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## SPIRALINGS OF EDUCATIONAL SUPREMACY

### Safely Invested

Lack of funds.  
 Yes, also several other children in the family to educate.  
 Many a boy has faced and is today facing this same problem.  
 But then the story of this boy is a little different, because of what he did to finance himself and is now assisting so forcefully in the financing of so big a corporation as to include the higher education of more than a thousand boys gathered from all over the Southeast.

With six other children he was left fatherless, the head of the family dying from wounds received in the Confederate Army. He had an idea he should have a complete education. He felt the South needed men thoroughly educated to combat not only with narrow prejudices but disseminate high ideals in the growing youth. Moral as well as educational zeal inspired him for his Southern people.

Fired with an ambition to go to college he lacked the funds.  
 To care for this important problem he formed a stock company with himself as president, general manager, secretary, and, in fact, every named official of a regularly chartered stock company except that of treasurer. He insured his life to protect the company against loss during the development of the company and its chief asset—himself.

Then there's always one of those safe investors, and this young man found him. The investment was \$2,000, entirely protected by the insurance policy the young man carried on himself for the company.

The young man graduated from a North Carolina College, received graduate work and diplomas from several universities, and immediately began as an outstanding figure in the educational world. The money he had borrowed from his safe investor was paid back and since then 218 boys and girls have been educated from the same fund by the same safe investors.

Today the same safe investor is the principal owner of one of the biggest construction companies in the South, the one now building the gigantic Spring Street Viaduct in Atlanta. His investment was in the Rufus W. Weaver Mind and Improvement Company, the sole purpose of which was the improvement of the mind of Rufus W. Weaver.  
 Dr. Weaver, president of Mercer University for the last five years, has paid up an indebtedness of \$240,000 to an active asset of nearly \$2,000,000. The faculty of Mercer University has been increased from twelve to 87, the departments of the college to a university of fifteen schools and departments—and the administration this morning has every reason to believe that the student body of five years ago, numbering barely more than 200, will reach a total enrollment of 1,000 students from all over the country.