys who would be induced to go to the University by the prospect of free tuition, and you either greatly cripple or destroy them."

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Already, before being seated, certain Democrats in Congress are beginning to growl over Mr. Cleveland. He has been elected as a Reformer with a Reform record, and he is entitled to be tried as a Reformer. Pre-judging is foolish and will only go to show that the Democrats are not worthy of the success they have gained. The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Times on the 6th sent this:

"That a feeling of dissatisfaction is growing up among a class of Democrats in Congress which may become serious for Mr. Cleveland is as easy to see as the Washington Monument. The principal specification is that he has not taken them, as the representatives of the Democracy of the country, into his confidence nor in any way conformed to them what are his plans."

"These fault-finding Democrats are in the majority. They know that Cleveland is setting up for himself and the leading of the party into new paths."

The Washington Post emphasizes the sentiment and stimulates the feeling of dissatisfaction with the President-elect and in doing so purposely embarrasses him. No more Democratic Senators and Representatives are not imitating Mr. Cleveland's policy of reticence, but are speaking out their dissatisfaction and letting it be known what kind of a stimulus they are and, as they allege, the Democracy of the country expect from him. Said a Senator high in the party: "We would know that the Democratic administration is going to be orthodox in the Democratic faith. That is what is not settled yet, and the delay is becoming alarming."

Let these croakers and growlers preserve the souls in patience. A wise and honest man will soon have hold of the rudder.

Senator Vance talks as if Jarvis would get a place in the Cabinet.

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and a mule, which has caused more than a dozen men to be killed in the South than all else. These are my sentiments.

OVERSEAS IN SCHOOL.

THE STAR is not only a friend to education, but it is a friend to the children. It has some times felt it to be its duty to say a kind and a warning word for the dear girls and boys who are so often so much overworked. There are instances of hard-ship occurring in every community. Not long ago a friend wrote to us giving an instance of a much over-taxed pupil, and asking us to write about it. We will not particularize. Parents ought not to allow their children to be oppressed or injured, mentally or physically. It would be much better to keep them from school altogether than to have them weighted down with the many books and punished without judgment or humanity. It is both sin and folly to give the brain too much work to do. That is a truth and it might be posted the father's hat and over the desks of all teachers with advantage.

Give the children a chance to grow and develop and be healthy. Knowledge is good, but a healthy mind in a healthy body is better. The ancients understood this and incorporated it into an axiom—*Sana mens in sano corpore*. There are too many books used. A gentleman a few days since, showed us a list of studies taught in a school and remarked, "Can it be possible that a girl can learn any of these?" We answered: "It would take an intellectual and studious girl until she was twenty years of age to acquire a fair knowledge of those books."

Where is the corrective? In the North the ablest teachers themselves are discussing the abuse of too many studies and too much confinement. If parents submit to excessive demands upon the mind and body of their children it is probable that abuses will continue. Dr. Prime, editor of the New York Observer, regards this persecution of children as murder. He says:

"We are reading of Catechism in childhood, an answer to what is required in the sixth commandment was impressed on the infant mind. The commandment is 'Thou shalt not kill' and the Catechism said the commandment requires 'the use of all lawful endeavors to preserve our own lives and the lives of others.'"

He shows how people are killing themselves by overtaxing themselves, and how children are being made nervous and sleepless and sick by too much confinement and too much task. He says:

"Children do not know the dancer, and their ambition is roused to excel. Teachers stimulate the school as their obvious duty, and the scholar at the end of his life makes a perfect recitation. Studies are multiplied immoderately. Books are taken home at night and the child is pouring over them when he or she ought to be in bed and asleep. The harp of a thousand strings is out of tune. Discord reigns in the whole household. And the primary education of nearly the whole of our people is given on these high-pressure principles of night and day study. This is getting pretty wide spread. His sticks have been ordered from Charlotte and other towns in the State, and we hear that some of his white friends propose to send one or more of them to the New Orleans Exposition."

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DECEASED THIEF—ARMED AND EQUIPPED.

The premises of Mr. Michael Carroll, on Bladen, between Seventh and Eighth streets, were raided upon by a determined thief yesterday morning. Mr. Carroll states that at about half-past 9 o'clock he heard a noise in his yard and got up and went to his back door to see what it meant. He saw a man in the yard, and, thinking it was his milkman, he called him and remarked that he was early in calling, upon which the man started to run and quickly disappeared. Mr. Carroll returned to his room, but not to sleep, as the incident had tended to displease any inclination to do so. It seems that in about the space of a half hour the man returned to carry out the project he had in view, which was the robbery of the hen-house. Mr. Carroll has a faithful dog, which seems to have interfered with the thief's project at Mr. Carroll's, and the report was the first instance Mr. C. had that the dog had returned. He hurried in the direction of the back door, pistol in hand, but had not reached it when a second report was heard and a ball came crashing through a window next to the yard and buried itself in a heavy picture frame on the opposite wall, having passed through the blind, glass, and curtain. When Mr. C. finally reached the door the thief had again disappeared, carrying with him seven fine fowls. The ball, badly battered by its contact with the window and picture frame, was seen by us yesterday morning.

A Missing Professor.

A few days ago we were made cognizant of the fact that a new sensation had burst in upon our quiet community in the person of Prof. John Kelley, of New York. He was a fine pair of skates belonging to the greatest skater that had ever been seen in these parts. In fact, an announcement had been prepared for insertion in the papers of a grand skating entertainment to come off early next week, in which the said Prof. Kelley would display his wonderful skill before a Wilmington audience. Now we are called upon to make the heart-rending announcement that the Professor has "vamosed the ranche"—gone—departed—left for parts unknown; and, worse than all, Manager Cushing says, carried with him a fine pair of skates belonging to his rink. What a naughty Professor!

By the way, however, they say he is a magnificent skater.

On the Tramp.

How strange and queerly dressed individuals present themselves at the City Hall yesterday afternoon, and by way of introduction to Chief Brock each produced a small memorandum book, from which it was ascertained that they were both Frenchmen, and had formerly belonged to the Fourth Regiment, Marine Corps, from which they had been honorably discharged. They were also provided with the necessary passports, testimony of good character, etc. They speak but a few words of English, but enough could be understood to know that they are on the tramp and are making their way to New Orleans. They were given something to eat, of which they partook voraciously and were lodged for the night.

A Carver of Walking-Canes.

Henry Bellamy, an old colored man of this city, is a genius in his work. He is a manufacturer of walking-canes, the whole surface of which he covers with accurate representations of alligators, crocodiles and other kinds of reptiles, together with fancy and ornamental carvings, all done with a pen-knife. These canes are very handsome, and the old man's reputation is getting pretty wide spread. His sticks have been ordered from Charlotte and other towns in the State, and we hear that some of his white friends propose to send one or more of them to the New Orleans Exposition in the chair on the River and Harbor bill.

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