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REVEREND DODD AND THE DUKE GIFT—

Mr. Editor: Noting with care your editorial in issue of December 12th, I desire that you in the interest of fair play insert the following few lines also the copy enclosed herewith, which is a copy of the official statement of Mr. Duke.

As to your question "Will Duke University Excel Old Trinity" only remains to be seen. No one can accurately tell what any institution will do. It seems to me that you along with all the rest of us well know that we are now living in as it were a different age that the "good old days of Old Trinity" are passed and that it takes money and more money all the time even to run an insignificant place as a news paper or a parsonage.

2nd You state "There is an apparent strain of selfishness in Mr. Duke's request, NAME IT DUKE." I utterly fail when I seek the selfishness in this, above that that manifested in all humans when they have a desire that their name not die from the earth. Particular so when their sons are scarce and it looks as though another generation there will be no one to bear their name. Now to be frank I wish more people had the strain of selfishness that Mr. James B. Duke had when he gave the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist the forty million dollar fund. We need some of it in our own town to help raise our quota for the Boy Scout movement. You call it selfishness, well I do too. When a man in North Carolina (the folks) get wealthy enough and are BIGHEARTED enough to give away

forty million to colleges, hospitals and worn-out preachers, O well you call it selfishness, well your 'thinker' is just different from mine. There was another fellow from up about Greensboro that did not much like the way Mr. Duke gave away his money, and so expresses himself upon the floor of the Baptist State Convention last week in Raleigh but the way those other Baptist are him alive was good to see. Your article and his seems to be the only two voices raised against it. There are though, multiplied thousands who are rejoicing with an exceeding great joy, and thanking God for such men as Mr. Duke.

3rd. Now as to the 1900 farmers in Pitt or any other county who mortgaged their farms or their crops before they made them, or those who cannot pay their taxes, well they are all in a bad fix. But Mr. Editor you forget that there are multiplied thousands of other people besides farmers in a bad fix, whose homes are mortgaged nor cannot pay their taxes, why did you not find some cunning way to lay their hard luck also to Mr. Duke? The truth as I see it is that it is very unjust and unfair and shown in a spirit that I do not understand to try to blame Duke for the farmers' bad plight. All other products of the farm are low along on a par with tobacco, is Mr. Duke to blame for it also? Why single him out? Thousands of other men have often rich out of the labor of the farmer and other people as well who never give a penny to benefit humanity or build colleges or pay for a hospital for some poor fellow that cannot pay it himself. If I am correctly informed Mr. J. B. Duke was only a small part of the American Tobacco Company and these factories not have price fixing power, and if he did have such power the tobacco that they use they buy and pay the highest bidder's price for it. Mr. Editor if he were dishonest and a robber as some would have the public believe, then it seems to me you might give him credit for having enough good in him to give away the spoils of a good cause. Print please the official statement enclosed in fairness to him and the great host of Christians who are shouting over the magnificent gift. E. D. Dodd.

Personal Statement by James B. Duke
"For many years I have been engaged in the development of water powers in certain sections of the states of North Carolina and South

Carolina. In my study of this subject I have observed how such utilization of a natural resource, which otherwise would run in waste to the sea and not remain and increase as a forest, gives impetus to industrial life and provides a safe and enduring investment for capital. My ambition is that the revenues of such development shall administer to the social welfare, as the operation of such developments is administering to the economic welfare of the communities which they serve. With these views in mind I recommend the securities of the Southern Power System (the Duke Power Company and its subsidiary companies) as the prime investment for the funds of this trust; and I advise the trustees that they do not change any such investment except in response to the most urgent and extraordinary necessity; and I request the trustees to see to it that at all times these companies be managed and operated by the men best qualified for such a service.

"I have selected Duke university as one of the principal objects of this trust because I recognize that education, when conducted along sane and practical as opposed to dogmatic and theoretical lines, is, next to religion, the greatest civilizing influence. I request that this institution secure for its officers, trustees and faculty men such outstanding character, ability and vision as will insure its attainment and maintaining a place of real leadership in the educational world and that great care and discrimination be exercised in admitting as students only those whose previous record shows a character, determination and application evincing a wholesome real ambition for life. And I advise that the courses at this institution be arranged, first, with special reference to the training of preachers, teachers, lawyers and physicians, because these are most in the public eye, and by precept and example can do most to uplift mankind, and second, to instruction in chemistry, economics and history, especially the lives of the great of earth, because I believe that such subjects will most help to develop our resources, increase our wisdom and promote human happiness.

For Hospitals

"I have selected hospitals as another of the principal objects of this trust because I recognize that they have become indispensable institutions, not only by way of ministering

to the comfort of the sick but in increasing the efficiency of mankind and prolonging human life. The advancement in science of medicine growing out of discoveries, such as in the field of bacteriology, chemistry and physics and growing out of inventions such as the X-ray apparatus, make hospital our important joy. Facilities for the best results in the practice of medicine and surgery. So worthy do I deem the cause and so great do I deem the need that I very much hope that the people will see to it that adequate and convenient hospitals are assured in their respective communities, with special reference to those who are unable to defray such expenses of their own.

"I have included orphans in an effort to help those who are most unable to help themselves, a worthy cause, productive of truly beneficial results in which all good citizens should have an abiding interest. While in my opinion nothing can take the place of a home and its influences, every effort should be made to safeguard and develop these wards of society.

For Aged Ministers

"And, lastly, I have made provision for what I consider a very fertile and much neglected field for useful help in religious life, namely, assisting in those cases where the head of the family through devoting his life to the religious service of his fellowman has been unable to accumulate for his declining years and for his widow and children, and assisting in the upbuilding and maintenance of churches in rural districts where the people are not able to do this properly for themselves, believing that such a pension system is a just call which will secure a better grade of service and that the men and women of these rural districts will amply respond to such assistance to them, not to men-

tion our own Christian duty regardless of such results. Indeed, my observation and the broad expanse of our territory make me believe it is to these rural districts that we are to look in large measure for the bone and sinew of the country.

"From the foregoing it will be seen that I have endeavored to make provision in some measure for the needs of mankind along physical, mental and spiritual lines, largely confining the benefactions to those sections served by these water power developments. I might have extended this aid to other charitable objects and to other sections, but my opinion is that so doing would probably be productive of less good by reason of attempting too much. I therefore urge the trustees to seek to administer well the trust hereby committed to them within the limits set, and to this end that at least at one meet-



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Being one-half undivided interest in and to that tract of land adjoining the lands of W. W. Griffin, Lawrence James, Joe Yarell, the Swain tract of land, Isaac Nichols and what is known as Devis Gut, containing between eight and nine hundred acres more or less, and known as the Moore Island Farm, and being the same land purchased by the said S. S. Hadley from the Clayton Moore heirs.
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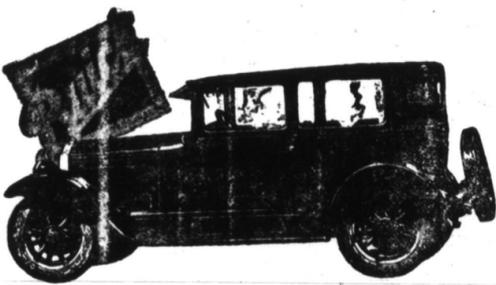
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