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OUR STANDARD BEARERS.

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PRESIDENT CROWELL'S LETTER.

We print to-day the letter of President Crowell in which he comments with much sharpness and vigor upon two or three lines we wrote upon a report published in an exchange, and we think from the section above Durham. Dr. Crowell is informed that we were not the author of the statement. Our sole responsibility in the matter is the comment upon the news. We said: "It will be a good time for the Trustees of Trinity College to nominate a successor to Professor English at their next meeting."

When we wrote the obnoxious lines that so aroused Dr. Crowell's ire, it simply occurred to us that if any Professor in a North Carolina college could stomach the South's most vindictive persecutor and reviler, that left with us we would have no such man to instruct the sons of North Carolina. We know that we would not have such a teacher of our own children for a duke-dome-nay, not for all the education he could impart in a century.

Look at the Weaverites in North Carolina and see how they have acted—what morals they illustrated. They have not hesitated to enter Democratic conventions at will, and then the same day or the next week to take part in a convention that was denouncing, anathematizing, cursing the true Democrats and seeking to destroy the Democratic party. Who would seek a teacher of youth among such fellows?

We have referred to Gen. Weaver as an implacable enemy and slanderer. The newspapers are daily publishing his vile and disgraceful record, taken from published speeches in and out of the Federal Congress, and his bill for the \$300,000,000 additional pensions for the Northern soldiers and his bill for a Force bill for the \$25,000,000. For a starry-headed, self-righteous, self-righteous pillar of public condemnation and detestation as the advocate of a measure that would imperil the peace of the South, destroy the semblance of a fair election, precipitate race conflicts—a most devilish piece of engineering. His advocacy of such foolish measures as a Sub-Treasury (pawnbroker's shop) scheme, and his favoring to turn the United States Government into a huge Centralized Power to own all transportation, which would cost \$14,000 or nearly five times what the great war cost according to the debt in 1865, as recently stated by Senator Sherman, were bad enough to cause his rejection by every well informed and liberty loving Southern white man. But his infernal Force bill is "intolerable and not to be endured" by any man of North Carolina activity or a loyal adopted son. We thought that if any Professor actually desired to support such a leader, such an enemy, such an incendiary with such principles, to train under such an old rebel's banner, that it was a good time to elect another man.

scholarship to be forced to retire from a chair at the University, because he was an Abolitionist, because that slavery was "a covenant with hell," as so many Northern people held and hold, and was a dangerous fire-brand in an institution of learning the patrons of which were mainly slave owners. We knew in a Southern college a President who could not command the confidence of many distinguished clergymen and scholarly laymen because of their belief in his moral obliquity. They feared to put boys under his guidance while in the formative period when their minds were ductile, pliant, receptive, and with false ethical ideas implanted there might be done a wrong that would only end with their lives. This may seem to partake of "medieval darkness" in the estimation of "advanced thinkers" in the North, and as even saying of the "thumbscrew," but it has passed and will continue to pass in North Carolina and the South as genuine "horse-sense," and as sound morals.

There are truth and morals in politics as in religion or anything else. We would about as soon install Bob Ingersoll in a Professor's Chair in a religious school expecting him to teach pure moral philosophy and true faith, as to put old Gen. Weaver, or any man who believes with him, in a school of political and moral science, and expect him not to sow the cockles and briars of bad morals and false principles of government. Now mark you, we do not know that Professor English even so much as thought of turning away from his chosen duties to seek "pastures new," and to identify himself with the Weaver party in North Carolina. But if he really did desire to run for office on the Weaver party ticket, then he was willing to deliver North Carolina into the hands of the party (the old Radical gang) that wrecked and ruined the State twenty-odd years ago, and is pledged to legislation (if it wins the election) which will inevitably bring disaster again on the State. In our heart we believe this to be true. It seems to us that every man not smitten with political blindness must see this.

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Which is the tail and which is the dog will be known farther on. No North Carolina Democrat desires to train with Weaver and the fellows who now boss his party in North Carolina. No North Carolina Democrat can possibly desire a teacher for his children who is willing to fight under the Weaver flag and unite with moss-back Radicals and office-seeking deserters from his party to destroy the White Man's government in North Carolina, and remand the State into the hands of the Radicals and negroes who ruined the State between 1866 and 1870.

In the North it is quite common for a dyed-in-the-wool Republican to edit a Democratic paper or vice versa. It is not so in the South. No gentleman in the South would write against his own honest convictions for pay. That is the moral standard in these parts. A Democrat who would now advocate Weaverism would go to the wall. No gentleman could respect him. A man must be something. He cannot be a Democrat and a Weaverite.

No man should have charge of North Carolina children who would help to retrain the negroes to power or by any combination destroy the Government of the whites. It would be very destructive to all that is good for success to attend such an effort. Our people have a great dread of again passing over the hot plowshares of Radical rule in North Carolina. They remember the past with all its gloom, oppression and ruin.

Suppose there was a college in North Carolina and all of its faculty were composed of Weaverites. How many genuine Democrats who loved his old State and regarded his own best interests, would patronize it? There would be very few.

But we have written far beyond our space, and much more than we intended when we sat down to write this. A few more words and we dismiss the matter.

blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."—Matt. 25:34.

Popular errors of various kinds abound. They are scientific, historical, religious, literary and so on. There are very many such errors concerning certain supposed teachings of the Bible, and especially as to what particular texts or verses teach. The late learned Rev. Dr. Thomas O. Summers, professor in Vanderbilt University, took the trouble to correct some of these popular mistakes. We give a few samples. That men were forbidden to eat animal food before the Flood. That the seven months of Gen. III, was a snake. That Cain was braided. That there was no rain before the Flood. That negroes descended from Canaan, who was cursed by Noah. That David wrote most of the Psalms. That wisdom as personified in Proverbs, refers to Christ. That there is any reference to Christ and the Church in Solomon's Song.

Nothing but an unusual pressure of official duties has kept me from assuring you before this date that you were not mistaken in the purpose of this institution in its relation to political life, if you presume, in your elegant phrase, to indulge its trustees to the political question and make victims the members of its faculty because they have the courage to think for themselves in politics, however different their views may be from those of the majority. With all due respect to your age and due personality I can not regard your words involving the sacrifice of freedom of thought in the college, as anything less than a species of intolerable arrogance to which an excess of partisan zeal has led you. You must learn hereafter that the purpose of Trinity college is to influence public thought and that it is beyond reason to suppose that when a man becomes a member of its faculty he logically makes it his purpose to whitewash the past or to act in matters political. Instead of being a school for political cowards as you would logically make it, its purpose shall be as it has ever been, to train young men to become the most daring and courageous participants in the issues of the day, whether in religion, politics or any other leading phase of human improvement.

Your attempt to suppress this spirit, which is thoroughly out of tune with that of persecuting men into conformity, is characteristic of a cause that has lost its hold upon the reasons of men. Where there is no room for difference in political thought there is no hope of righting wrongs by force, be that by threat of harm or force of body. This very method of newspaper intimidation is necessary, if the industrial centers where laborers are discharged because they do not vote with the employers. No honest citizen can help detecting such a method of proceeding from a cultured literator or from a bullying street-cleaner whose job depends on his success in whipping up the passions of the masses.

Let me make you aware of the fact that as a teacher of political and social science in Trinity College for the past several years, Professor English has rendered to the public a valuable service to good government in North Carolina, and that his wide knowledge of these themes in their application to the public welfare puts his judgment on a par with that of any one you may care to select as to educational policy. Moreover this institution in the past several years has done more teaching in subjects relating directly to the public interests than any other institution in the State. In view of these things your utterances, involving Trinity College and the interests that one or any of its Faculty may take in current politics, stand out as unworthy, ungenerous and unthankful.

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