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SYLVESTER'S WIFE.

After tiffin on the second day of the summer assizes for Griqualand West, the lansomething nearly akin to excitement. The jury had just returned a verdict of culpable homicide against a dozen out of some fifty Shangaans who stood huddled together, the Lone Star Diamond Mining Company's compound; the Judge had duly sentenced the gaping unfortunates, and the jailers were endeavoring to sort them out from among their unconvicted but probably no less guilty comrades, when the Crown Prosecutor, a fresh-colored young Englishman, with no small idea of his own importance, turned in his seat at the barrister's table, and whispered to the official who sat behind him to put forward Dirk Sylvester. The official arose and repeated the name aloud; a hum of expectancy ran through the little crowd of spectators, and passed on to the loungers outside, who eagerly crowded into the corrugated iron temple of justice; gentlemen of the long robe and members of the After press hurried over from "The Yellow Bar," just opposite, and the stalwart Zulu, attired in canvas marked with the broad black arrow, paused in his monotonous jerking of the punkah cord in order to catch a glimpse of "Baas" Sylvester, as he stepped into the

The prisoner was a tall, handsome coloni al, with dark gleaming eyes, black beard, and a skin the paleness of which had been ripened into swarthiness by the fierce African sun. He was erect and fearless; he threw a glance of defiance at his enemies; he nodded with a smile to his friends, and then, as the door of a private entrance to the body of the court opened, and a figure draped in purest white, with bright golden hair rippling in rich profusion over the shapely shoulders, glided in softly and quietly like a sunbeam from the free world out-side, he leaned over the rail which interposed between him and liberty, and hoarsely whispered her name—the dearest name on earth to him.

It was Sylvester's wife. She responded quickly with a look more eloquent than words; and then the prisoner drew himself up to his full height, folded his arms, listened intently as the clerk of the court, an old friend with whom he had spent many a roystering evening in his bachelor days, droned through the indictment, and in a clear voice replied to the charge of wilful murder, "Not guilty."

The Crown Protector, in slow and measured tones, began to sketch the history of the crime; the Judge lounged back in his chair and leisurely sought for the clean pages in his record book; the counsel for the defence pushed back his wig from his perspiring brow, and hunted out a reference in an almost forgotten work on the Roman outch law: the spectators hushed their murmuring; the punkah swayed regularly sentenced to death, or the calm, proud way to and fro overhead; and Sylvester's wife, in which he heard his doom. sitting there in the well of the stifling court, with her sweet blue eyes riveted on the prisoner, and her luxuriant locks rising and

falling with the artificial breeze, looked to me even more beautiful than two years ago, when she nightly ravished the hearts of susceptible diggers in the make-shift theatre in the Dutoitspan Road.

In those memorable bygone days she was Mademoiselle Marie La Cour, and the star Mademoiselle Marie La Cour, and the star of a traveling theatrical company, which, are traveling theatrical company, which, are traveling the articles of the star of a traveling theatrical company, which, are traveling the articles of the star of the sta like most other "combinations of talent," visiting the Diamond Fields, never, as a whole, got any further. The proprietor made so much money in a short season that he left to assume the lesseship of a big Australian house, and Marie's father took over the management of the sheep thus bereft of their shepherd. How divinely she danced and sang; how she brought tears into the eyes of great rough fellows, or made them shake the rafters with their sonorous laughter; how she fluttered the hearts of the heart sand the Law diagrand of the law of the the bank magnates and the Jew diamond merchants, and how she caused the "treasthese things written in the tablets of the memory of every dweller on the Fields? In the zenith of her fame she married Dirk "Hurrah!" he cried, "Dirk's reprieved! In the zenith of her fame she married Dirk Sylvester, and if ever a man deserved his bride he did, for his passion wore him almost to a shadow, and his dark eyes gleamed dargerously if a rivel procured as a superfect of the little lady had just had a telegram from Cape Town. Three cheers for Sylvester's wife!" ed dangerously if a rival presumed as much as to speak to her; and before Dirk came the kindly jailer told me that she smiled for upon the scene there were rivals in plenty; the first time since Dirk's conviction as that but though Marie sipped the champagne they proffered, and even accepted their diamonds, she laughed openly at all of them.

Dirk was proprietor of one of the richest

Three weeks afterw claims at the New Rush, and the moment to call on the governor of the jail, and as he and Marie met the host of more or less hopeful suitors saw their chances were over. we sat in his cool little room, discussing his Martell and smoking his Boer tobacco, She seemed to have fallen in love with him quite as much as he had with her, and would have married him long before she did but Dirk Sylvester goes to Cape Town with the that her father besought her to continue on next lot of I. D. B.'s (Illicit Diamond Buy the stage a little longer for his benefit. At ers)?"
length the old gentleman drank himself | 1 exp length the old gentleman drank himself into the Carnaryon Hospital, and only came governor had the selecting of the prisoners out thence to occupy one of the graves which are always yawning, ready dug in the Kimberley Cemetery, for victims to fever and alcohol; and then Marie La Cour

of Dutoitspan Road; a neat veranda-sur- | could visit him, and be close to his faithful rounded residence, screened from the dust wife. I mentioned this, and the governor, and heat by tall blue gums, and half covered with creepers and tropical flowers.

After that we saw little of the once so well
I have had to forbid Mrs. Sylvester's known Marie La Cour. Occasionally at long intervals they would invite a few bachelor friends—myself included—to witing the first occasionally at reason I think you will agree that I am right in sending Dirk to Cape Town. You ness their bliss, and on such evenings the see, he seemed to expect, when the reprieve great bullfrogs which invaded the gardens came he would be set at liberty; and so did of "The Oasis," as their place was rightly she, but, as you know the death sentence named, would hush their vile croaking as has only been commuted to one of imprison-Sylvester's wife trilled forth some gay chan- ment for life; and how on earth they mansonette to the accompaniment of the Broad-wood which Dirk specially imported for I can't tell. Well since that has been made her from Europe; or sometimes the happy pair would ride over to a picnic on the banks of the meandering Modder River, knows, poor fellow, it's dark enough!—he and Mrs. Sylvester would design to astonish us with the feats of marksmanship which she could accomplish with the pretty revolver—ivory handled and chased with gold—

seems to be pining for freedom, he says the convict's dress clings to him like cerecloth, and the other day, just after his wife had visited him I saw such a queer look in Dirk had given her.

Saloon for a game of billiards, I found a 'comforts's' she had brought him I found this." rival-a handsome little Frenchman, who had come to the Fields to look after some laims in which a Parisian firm had invest"Well?" I said interrogatively. claims in which a Parisian firm had invested. He was laughing conceitedly, and stroking his carefully waxed imperial with a self-satisfied air, when Dirk came in, and a self-satisfied air, when Dirk came in, and a self-satisfied air, when Dirk came in, and laught to the same of the same was immediately hailed by a man who was send Dirk to Cape Town." no friend of his-the manager of some ground which was always tumbling into

Dirk's claims and smashing his gear. my attention was suddenly arrested by see- emotion, from despairing rage to rejoicing ing Dirk make a bound at the Frenchman, malice; while hither and thither among and seize him by the throat, while his eyes the throng in the market square rode offifairly blazed with passion. The French- cials in the dark blue uniform of Cape Civil man tried to elude his grasp, and in a mo- Service. ment Dirk had dashed him to the floor and At length there was a cloud of whirling

he strode out of the saloon.

A silence fell on the company standing round the fallen Frenchman, and as he stag-

guid interest which had hitherto been taken repeating his lies about being intimate with in the proceedings suddenly developed into | my wife in Paris before she came out here. Not only that, but he says he has a miniature of her which she gave him set in gold. The unmitigated liar!" If I find time I shall canter over to his cabin the other side of the mine to-night, and if he can't prohelpless and frightened, in the dock charged | duce that souvenir it will be hard for him. with participation in a fatal tribal affray at If he does, it won't be in his possession

long!"
"Don't do anything rash, Dirk," I said. Remember, ther is another to think of besides yourself."

"That's what it is that bothers me, old fellow," he replied; and then, reining in his horse, and jogging along by my side, he told me his trouble. It appeared his wife denied any intimacy with the Frenchman, but stated that her father tried to force his attentions on her in the old days when he was a half-starved-ballet-master, and she a struggling aspirant at a Paris theatre. The miniature was a new feature in the story, and Dirk fimly believed it to be a myth, but was bent on finding out whether it was

proceed with caution.

On parting, he shook me by the hand, and his last words, shouted to me as he galloped off at the turning for "The Oasis," were-"I shan't trouble the little Frenchman to-

night, but let him keep out of my way!"

The next morning the body of Jules Lacroix was found lying on the floor of his cabin, with an ugly hole in his left temple.

In one hand he grasped tightly part of a lying the force of the cabin. miniature. There was the fresh spoor of a horse not far from the door, and the bullet found in the brain fitted Dirk's revolver to

It was not long before Dirk was in custody, and the case looked black against him. His threat to shoot the Frenchman was well remembered; his excited demeanor in Hal-lis's bar at the Pan, when the news of the Frenchman's reiterated assertion of a former intimacy of his wife was brought to him, was commented upon, and the circumstan-

tial evidence was strong.
As for Dirk himself, he utterly denied going near the Frenchman's cabin on the night of the murder, and he accounted for the fact that he did not reach home for nearly an hour after leaving me, by saying that, feeling hot and excited, he went for a scamper over the veldt, and the beauty of the moonit night caused him to stay out longer than

He pressed me to tell all I knew about the

I shall never forget the look of mute ago-

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made in all directions to prevent the dread sentence of the law being carried out, and Sylvester's wife had become the heroine of the camp. There were few who did not believe that he shot the Frenchman; but why should he die for an offence which was light

cognized her at once, and respectfully saluted as she drew near. She stopped for a ury" to overflow with fatness-are not all moment and spoke to the foremost man,

I doubt if the attention was pleasing, but cheer reached her ears, just as she stepped

Three weeks afterward I had occasion

became to us all and our world "Sylvester's ever being a free man again, but it was something that he should serve his weary They took a little villa at the extremity years at Kimberley, among friends who

One night as I strolled into the Albert his things. At the bottom of the basket of

He opened the packet and poured out be-

"Poison!" he briefly replied, as he swept

There was an unusual stir in Limberley the streets were crowded with men and I did not hear exactly what he said, but women whose faces bespoke every kind of

was standing over him, raging with fury.
"You miserable liar and scoundrel", he swayed and parted, and at a hand galop two ried, "if ever I hear of your mentioning heavily laden mule wagons passed through my wife's name again, I'll kill you!" Then the surging ranks and halted for the escort

gered to his feet and sunk away into a side | convicts into whose soul the iron of captivity room, where the rattle of the dice went on had already entered; a consignment of baiall day long and far into the night, no one found so much as a word to throw after him.

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I met Dirk on several occasions after this in the links of common despair. Chained as best result which life has to offer us—a cup, curious episode, but, as if by mutual consent, we avoided the subject. One night, and in agonized voice called upon friend,

turning in the saddle confronted Dirk. He was agitated and angry and without a word of greeting plunged into the subject upper most in his mind.

Suddenly I caught sight of Dirk Sylvester. He was sitting on the side of the foremost wagon, his arms folded across his chest, and a look of eager associations. "Do you know, old fellow," he said, "I've just been told by a digger at Hallis' that trascally little Frenchman has been he heard not; his gaze seemed fixed on he heard not; his gaze seemed fixed on some far-away object, and a smile played on his wan lips.

I hurried on in advance of the cavalcade

toward "The Oasis," which I knew it must pass on its way to the open veldt. I remembered that the governor of the jail had told me the night before that he had allowed a last interview before the fearful journey to Cape Town between man and wife, and that they spoke some words in French, which he did not understand, but which seemed to have a wonderful effect on Dirk.

As I neared the gates of "The Oasis," over

which the blue gums cast their shade, and where the trailing flowers were in their au-

tumnal beauty, I saw Sylvester's wife standing motionless. She was attired in the plain white dress she wore on the day of the trial, and also when she crowned Dirk's hopes and rendered him the envy of the bachelors of the Fields by becoming his own. Her golden hair floated unheeded on the lazy breath from the distant palm; her eyes were turned upward to the deep blue sky above, and her lips seemed to be moving as if in silent prayer. There was no need After a while he grew calmer, and paid to tell her of the approach of the convict more attention to my entreaties to him to party; their coming was heralded by the proceed with caution. the prisoners; and adown the startled air came the sound of creaking wheels, the cracking of whips, the shouting of orders, and the responsive curses of the mob. I was unwilling to obtrude myself on her

notice, and therefore I did not speak to her,

but merely took up a position close by the

Nearer and nearer came the rolling wag-ons; and the crowd rushed on through the eddying dust, till suddenly they caught a glimpse of the lonely watcher in the gateway. There was not a man there who did not know that the slight, pale woman standing with her hands clasped convulsively together, and her whole gaze concentrated as it were in one long gaze, was Sylvester's wife. Even the officials knew his history; they knew he was no midnight purchaser of stolen gems, but only a passionate, helpless man; and, as if by instinct, the melancholy procession slowed and paused before what was once the home of a pure and happy

Dirk was standing now; the smile on his ps lit up his whole countenance; he looked ke the careless happy Dirk of former days; the lines of care and deep dull agony seemed o soften and disappear from his face.

He made a motion with his left hand to nis breast; with his right he pointed to the awful blue of the cloudless heaven, and most of his expressed determination on leaving me not to visit the Frenchman that evening.

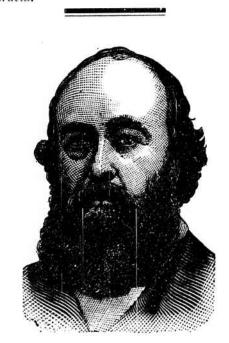
The trial dragged on until late in the night, and at 12 o'clock the jury came into the court with a verdict of "Guilty."

I shall never forget the look of muto and the midst of the creepers, a sharp report rang out upon the morning air, a puff of smoke curled upward from the gateway, and Dirk Sylvester, with that strange, glad smile upon his lips, fell heavily forward, shot right through the heart by his wife!

She never lived to take the trial, indeed were wearing Dirk Sylvester's spirit down into the dust and ashes of a misery too keen for his endurance, till within a few minutes of her death.

Then a new light shone in her fast closing eyes; she stretched out her arms as if to embrace a viewless form, and with the words, "Dirk! Dirk! Free forever, dear! Free, Dirk, free!" trembling on her lips, her soul went forth rejoicing on the mystic ourney to the dark hereafter.

Soon after she had been laid to rest by the side of her husband in the cemetery, white with many a memorial stone to ruined opes, lives wrecked and shattered, and afections sundered by the cruel hand of Death, Kafir, sentenced to the extreme penalty of the law for an atrocious murder, confessed that he, and he alone, was the true cause of the Frenchman's tragic end. He had watched, through the half-drawn blind, the miserable man toying with a golden chain to which a miniature was attached, and his cupidity fired by the sight, crept on him unawares and tried to wrest it from him. A struggle ensued; the Kafir snatched a revolver from the Frenchman's hand and shot him; then, fearing discovery, fled with on-ly the miniature in his possession. The size of the bullet and the spoor were coincidences only; but there is one mystery which will never be cleared up. Was the miniature that of Sylvester's wife ?-Bel-



MARQUIS OF SALISBURY.

The Marquis of Salisbury, The Right Hon. Robert Arthur Talbot Gascoigne Cecil, eldest surviving son of the second Marquis of Salisbury, born at Hatfield, in 1830, was educated at Eton and Christ Church, Oxford, where he graduated, and was elected a Fellow of All Souls' College. His lordship, who is Deputy-Lieutenant for Middlesex, represented Stamford in the House of Commons, as a Conservative, from August, 1853, until 1868, when he succeeded to the marquisate on the death of his father. While in the Lower House he was known as Lord Robert Cecil, until the decease of his elder

brother, when he assumed the courtesy title of Viscount Cranborne. His lordship takes an active part in all public measures which affect the interests of the established Church, and in the leading Church of England institutions. The Marquis is understood to be an extensive contributor to the Quarterly Review and to other periodicals. In Lord Derby's third administration, he was, in July, 1866, appointed Secretary of State for India, which post he resigned on account of a difference of opinion respecting the Reform Bill, March 2, 1867. On November 12, 1869, he was elected Chancellor of the University of Oxford, in succession to the late Earl of Derby. As an orator the Marquis of Salisbury is especially brilliant, and has that magnetism which characterizes our Beaconsfield or Gladstone. He is the leader of the Tory forces and cherishes a vigorous foreign policy, and entertains the idea that the true strength of England lies in extending her already large possessions. In consequence of the fall of the Gladstone administration, June 9, 1885, the Marquis of Salis-

bury is the successor of Gladstone.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA COLLEGE.

TWO WIDELY DIVERGENT VIEWS AS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE INSTITUTION. A Speech by Rev. Ellison Capers and a Reply by Rev. A. Coke Smith.

From the News and Courier. gathered in the College chapel at 8 o'clock this evening to hear an address by the Rev. Ellison Capers, a member of the board of visitors. Various members of the boards of trustees and of visitors occupied the platform. When Senator Hampton and Governor Thompson came in together they received a very hearty round of applause.

The professors remained without. President McBryde addressed the students, saying that this joint meeting of the board of visitors was the happy thought of the honored chairman of the board, Senator Hampton, whom he had the pleasure of introducing. Senator Hampton was warmly applauded as he advanced to the

"After our examination here the other day of the condition of the college, and I need not say it was a very thorough and exhaustive one, the board of visitors were so surprised and gratified at the exhibit made by the College and its students, that they felt it due to you and the public to let the facts which they ascertained become known. They asked, therefore, the Rev. Dr. Capers to remain over and state to you the result of their examination. I know that they will endorse thoroughly what he will have to say to you. For myself I will say that as long as I have been connected with it and earnest as have been my hopes for its success, I believe that it has never been in better condi-tion than it is now. [Applause.] And I must in justice say that very much of the credit of this is due to you, for the president and all the professors, and Mayor Rhett endorse the statement and say that never has a better set of young men been within

Reminding them of what depended upon their conduct and effort, and expressing the hope that each one when he left the College would work earnestly and zealously for the success of his alma mater, Senator Hampton I would refer to before I leave you. It consuccess of his alma mater, Senator Hampton introduced Rev. Dr. Capers, of Greenville. Dr. Capers said that he spoke to give the

the walls of the institution."

students the unanimous, sincere and very hearty commendation of the board of visit-They had come prepared to do their passed from lower to higher classes they became more studious, proving the fact that their College life induced studious habits. At the request of the board a committee of students elected by their classmates, had also conferred with them, and the testimony of this committee was that the professors were doing their full duty, and that in selecting such instructors the board of trustees had done an excellent thing. The board lecting such instructors the board of trustees in a few words.

had done an excellent thing. The board Dr. Capers' a had unanimously concluded that the profesquenct the College Colle sors in this College would compare favorably with the professors of any institution in our

land. [Applause.] Being anxious to hear how the students were behaving in Columbia, the board had ed the work of the College and attended the include the sub-collegiate of professional applied to the chief of police for informa- senior examinations which were continued classes, and this work is done by eight protion, and had found that he had no fault to through the week. find with any of them. The board were delighted to find by an examination of the class books that 95 per cent. of the students had, during the last year, been absolutely regular in their attendance and in their the reporter of his address in two imporstudies. Of the absentees reported for the tant particulars, and explains that the ad-

"I call this," said Dr. Capers, "a splendid this State some who are your enemies. The opposition to the College is formulated on these two hypotheses: First, that the College is formulated in the college i lege is not in advance of our denominational colleges in its curriculum of studies and the advantages it offers, and is, therefore, not entitled to the support of the State. Second, that it is the rival of its sister institutions in South Carolina and injurious to them. As to the first charge a careful comparison has been made of the catalogues of sixteen colleges in the South, including all the State institutions and the denominational colleges of South Carolina, and it has been found that the standards of admission and graduation in our College are as high as those in the very best Southern college. From this comparison only Johns Hopkins University is excepted. That is sui generis and commands special funds. This is a broad assertion, but it is the simple fact. Your standards are just as high as the best of them. As high as the universities of Virginia, or North Carolina, of Georgia, or of Alabama. As to the range of studies our university offers thirty-four subjects of study and investigation, and this is a greater number than is offered by any other Southern college except the University of Arkansas. As to thoroughness we have forty-six classes for recitation. Only one other Southern institution has as many, and that is the University of Georgia, and our list does not tuition as emnity to the College; but exinclude the sub collegiate or the professional classes, and this work is done by eight professors and four tutors, at a cost of \$25,-000, of which only \$17,500 is paid by the State. Think of it! Could \$17,500 be apaid a fair examination. This I endeavored plied to a nobler purpose, a better use, a to give it." the hearts and minds of two hundred young MR. SMITH'S REPLY TO MR. CAPERS' AD-South Carolinians!

"What are the facts? These: Since the rehabilitation of the South Carolina College the attendance on the denominational colcount of this good rivalry which I have ad-

YORKVILLE, S. C., THURSDAY, JULY 2, 1885. berley with a flood of lambent light, I was riding slowly into camp when I heard the rapid pattering of a horse behind me, and pattering of a horse behind me, and rapid pattering me, and rapid pattering me, and rapid pattering me, and rapid it than from anything else, this feeling that one section is to be considered above any other section. It breeds unrest and bitterness and it is opposed to all the results which we hope to see produced in the minds, the hearts and lives of our citizens "We will make a brief comparrison between this College as it now stands and that which graduated these distinguished gentlemen who sit behind me. The old specific product of the faculty as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students and then of the students as to the conduct of the students as to the conduct of the students as to the conduct of the students as to the students. The students are strength in the students as to the conduct of the students as to the conduct of the students as to the conduct of the students. The students are strength in the students as to the conduct of the students as to the students. The From the News and Courier.

Columbia, June 1.—Nearly all of the gentlemen who sit behind me. The old said:

Gentlemen who sit behind me. The old said:

"I call this a splendid record. Ought not gathered from catalogues.

What friends of denon students of the South Carolina College were | College, our pride and glory, had sixty-four hours of recitation a week against our one hundred and thirty-one and a half. It had thirty classes against our forty-six. It had they are satisfied. But unhappily there are modesty, however it may be classed as twenty-two subjects of study versus our among the people of this State some who demagogy and flippancy—is that it is unjust thirty-four. The board of trustees have had are your enemies. The opposition to the and unwise for the State to offer free tuition an eye to progress. If science has advanced so has our College advanced. If literated see: First, that the College is not in ad-

> true men in this State who love their churches and colleges, believe that this South Carolina College is injurious to her younger sisters, but I am sorry to say that there are people in this State who make the charge flippantly, without care for its truth, or who press it in their demagoguery. There is nothing so potent, so sure to conquer in South Carolina as truth. When it is earnestly, affectionately, sincerely put forward it will always triumph in this State. Here is one man who avows himself a friend of the denominational colleges, and special funds. This is a broad asserself a friend of the denominational colleges, who appreciates the principles upon which they are founded in the first the simple fact. Your standthey are founded, who hails their good ards are just as high as the best of them. work and honors many of their instructors As high as the universities of Virginia, of whom he knows, but this University can never be brought into an injurious rivalry with any one of these institutions. There is a rivalry which is good for us all. It exuation in the South Carolina College are as cites to effort. It urges us to higher achievements. It elevates and diffuses a nobler spirit. It absolutely creates a demand for education. Such a rivalry may be engen-dered by the reopening of this old institution but no other.

rems one of your number and it has given me more pleasure than anything I have heard. I am sure it will gratify every friend of the College. It does you honor and your State honor. If it ever becomes known it will do more to stop the mouths and efface who grees of the college of the college that wholesomely truthful extisted might be duty in looking closely into the condition of will do more to stop the mouths and efface the college, and had had an earnest, burning interest in its welfare. It, therefore, gave him the heartiest pleasure to assure the students that the evidence they had just heard from one whose words were so justly revered in South Carolina, was the honest, hearty in South Carolina, was the honest, hearty opinion of the board of visitors. They had invited the professors and tutors to come before them and discuss freely all matters of buy his books, but was animated by a high

Dr. Capers' address is the strongest argument the College has ever had made for it, and it won the high praise it so thorough- As to thoroughness we have forty-six classly deserved. The facts he gave will be a revelation to the young people. The board of which he is a member carefully canvass-

From the Greenville Mountaineer.

It is fair to Mr. Capers to state, that in a nobler purpose, a better use, a more sub-recent article to the Daily News, he corrects stantial result? The education of the last year only one-fifth of one per cent. were marked "unexcused."

dress was not written and delivered from manuscript, but pronounced extemporan-four hours of recitation a week against our eously from brief notes. He did not review

stitution since my residence in Greenville that the first hypothesis is untenable." tional colleges of South Carolina, and it has am made to say, in effect, that they had this statement in praise of the college does all returned to South Carolina, and thus two hundred young men and \$150,000 were there were members of the faculty (if they "My d saved to the State.

"I said that about two hundred of our youth had gone abroad to seek larger opor-tunities of instruction than the State afforded; that they were now coming back to their State—a large per cent. had already returned—that I looked forward to the time when we could proudly boast that the sons of Carolina were taught in her own schools and colleges! This I held to be a great gain in every way, and an end worthy of our labors. The dollars and cents argument I never used at all."

After explaining how it came to be reported as said by him, Mr. Capers continues: "I did not charge opposition to free plained that the opposition of which I spoke was honest and sincere, and maintained by men good and true in all parts of our State.

The speech of the Rev. Ellison Capers before the students of the South Carolina College was intended for the South Carolina lege the attendance on the denominational reges nas increased. I get this fact from your president, who bases it on a careful examination of the catalogues of these colleges. I can speak myself for Furman University which has in five or six years almost doubled its attendance, and the same may be said for the college at Due-West. The efforts of the friends of the denominational colleges have since the reopening of the speech as increased. I get this fact from your president who bases it on a careful examination of the catalogues of these colleges. I can speak myself for Furman University, which has in five or six years almost doubled its attendance, and the same may be morning, under conspicuous head lines, announcing that the college is now "surpass-tional colleges have since the reopening of the denominational colleges have since the reopening of the denominational colleges have since the reopening of the secondary in Afficiency its relative details. The efforts of the friends of the denominational colleges have since the reopening of this institution positively doubled on actor tor Hampfor the conspicuous near mes, and for the coneges at Due West. The efforts of the friends of the denominational forts of the friends of the denominational colleges have since the reopening of this institution positively doubled on account of this residual work is a few the recognition. sponsor for the speech of Mr. Capers. In this good rivalry which I have admitted." mitted. It is false to assume that all the youth of South Carolina would be sent to denominational colleges if these classic condition than now." Mr. Capers had been halls were barred against them. Some of induced to remain and address the students.

This is very good rhetoric, but what of "the facts?" Prof. Cook, of Furman University, in an article in the Greenville News, shows that Mr. Capers is whelly mistaken. halls were barred against them. Some of induced to remain and address the students, shows that Mr. Capers is wholly mistaken my friends believe this assumption, but the to give expression to the satisfaction felt by in what he says about that institution. Dr. past history of the State proves it to be perfectly false. Before the opening of our College two hundred young South Carolinians were attending the colleges of other States and of Europe. One of the most careful and painstaking members of your board has a securately and painstaking members and painstaking members have been larger during the present of the board of trustees at the condition of own Mr. Blaine. He has not, however, that reputation as a debator that marks two hundred men and \$150,000 a year are two hundr saved to South Carolina by the reopening urday last, (June 6) the Columbia correspon- College and not because of its so-called of this Coilege.

"Lastly we hold that it is a vast benefit to South Carolina to gather her youth here from all sections, from all denominations, under the agis of the State, that from the mountains to the seabord, you from the mountains to the seabord that the address was arranged "good rivalry."

There is not one of Mr. Capers' boasted for a mountain the mountains to the seabord, you from the mountains to the seabord that the address was arranged "good rivalry."

There is not one of Mr. Capers' boasted for a mountain for a mountains to the seabord, you from the middle country, you from the eastern bor-middle country from the eastern bor-middle country

"Wise, cultivated, genial conversation der and you from the western border, are without instituting comparisons with other but was meant to "boom" the College inis the best flower of civilization, and the best result which life has to offer us—a cup, your State what it is, and to learn all that you owe to South Carolina. This was the measured terms and declares it to be so sucurious episode, out, as it by mutual consent, we avoided the subject. One night, however, when the moon was sailing majestically overhead dusty road between "the Pan" and Kim-

As high as the universities of Virginia, of North Carolina, of Georgia, or of Alabama."

nigh as those in such institutions as the University of Virginia, he has either been imposed upon himself or he is attempting to impose upon others. No one who knows Mr. Capers can suppose for a moment that he meant to deceive any one. He has, therefore, been led astray by a comparison of "Fellow-citizens of every name! Fellow-Christians of every faith! Let us maintain catalogues, and not a comparison of work one platform in South Carolina, where all may meet as the son and its mother, as the child and its God, animated by one sentiment: Do your duty, men and brothers, to this dear old State. [Great applause.] have appeared to even so ardent a friend of the South Carolina College as Mr. Capers.

than is offered by any other Southern college except the University of Arkansas. fessors and four tutors, at a cost of \$25,000, of which only \$17,500 is paid by the State. Think of it! Could \$17,500 be applied to a hearts and minds of two hundred young South Carolinians. one hundred and thirty-one and a half. It and one of them explained: record. Ought not this to be enough to satisfy the friends of the College?" Allow me to assure you that they are satisfied. But unhappily there are among the people of the correction made by the first to some who are your analysis. The did not review the reporter's manuscript, or know anyload thirty-one and a nail. It had thirty classes against our forty-six. It had thirty classes against our forty-six. It had twenty-two subjects of study versus our thirty-four. The board of trustess have a little advice. We want to get rid of our hand one of them explained: "You see, we heard you was a lawyer, and perhaps you wouldn't mind giving us a little advice. We want to get rid of our hand thirty-one and a nail. It had thirty classes against our forty-six. It had twenty-two subjects of study versus our thirty-four. The board of trustess have had an eye to progress. If science has ad-We give below the correction made by had an eye to progress. If science has adpreacher." had an eye to progress. If science has advanced. If "What ails him?" vanced so has your College advanced. If

Now, this is extensive work. How intensive is it? Eight professors and four tutors for "one hundred and thirty-one and a were present) who were laughing in their sleeves while these facts were being brought forward.

In speaking of the second ground of opposition to the State College Mr. Capers

says: "As to the second, a good many good and absolutely creates a demand for education.

Such a rivalry may be engendered by the reopening of this old institution, but no later last that the gossip of the hour which often degenerates into trivialties, wearisome and commonstitution.

"What are the facts? These: Since the public. The purpose was to glorify the colleges has increased. I get this fact from

the pyrotechnics of oratory and "facts

in the South Carolina College which cannot but work detriment to the denominational ture has progressed so has our College progressed. I have proved, I think, that the first hypothesis is untenable.

Ses. First, that the conlege is not in authorized but work detriment to the denominational colleges in its curriculum of studies and the advantages it offers, and is therefore not entitled to "As to the second, a good many good and the support of the State. Second, that it is therefore, as much entitled to the protection true men in this State who love their the rival of its sister institutions in South of the State as that institution is. This is tion charges in that institution and disarm the opposition which will close its doors if

I wish to call attention to some of the figures given by Mr. Capers in his speech If I mistake not, though brought in to praise, they remain to vex the much-lauded South Carolina College. The annual appropriation made by the State to the College is \$17,500, which added to that secured from the United States makes \$25,000 for the tuithe United States makes \$25,000 for the tuition only of 200 young men. That is, the tuition of one of these young men costs the State \$87.50, and the United States \$37.50, making a total of \$125 per annum. Education at the South Carolina College is more expensive than at Erskine, Wofford, Newberry, or Furman. As to who pays this tuition let us follow Mr. Capers a little fur-

ther and we will see. He says:
"Before the opening of our College 200
young South Carolinians were attending the colleges of other States and of Europe. One of the most careful and painstaking members of your board has ascertained this by investigation. These 200 young men and \$150,000 a year are saved to South Carolina

by the reopening of this College."

Let us take this statement as correct.

Then what becomes of the boast that free tuition in the South Carolina College has made that institution the people's college— the poor man's college? If these two hundred young men would be away in "other States or Europe," if the South Carolina College were not open, and each one spending an average of \$750 per annum there canfore them and discuss freely all matters affecting the College. The compliance had been full and in perfect frankness. They had communed together. He could not express the pleasure felt by the board upon learning that the great body of Carolina's sons in this institution were devoted to their studies.

buy his books, but was animated by a high and noble purpose. Your students esteemed him because he was a man, and he has climbed up to the highest places not only in the one case as the other. It would appear from what is here stated that the south Carolina College is far in advance of the denominational colleges of the State, fellow-students. You have more than the praise of man. You have the smile of God in the conclusion is as good in the one case as the other. It would appear from what is here stated that the South Carolina College is far in advance of the denominational colleges of the State, for not one of them claims to have a "stan-institution equal for not one of them claims to have a "stan-institution equal for not one of them claims to have a "stan-institution equal for not one of them claims to have a "stan-institution equal for not one of them claims to have a "stan-institution equal for not one of them claims to have a "stan-institution equal for not one of the denominational colleges of the State, for not one of the denomination is as good in the conclusion is as good in the conclusion is as good in the one case as the other. It would appear from what is here stated that the south Carolina College is far in advance of the one case as the other. It would appear from what is here stated that the south Carolina College is far in advance of the one case as the other. It would appear from what is here stated that the south Carolina College is far in advance of the state, the other carolina College is far in advance of the state, and the conclusion is as good in the conclusion as good in the conclusion is as good in th she was unconscious from the time when by one supreme act she broke the fetters which one supreme act she broke the fetters which dang given showed that as the students of funds are able now to run only a fact about you that could give me more ginia." Now what is the fact as to the comdence given showed that as the students pleasure than that a man is respected here parative standard of these colleges? A stuthere months in the year. These public passed from lower to higher classes they bebecause he is a man, and that the more eardent from Wofford, Erskine, Furman or schools are the only ones within the reach

judge them by real facts. It is right hard for some of us to see how these \$150,000 are saved to South Carolina, as Mr. Capers asserts. It seems to some of us that if what Mr. Capers says is true, the State is paying \$17,500 to save \$150,000 to the parents of these young men, who, but for the reopening of the South Carolina College, would be spending that amount in other States or in A. COKE SMITH. Europe. Columbia, S. C., June 8, 1885.

HE STILL PREACHES .- Two or three months ago a Detroit lawyer was in the northern counties on business, and one night while he was staying at a farm-house two or three of the neighbors dropped in

"Well, he's good and kind and a true Christian, but he's no preacher. Fact is

he's too slow for the times." "Have you thrown out any hints?" "Lot of 'em, but he still sticks." "How much of a salary does he get?"

"My dear friends, this step was rendered necessary by the continued hard times. I cheerfully accept the reduction, and in case it is found necessary to make a further reduction. tion of \$25 don't hesitate on my account. I am here to serve the Lord, and I can do it on one meal a day!"

CONVERSATION .- "The power to converse true men in this State who love their churches and colleges, believe that this South Carolina College is injurious to her younger sisters, but I am sorry to say that there are people in this State who make the cherge recepital to the troubles of the kitchen the people in this State who make the charge recapitulate the troubles of the kitchen, the dippantly, without care for its truth, or who cost of the last new dress, and the probable press it in their demagogy. There is nothing so potent, so sure to conquer in South ly, instructively, freshly and delightfully Carolina as truth. When it is earnestly, affectionately, sincerely put forward it will always triumph in this State. There is a people, and receptivity of impression." rivalry which is good for us all. It excites Plato banished the musicians from his to effort. It urges to higher achievements. It elevates and diffuses a nobler spirit. It have no interference, but in our later fash-

> As a mirror reflects the face, so conversation reveals the mind, and Dr. Johnson said he could tell just how much a man knew if he could hear him talk for a while .- The Current.

OBSCURE MEN HAPPIEST IN WEDLOCK. No woman will love a man better for being renowned or prominent. Though he be the first among men, she will be prouder, not fonder; as is often the case, she will not even be proud. But give her love, appreciation. kindness, and there is no sacrifice she would not make for his content and comfort. The man who loves her well is her hero and king. No less a hero to her, though he is not to any other; no less a king, though his only kingdom is her heart and home. It is a man's own fault if he is unhappy with his wife, in nine cases out of ten. It is a very exceptionable woman who will not be all she can to an attentive husband, and a very exceptionable one who will not be very disagreeeable if she finds herself willfully neglected .- Alabama Bap-

WAR AND THE WHEAT MARKET .- One

you gain fifteen minutes a day, it will make