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MRS. SMALL'S CASE.

No Member Of Annual Conference
—P. E.'s Conduct Arbitrary.

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Mr. Editor: In regards to Rev. Mrs. Small's case it appears that



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there has been "Much ado about nothing." I can imagine when Presiding Elder Snowden made up his judgment in her right to membership in the quarterly conference of York, Pa., he had in his mind the following syllogism:

- (1) A traveling preacher in full connection, is not a member of the quarterly conference.
- (2) Rev. Mrs. Small is a traveling preacher in full connection.
- (3) Rev. Mrs. Small is not a member of the quarterly conference.

While the first premise is true, the second is false; and therefore the conclusion is false. In reading Bishop Small's article published in the STAR June 16th, I noticed that while he said that he and his wife both belonged to the York church, he did not claim that she was a member of the annual Conference. In the STAR of June 9th, our venerable Bishop J. W. Hood, in reference to Rev. Mrs. Small's case, says, "She was recommended by the quarterly conference to the annual Conference, of which she became a member."

Now I am confident that it can be proven that the Bishop had been misinformed in regard to the matter. I stated in my article to the STAR of July 7th, that I doubted whether Rev. Mrs. Small is a member of the annual Conference in any way other than as Vice-President of the W. H. and F. M. Society. Since writing that article my doubts have resolved and now I am confident that she (Rev. Mrs. Small) has never been recommended by the quarterly conference for membership in the annual Conference; nor was she at any time received on trial in the annual Conference. Neither can

it be shown that she remained on trial or was ever received into full connection. See answer to Discipline questions in the minutes of each session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore annual Conference held since 1892.

I find in Presiding Elder Daniel's annual report to the annual Conference of 1894, that she was recommended to the Conference by the quarterly conference at York for local deacon's orders, which shows that she was at that time a local preacher. See Conference minutes of 1894, page 44.

While it is charitable in us to believe that Presiding Elder Snowden was actuated by the best motives in this affair, it is nevertheless evident that he had a fictitious case or question in his mind when he made up his decision, whereby a grievous wrong has been inflicted in the feelings of an eminently worthy member of the Church. Errors of law, made by a presiding elder, in cases of appeal to the quarterly conference, are to be corrected on appeal to the presiding bishop of the next annual Conference, who has, by our law, discretionary power, and can direct the presiding elder to rectify the wrong, or can "remove him and appoint another in his place." If the presiding elder kicks he will be found kicking against the pricks. Discipline page 60.

The case would, of course, be brought up in the proceedings of the ensuing annual Conference, where the whole matter would be determined and the bishop's decision on the questions of law in the case be fixed, and from which the presiding elder if not satisfied could appeal to the General Conference. The Bishop has dealt very leniently with the Presiding Elder, especially when it is understood that he had no case legally before him, the whole matter being a gratuitous assumption on



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his part. Elder Snowden's conduct in this affair has been, to say the least, rather arbitrary, and having been so gently dealt with by the Bishop, he would do well to quit crying and be thankful that his punishment was not greater.

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TRIALS OF A FOREMAN.

Must Be Both Editor And "Devil"
--Never Lose Temper.

BY MR. G. L. DOOLEY.

The trials of a Foreman are so numerous that I hardly know where to start enumerating them. We will start with Monday morning of a busy week. We have copy on the hook to last three or four days. Seven o'clock comes—the hour to start to work—and two or three men are absent. We put all to work as quickly as possible, then dispatch the devil to find the missing ones. The devil understands by looks and actions

body pull off and go to work on the new copy. About the time you get started good, customer number one will send for proof sheets of his job. You send him what you have and he sends right back to know when he can get the balance. The Foreman makes him some promise with a "loop-hole" in it, for he knows he can't keep it, but he must satisfy the customer. He will work over time to get the job up, and send out the proof sheets. The customer will keep them a solid week and send them back with instructions that the job must be finished and delivered to-day. It makes no difference how much work the

Foreman has promised to get out on this day; three or four other jobs will come in which must be had at once.

The Foreman has to be a mind-reader and also able to interpret Chinese and other hieroglyphics. He is held responsible for every error that is made, whether in his department or not. He has to work cuts in a job when they are larger than the page and make them register with ste-

reotypes trimmed two picas out of true. He must never lose his temper; if he does some one will say he is rattled over a little work, and if he can't keep cool and give instructions without getting mad he

that the Foreman is in no good humor, so he scoots out to find the missing ones, leaving the office half swept and sprinkler and broom in the middle of the floor. The printers breathe out threatenings against him as they plough through the paper and other rubbish on the floor. The Foreman will come to the conclusion after thirty or forty minutes that the boy is gone for good, so he finishes sweeping and puts broom and sprinkler away.

The Manager or proprietor is sure to come in and find him sweeping and jump on him for doing the devil's work and leaving more important work undone. When he tries to tell him that the boy had to go after the men, he hops on the Foreman because the men are not there. After an hour or so the boy is back with the men, and the Foreman has to swallow two or three yarns about a sick wife or baby or a late breakfast.

By this time there is a galley to proof and rush out. The devil, in the rush, pies about half of it and the Foreman starts to fix it up when the Manager will come in bringing a customer with him who makes you promise to drop everything and get his job out. The Foreman has to make every-

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had better get a job driving a dray.

If the Foreman doesn't want a Corbett-Fitzsimmons affair in the shop he never puts two boys on the same job. The meanest job the Foreman ever has is to get out a good job with incompetent workmen. It is cheaper to have competent men if you have to pay more for them. The man that runs to the Foreman every minute for instructions, can't follow instructions after he gets them. The Foreman must always have plenty of men to put on a rush job, but he must never have a force so large that he can't find work for them all to do. He must do twice the amount of work this month he did last, but the pay-roll must not be any larger; if it is, he is trying to bankrupt the concern.

The Foreman has a few things to worry him, but he has all day Sunday in which to rest from his labors and sweeten his spirits and be ready for the trials of another week.

To the Pastors of the First Educational District: Brethren—It is earnestly desired that you send in your collection for Children's Day as soon as possible. So far the collections have been coming in very slow. We want to publish all the names in the STAR in August and desire to make as creditable a showing as heretofore. Some of our most prominent churches have not been heard from. Send the money always to B. A. Johnson, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.



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Rev. Robert Blair Bruce was born in Charley Hope, Va., 37 years ago of Methodist parents. He was brought up a Zion Methodist under pious and careful parents. He attended the common schools of his community and got out of them all he could. By dint of hard labor he worked his way into the Episcopal Divinity School of Petersburg, Va., where he studied for several years taking both a literary and theological course. He graduated from this school in 1893 and was appointed to Winston station the same year. He was the successful pastor of Grace A. M. E. Zion church for 3 years and in 1897 he was appointed to Salisbury station where he is still holding forth a successful pastorate. While pastor of Grace church in 1895 at the decease of the Rev. Dr.