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The name of "Christian" was first given in derision. So was that of "Methodist," both are significant and we should never disgrace either.

If you doubt the morality of a thing before you go further, think seriously over these words of Scripture, "He that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith; for whatsoever is not of faith, is sin."

A feeling of relief rests upon the land now that the excitement of election is over and the crisis passed. We hope all the breaches that may have been rashly made by imprudent men, will soon be healed, and peace and love reign throughout our beloved state.

Mr. Wesley organized the "United Societies" for the promotion of scriptural holiness, having no intention to found a church. And not until America had declared her independence of England, was Rev. Thomas Coke ordained Bishop of the Methodist church of America.

**IDLENESS.**

One of the great sins of this world is idleness of brain and hands. God said six days shalt thou work. And it is just as much a breaking of that commandment to idle away the six days as it is to work the seventh. The lazy idler is doing no body any good, but he manages some how to get a living out of those who do work. He begs it, or steals it. But if it happens that he belongs to another class, he will buy on the "Saturday payment plan." He never denies the debt nor does he ever pay it. He says he can't dig, and to beg he is ashamed. We have known one of these lightened(?) loafers occasionally to be looking a job for a few months at a time at the expense of friends or relatives.

**GOD'S WAY.**

"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath and not according to that he hath not."—II. Cor. 8:12.

In case of ignorance, or of weakness or inability of any kind whatever, over which we have no control, the Lord is merciful and gracious. And in such cases only requires first a

willing mind to serve him with what means we have, and a good will to do more if it were possible. Impossibilities are therefore never demanded of us by the Lord. If God wants greater things than our present abilities will admit us doing, He simply opens up the way for an increase of powers, and thus all our steps taken, are accepted; because up to the standard measure of duty, namely, "according to that he hath." But oh, how often we say "I can't" in religion before we try. And yet, even, without first a willing mind, we wait for God to increase our strength or ability. Let us remember that our exhausted ability is God's opportunity to do for us, and to work through us.

**EXAMINATION OF CHARACTER.**

Our Conference will soon be in session at Elizabeth City. And all the members of the Conference will have to undergo an examination of character. And unless it can be said that, "there is nothing against him," his character will not be passed. In case there is complaint of immorality in the preacher's life, he will be tried before he is given work for another year. We fully believe that there is less chance for a Methodist preacher to go on, and practice wrong, than any other preacher, or private member of the church. Our church economy is such that the preacher is under the strictest surveillance all the while. And the sentiment of the Conference is that a preacher must walk straight, or he can not be one among us, and have our endorsement. This is right, too; because they are sent out to serve among strangers, and if we do not always send out honest and good men, the people would soon loose confidence in us and our influence would be crippled for doing good. The people of other churches do not need to put so much confidence in their church gatherings as we do in our Conference; because they do not send out preachers who are total strangers to the people. Conference will not always send the best of preachers, nor men with no peculiar features, but you may rest assured that there is no immorality known to be dominant in their characters. Every preacher's life, and character, and years work is carefully inquired into before he is passed and given work for another year.

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