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ABOUT THE DUKES AND TRIN ITY COLLEGE.

Rev. N. M. Watson writes a communication to the Greenville Reflector which he closes as follows:

"Finally let me say that the trustees of Trinity College to whom advice is so graciously given are perhaps nearly as competent to determine who shall or shall not be president of that institution as any newspaper editor, and the Methodist church has not hitherto found it necessary to ask any editor of a political shall not be ministers or members within her pale; and perhaps the community in which a man lives is equally competent to determine whether or not a man is a menace to society and a blight to the spirit of manhood."

Mr. Watson is quite sarcastic at the expense of some editors of newspapers. Sarcasm is quite a powerful weapon when wielded by a master in its use. But it cannot alter facts, or the opinions of some people-we believe many in North Carolina-many Methodists.

It appears to be true that Trinity College is under the control of trustees (doubtless good men of their kind) who are subservient to the wishes of the Dukes, and that Dr. Kilgo, the president, is especially agreeable to the Dukes, and takes occasion to, at least by innuendo, talk the kind of politics that is pleasing to the Dukes, Tobacco Trust men. For instance his denunciation of Thomas

THE FREE PRESS is only a little country newspaper, and its opinion may be of small consequence beside that of the Tobacco Trust millionaire Dukes and their able Trinity College president, Dr. Kilgo, but wedon't think it a good thing that North Carolina boys be under pernicions political influence at a denominational college.

We believe that the immense contributions by the Dukes to Trinity College, carrying with them, as they have, the placing of the college in their control, has been a curse to Trinity College.

If the Dukes had made these contributions without the expectation, and the realization, of having it controlled by people in sympathy with their views on political questions, then they would have been entitled to the gratitude of Methodism and all Nort in education.

But the Dukes didn't contribute in that beneficent manner. It really appears that instead of contributing to, they have purchased Trinity College.

Smallpox is reported as raging in many portions of the State, in the west especially. It was in Eastern Carolina very extensively last year. Not only is it in North Carolina but in several other states.

It is a loathsome disease and in some places appears in a severe form, causing

Kinston was fortunate last year in having officers who took right hold of it as soon as it reached here, established pest houses and enforced vaccination quite generally. Doubtless the vaccination then enforced to some extent protects our people from the disease this winter. We sincerely trust that this community will escape a visit of the disease this year.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, expresses dissatisfaction with the Goebel election law and says it must be repealed. It seems to have failed to do the good MOORE & HOOKER. for the Democrats the Republicans claimed it would do.

Senator Blackburn says: "Thecontest for supremacy between the Democratic and Republican parties in Kentucky, in my judgment, is ended for this generation at least. The assassination of Goebel was the death-knell of the Republican party in our state. I expect to see Kentucky go Democratic this fall by 50,000 majority or more."

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A recent dispatch from Manila says: Officers in the field now unite in saying that the pacification of the Philippines is impossible between the present time and the beginning of the rainy season. They set the time for this result from two to six years. No one who has been at the front and studied the situation with honest eyes believes that the insurgents can be subdued under two years A majority of judges are more inclined to six years."

And the tax burdened people of the United States will be compelled to pay for that length of time the immense cost of this unnecessary war. If Bryan is elected he will doubtless take steps to pacify the Filipinos by pacific measures. newspaper to determine who shall, or The war could be ended by dealing fairly with those people.

> The smallness of the army surrendered by Gen. Cronje, and the fact that no big guns were captured, and that with this small force Cronje kept in check for ten days 45,000 British soldiers are all pointed to as indicating that the brave Boer general sacrificed himself and a small army to gain time for the Boers to concentrate and prepare for more substantial resistance to the invasion of the Orange Free State.

> It does look as if the British in such large numbers might have done the work quicker and pushed on toward Bloemfontein.

It is not such a big victory after all, but it is the first for the British in their war upon the South African republics.

The Boers are not whipped yet by a great deal.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by J. E. Hood.

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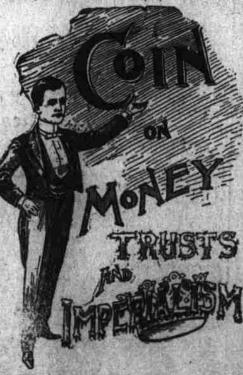
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