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We are glad to be able to state, to many, who inquire in private letters, that Mrs. W. S. Black's health is gradually improving.

How often do we hear the remark from a sinner: "I am as good as the members of the church." In the first place it is not true. He is not as good as the members of the church. He may be as good as some few are, but we do not admit that he is as good as church-members generally are. In the next place, because church-members are not as good as they ought to be, is no reason why a sinner should not be a Christian. All such excuses are frivolous and unreasonable. When you get to the judgment bar God will not judge you according to the deeds done in your neighbor's body, but according to the deeds done in *your* body.

THE TODD-POLLARD CASE.

It will be remembered that we gave week before last the hasty resolutions passed by the Bishops of Northern Methodist Church, in reference to the arrest of two Methodist preachers in Arkansas. We also gave a true statement of the case by a minister residing in Brinkley, the place where the supposed outrage occurred. The New York Herald has requested the Governor of Arkansas to make a full statement of the case, which he has done for that paper. His statement confirms the statement we recently published. In speaking of this account, given by the Governor of Arkansas, the editor of the New York Methodist, who we believe has more religion than all the other Northern Methodist editors put together, says:

"This account effectually disposes of the charges made against the people of Brinkley and the authorities of the State. The deplorable facts of the case are clearly set forth, but other facts are related which take away all ground for believing that Mr. Todd was murdered or that the arrest were made to obstruct the work of ministers of the M. E. Church among colored people. The marshal who made the arrest is a Northern man and a Republican, and he had, as detective, instructions to look for a preacher from Missouri accused of wife murder. These two facts seem, to us, conclusive. The mob existed only in Mr. Todd's imagination, which had been extraor-

dinarily excited by unknown influences; the wound inflicted upon him while attempting to escape did not cause the loss of an ounce of blood and never endangered his life. Both these ministers received from Brinkley people various acts of kindness, and Mr. Pollard repaid these courtesies by omitting all mention of them in his letter—an omission which gave a fatal color to his report. It is not the habit of Methodist preachers to repay kindness with misrepresentation; unfortunately, the two stories about the physician do not agree, and the weight of evidence is against Mr. Pollard, whose statement does not refer to the cost of the medicines."

A little less eagerness on the part of Northern Bishops and Editors to stir up sectional strife would prove salutary in national affairs, and be more in accordance with the Spirit of christianity.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

DEAR ADVOCATE: With wife and children and an anxious heart, on last Saturday morning at 6 o'clock I boarded the train for Goldsboro, finding as Conductor that polite and christian gentleman, Capt. G. N. Waitt. For nearly six months my wife has been in feeble health, and by the advice of her physician, and kind and sympathizing friends, we were induced to try the waters of the sandhoppers salt baths, &c., upon the health of the suffering one. Capt. Waitt gave us every attention until we reached Goldsboro. There we changed from the N. C. R. R., to the Atlantic & N. C. R. R. with the accommodating and pleasant Capt. J. A. Richardson as Conductor. At Goldsboro we had the pleasure of meeting our friend Capt. Henry, and that enterprising business man and devoted Methodist, W. F. Kornegay, with Bros. Bagwell, McCorkle and Jurney. Bro. Jurney is prosecuting his work as Agent for Trinity College. Bro. McCorkle was returning to his charge at Beaufort after an absence of a few weeks, greatly improved in health and reconsecrated to the Master's work.

Major Hughes, the successful President of the Atlantic and North Carolina R. R. keeps his Road and rolling stock in good condition, and is making an effort to establish a line of Steamers between Morehead City and Baltimore, in connection with his Road. If this can be accomplished, the outlook for Beaufort and Morehead City is bright and promising. At 4½ o'clock we reached Morehead City, and though much fatigued, not so much exhausted as we had feared. Soon we were safely seated in the "Wade Hampton," a handsome, fast sailing boat, whose gentlemanly Commander Saunders, in a short time landed us at Beaufort. Here we are delightfully situated at the boarding house of Miss Sarah A. Davis, who is said to keep the best House in the place. We commend it to all who propose spending any time in this town. The table is provided with the best the market can afford—the rooms are comfortable and well kept, and the

servants more than ordinarily attentive. The House is also conveniently located.

We had the pleasure of preaching to a large and intelligent congregation at 11 o'clock A. M. on the Sabbath; and Bro. M. C. Thomas, who with his daughter is spending a short time here with relatives and friends, gave us at 8 P. M. a sermon which we enjoyed, and which we believe will do good. This is the place of Bro. T.'s nativity, and many of his relatives sleep in the Cemetery, which is in the rear of the Methodist Church.

Yesterday afternoon joining a group of mourners, after listening to words of comfort to the bereaved by the pastor of the Methodist Church, we saw laid among her kindred dead, the moral remains of Mrs. Fannie Fardery, a devoted wife and mother, who "fell asleep in Christ" upon the Holy Sabbath. A stroll, with several friends, through this "silent city of the dead," brought to light some facts which I deem may be of interest to our readers. Here repose the remains of Jacob Shepard, the grand-father of Commodore Biddle, who gallantly served his country against Great Britain. A brother of Commodore Biddle was President of the U. S. Bank during Jackson's Administration. Quite an excitement in financial circles was occasioned at that time by a veto passed by Gen. Jackson upon a Bill in the interest of this bank. Here is a handsome monument, erected by loving friends, to the memory of C. Wulf, a Captain in the Danish Navy, who while traveling with his sister, was attacked with yellow fever, and stopping at this place, died in a few days.—This devoted sister promised him to pay an annual visit to his grave—in the carrying out of which promise, she left her home, Copenhagen, Den., the following year, and perished with four or five hundred other passengers upon the ill fated Austria.

While in the Methodist Church we noticed a neat tablet placed there in memory of the Sabbath School teachers and scholars, who died with yellow fever in 1864. I have had the pleasure of meeting Bro. J. R. Rumley, a worthy local minister, who for over twenty years has been "Register of Deeds" for this county, thus showing the great confidence reposed in him by his neighbors and friends. His brother, James Rumley, has held the position of County Court, and Superior Court Clerk for 36 years in succession! Where can such another record be found? More anon.

Editorial Breviary.

"Paul, in the goodness of his heart never dreamed of Presbyterianism. All the churches were Baptist churches in those days, * * * The Baptists are doing more to-day for the salvation of the world than any people I know." The Biblical Recorder publishes the above in quotations and the editor's comment on it is: "Certainly." It is so ridiculous that it is amusing. — It makes quite a difference

whether a public prayer is intended for the ear of God, or the ear of the congregation. The prayer intended for the ear of the congregation is sometimes admired by the congregation, but never heard by God. — It is said that Wilmot, the infidel, when dying, laid his trembling, emaciated hand upon the Bible and exclaimed solemnly and with unwonted energy. "The only objection against this book is a bad life." Infidelity will not do to die by. — "I have been a member of your church for thirty years," said an elderly Christian to his pastor, "and when I was laid by with sickness for a week or two, only one or two came to visit me. I was shamefully neglected." "My friend," said the pastor, "in all those thirty years how many sick have you visited?" "Oh," he replied, "it never struck me in that light. I thought only of the relation of others to me, and not of my relation to them." We put this in for your benefit. — The ratio of divorce to marriage has been as follows during the last few years in four New England States:— Vermont, 1 to 16; Massachusetts, 1 to 23; Rhode Island, 1, to 13; Connecticut 1 to 10. If New Hampshire and Maine have a like divorce record, the number of couples in the New England States who make a shipwreck of matrimony is about 1,800 annually. New England had better look after her marrying folks instead of troubling so much about Southern negroes. A few editorials from Dr. Fowler on the subject of the marriage relation would do more good than his profuse writing in abuse of the South. If he is as cranky, however, on the marriage relation as he is on the South, he had better not write about it. — A young reporter penned a paragraph on a snow fall as follows, "the angels rustled their wings at an hour when Aurora goes forth to fulfil her mission and the earth was covered with a fleecy mantle of white." He thought it was very nice but the unimaginative editor dropped it into the waste basket and wrote in its place, "snow fell this morning." We commend this incident to some writers of obituaries.

Personal Mention.

Dr. W. H. Anderson, President of the Kentucky Wesleyan University, has resigned for the want of finances to carry on the institution properly. — The Rev. Francis Walker, formerly a member of the Alabama Conference, died in Hunt county, Texas, May 27. — The Rev. Samuel Harris, of St. James' church in Chicago, Ill., has been elected Episcopal of Michigan, to succeed McCoskry, resigned. — Bishop Atkinson has abandoned his purpose of going to Europe. After taking passage and arranging his exchange, he found that Mrs. Atkinson's health was too precarious to justify the fatigue of sea voyage, and so he has gone to Saratoga for perhaps a fortnight. — Among those converted during the meetings of Mr. Moody in Baltimore was a Jewish Rabbi, Professor Reider, who has entered the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church. He was born in Joppa, educated in London, emigrated to America, and became a Rabbi in Chicago. He attended one of Moody's meetings, and being converted, became an earnest believer in the Christian doctrine, forsaking the faith of his fathers, and is shortly to give a series of lectures

before the ministers in Baltimore on "How and Why he Became a Christian." — As Mrs. Homora Lacy was driving from Wilmington, Del., to her home in Chester county, Pa., June 7th, the contents of the carriage, cotton and straw, were ignited by a match, and instantly the whole interior of the vehicle was in a blaze. The horses were frightened and ran away, and before they stopped Mrs. Lacy was roasted alive. — Rev. J. M. Steel is writing the history of Methodism in Arkansas. — Washington papers announce that Gen. Charles F. Manderson, now of Omaha, late of Ohio, is to be nominated Secretary of War, upon the confirmation and retirement of Secretary McCrary. — President Hayes has nominated the Hon. G. W. McCrary, at present Secretary of War, to be Judge of the Eighth United States Judicial Circuit, vice the Hon. John F. Dillon, whose resignation is to take effect Sept. 1. — Rev. Dr. Hoge of Richmond has an invalid daughter who has been confined to her couch for ten years past. A telephone has been attached to the pulpit of the Dr.'s church, and by a wire running from the church to the roof and down the ventilator at Dr. Hoge's house, and there connecting with a bell hand telephone, the invalid on a recent Sabbath distinctly heard the sermon and all the service of prayer and choral praise. — Dr. A. W. Wilson has been afflicted with rheumatism. He is now in Virginia. — Our Bishops are at work as usual. Bishop Doggett is laboring in the West. Bishop Kavanaugh is in the eastern part of Tennessee, working like a young man. Bishop McTear is in Georgia, doing good service. — Dr. R. A. Young is spending a month in Virginia, filling appointments and engagements. — The Oxford Torch Light says: "We were pleased to meet our friend, Mr. Gay, in town a few days since. Mr. Gay is a son of Dr. A. W. Gay, of this county, and will be remembered by our citizens as a former clerk of Messrs. T. D. Crawford & Co. He graduated recently at the Vanderbilt University, and having been admitted into the Ministry of the M. E. Church, South intends to attach himself to the N. C. Conference at its next session. We are glad to welcome Mr. Gay back to the old North State."

— Rev. Ira T. Wyche has been sick. We hope not seriously and we hope that he is out again e'er this. — Prof. Lupton, of the Vanderbilt, is on a jaunt to Mexico during vacation. — Master Willie Lambuth, son of Rev. J. W. Lambuth, our missionary to China, is on a visit to this country. He arrived in San Francisco about the last of last month. He left his father in Japan. — The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred by Hampden-Sydney College on Rev. E. H. Harding of Second P. Church, Charlotte, and on Rev. E. Wood of North Carolina, and Westminster College conferred the degree upon Rev. W. W. Robertson of Fulton, Mo., in Missouri Presbytery, and upon Rev. Jackson Smith of Armagh, Ireland. — "Bill Arp" (Mai. Smith), the Southern humorist, has been lecturing in Tennessee. — Chancellor Garland, of Vanderbilt University, is on his annual visit to Old Virginia. — W. H. Pleasants, of Louisburg, N. C., spent several days with us the past week. He was always pleasant and is still as pleasant as ever; in fact, it was really pleasant to have him with us. — Rev. J. W. Primrose, a brother beloved, of the Presbyterian Church dropped in to see us this week. We are always glad to meet him.