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"As ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so to them."

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"Stand like an Anvil."

THE MESSAGE OF DEATH'S LIGHTNINGS.

BY BISHOP [illegible]

"STAND like an anvil when the stroke
Of stalwart men falls [illegible]
Storms but more deeply [illegible]
Whose brawny arm[illegible]

"Stand like an anvil, when [illegible]
Fly far and wide, [illegible]
Virtue and truth must [illegible]
Where malice prevails [illegible]

"Stand like an anvil [illegible]
Lies red and glowing on [illegible]
Duty shall be the [illegible]
And conscience [illegible]

"Stand like an anvil [illegible]
Of righteous hammers [illegible]
Thane but the still and [illegible]
Of the great heart [illegible]

"Stand like an anvil [illegible]
Are born of earth, [illegible]
The soul, like God, [illegible]
Is solemn still, se[illegible]

The Political Character of the M. E. Church South.

THE following communication, written by a member of the Phoenix Conference of the M. E. Church South, to Rev. R. C. Emerson, Presiding Elder of the Charleston District of the South Carolina M. E. Conference, explains itself. We withhold the name and locality of the writer from the public for the present, for obvious reasons.

FLORIDA CO., [illegible]

REV. R. C. EMERSON—DEAR BROTHER: I write something of the [illegible] Third Quarterly Conference [illegible] that is, [illegible]

Last Saturday evening [illegible] meet all (if any com[illegible] made against me in the [illegible] was to come off on Mo[illegible] so informed my P. E., [illegible] that he was sorry to [illegible] me to resign the pastorate, [illegible] grounds of unacceptability, without an investigation as to why I had become unacceptable to the people of my charge.

This I felt, as a minister of the Gospel of Christ, was humiliating. [illegible] table, and if rumors [illegible] circulation, it was but [illegible] as to the Church of God [illegible] ject should be fairly investigated. But, [illegible] the inquisition [illegible] termined my fate. The [illegible] was not to be changed, [illegible] what they might. I th[illegible] when the Quarterly Co[illegible] proceed in the usual o[illegible] that the usual questions "Are there any complaints," &c., would [illegible] what I had heard, [illegible] would not hesitate to a[illegible] But, alas! the question [illegible] le servant was conc[illegible] out, in the sequel of th[illegible] ference, the P. E. manufactured a question to suit the times and e[illegible] size: "What is the relation that exists between the Preacher, or Pastor, and his charge?" stating at the same time that he wished the Preacher to give a history of his relation to the Church. Upon that, I arose and stated briefly that "there had been a very considerable depletion in my congregation: that I had seen proper to oppose Drunkenness, Disloyalty to the Government, and every other species of wickedness prominent in the land, and had used my influence to its utmost extent to prevent political opinion from affecting the fellowship of church members. But such was the influence of the Democratic party that I had driven from the church, and I was opposed to a political church.

After I had ended my brief statement, I discovered that it was the purpose of the P. E. to remove me from the charge, without having an investigation, whereupon I at once demanded in writing an investigation of rumors against me. To which he replied: "There is no complaint, no charge, nothing against your moral character; but the relation is such that I shall remove you from the *white* charge and leave you in charge of the *colored* church." I still insisted upon an investigation, but the reply was: "The innocent often have to suffer."

I have been of the opinion, and am still, that there can be no penalty inflicted upon any member of the Church without a preliminary process; although I suppose that where a man in the M. E. church South dares to support the Government of the United States, he may be considered as such an outlaw that he is not [illegible] Methodist Church South. Inasmuch [illegible] Now, sir, I [illegible] time [illegible] and hence [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]