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THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

It will be recalled that some three months ago the State Department at Washington gave out a very interesting summary of a report which it had received from Mr. Thos. R. Jerriegan, consul general of the United States at Shanghai, China. The report related to the currency and commercial conditions in the East, to Eastern competition with the West, to questions of international trade, and kindred topics.

Here, for example, comes a report from Consul-General Jerriegan on duty at Shanghai, who is in a position to know operations of commerce in the pulsations of trade along the line of the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley Railroad and the operations of the planters, the merchants of the deep that float down the Cape Fear river to Wilmington, the cotton and wheat plantations for turpentine, tobacco and chickens, and the whole infinite labor and no small expenditure of lightwood, brick back up stream to Fayetteville.

THE CRYING NEED. The Marion Record speaks highly of an address delivered by President Winston, of the University, at that place recently his subject being education. Dr. Winston said:

"The future of our State depends upon the education of the boys and girls of the State, for the boys and girls of to-day are the State of to-morrow. Prussia became a great power in Europe in two generations. How? By educating her children. She established a system of compulsory education that has within two generations, raised her from a condition of ignorance and superstition, to the highest dignity of statehood."

Every new method of instruction that is worth adopting has its origin in Germany; every new impulse to education and every great start in Germany, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and the States of the North and Northeast educate their children because it is economically money in the State Treasury. It means fewer jail sentences, fewer crimes, fewer and smaller pauper families, fewer small houses and fewer beggars.

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