

**Mr. Meadors Vindicated**

**The Popular Presiding Elder of Rock Hill District, against Whom Charges were Preferred, Completely Exonerated by Conference.**

Special to Charlotte Observer: Spartanburg, S. C., Dec. 15.—Charges were preferred in the Methodist Conference this morning against Rev. W. P. Meadors, presiding elder of the Rock Hill district, by the stewards of Trinity station, who alleged maladministration and actions not becoming a minister of the gospel. There are two charges, of two articles each. The charges grow out of the holding of an election of district stewards November, 17, at Trinity station, on the Rock Hill circuit. The first charge says "that Dr. Meadors did violate his sacred and solemn duty by refusing to conduct the district conference in accordance with the true intent of the discipline by declining to submit to the quarterly conference the nominations for district stewards until an election to the said office should be held by the Conference and further, that, while Mr. Meadors did not raise objection to the steward likely to be elected, he still refused to nominate said steward and did, without excuse, deprive Trinity station of proper representation on the district steward board."

The second charge says: "Mr. Meadors is guilty of improper words and actions, in that he referred to the actions of some of the members who took part in the nominations above mentioned as 'capers,' and that he wrongfully accused certain members of laying a trap for him, and did violate his Christian duty in failing to bring about a settlement." The complainants close their formal complaint by asking that their rights be protected by the Conference and their beloved Methodism to be vindicated.

In reply to this petition the Conference lost no time in passing the character of the accused, thus completely vindicating him.

**Mr. Creighton's Case--Trial Postponed.**

Special to News and Courier. Spartanburg, December 16.—The Rev. C. W. Creighton, against whom charges have been preferred by his presiding elder for making false statements against presiding elders of the Church, will not be tried at this session of the Conference, if at all. The case has been referred to his presiding elder to pass upon the matter of a trial if necessary at next Conference. The whole truth of the matter, in the opinion of a great many, is that Mr. Creighton will never be brought to trial, as it common talk that those who have the matter in hand are afraid to press the case, knowing that if a thorough investigation is made, the accused will win out in the end, and that he would present evidence that will not be relished by a great many Methodists, who are in high standing in the church. Mr. Creighton has a strong following, not only among ministers of the Conference, but the Methodists generally throughout the State.

**Robert E. Lee's Advice to His Children.**

Study hard, gain knowledge, and learn your duty to God and your neighborhood; that is the great object of life.

In your youth you must be careful to discipline your thoughts, words and actions. Habituate yourself to useful employment, regular improvement, and to the benefit of all those around you.

As to reading and music—all accomplishments will enable you to give pleasure, and thus exert a wholesome influence. Never neglect the means of making yourself useful in the world.

If you want to be missed by your friends—be useful.

You know my objection to incurring debt. I cannot overcome it.

You must patch up your house and get a sweet wife. You will be more comfortable, and not so lonesome. Let her bring a cow and churn. That will be all you will want.

Experience will teach you that, notwithstanding all appearance to the contrary, you will never receive such a love as is felt for you by your father and mother. That lives through absence, difficulties and time. Your own feelings will teach you how it should be returned and appreciated.

I hope you will also find time to read and improve your mind. Read history, works of truth, not novels and romances. Get correct views of life and learn to see the world in its true light. It will enable you to live pleasantly, to do good, and when summoned away to leave without regret.

Do not go to many parties; preserve your simple tastes and manners, and you will always enjoy more pleasure. Plainness and simplicity of dress, early hours, and rational amusements, I wish you to practice.

You must bear in mind that it will not be becoming in a Virginia girl now to be fine or fashionable, and that gentility as well as self respect require moderation in dress and gayety.

A farmer's life is one of labor, but it is also one of pleasure, and consciousness of steady improvement, though it may be slow, is very encouraging.

If you can do nothing more than prepare a site, lay out a garden, orchard, etc., and get a small house partly finished, so as to inhabit it, it will add to your comfort and health. Then, too, you must get a nice wife. I do not like your being so lonely. I fear you will fall in love with celibacy.

We must never yield to difficulties, but strive the harder to overcome them.

I am clear for your marrying, if you select a good wife, other wise you had better remain as you are for a time. An imprudent or uncongenial woman is worse than the minks.

A failure in crops will occur occasionally to every farmer, even the best, with favorable surroundings. It serves a good purpose, inculcates prudence and economy, and excites energy and perseverance. These qualities

will overcome everything.

You are very young still, and if you are virtuous and laborious you will accomplish all the good you propose to yourself.

I hope that you are becoming more and more interested in making those around you happy. That is the true way to secure your own happiness.

The farmer's motto should be toil and trust.

People have got to work. It is creditable to them to do so; their bodies and their minds are benefited by it, and those who can and will work will be advanced.—Ladies' Home Journal.

**Horrible Fate of Five Men.**

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.—The mixing house, or upper shop "punching" department of the Dupont powder mills, located eight miles north of Birmingham, blew up this morning and five men met a horrible death. The explosion was heard for 15 miles.

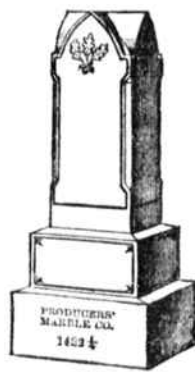
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