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CHAPTER VII. Do I not live for it? I have no life, But in the hope that life may bring

The gloomy painter would have done much with the scene before us. The wild and mystic imagination ural terrors; and fancy, full if the melancholy twilight, would have endowed the dim shadows, larking like so many spectres between the bald cypress, with a ghostly character, and most unhallowed purpose. Though familiar with such abodes, Singleton, as he looked upon the strange groupings thrown along the sombre groundwork, was impressed with a lively sense of its imposing felicity. They stood upon an island in the very centre of the swamp-one of those little islands, the tribute ooze of numerous minor watercourses, hardening into solidity at last. These, beating their feeble tides upon a single point, in process of time create the barrier which is to usurp their own possessions. Here, the rank matter of the swamp, its slime and rubbish, resolving themselves by a natural but rapid decomposition into one mass, yield the thick luxuriance of soil from which springs up the overgrown tree, which throws out a thousand branches, and seems to have existed as many yearsin whose bulk we behold an emblem standing in utter defiance of the sweeping hurricane, we have an image of strength which compels our admiration, and sometimes the more elevated acknowledgment of our awe. Thus, gathering on this insulated bed, a hundred solemn cypresses mingled their gaunt, spectral forms with the verdent freshness of the water oakthe rough simplicity and height of the pine all intertwined and bound together in the common guardianship of the spot, by the bulging body of the luxuriant grape-vine, almost rivalling in thickness, and far surpassing it strength, the trees from which it de-

pended-these formed a natural roof

isolated, and through which the trib- appeal was made to their patriotism, their way, after a few miles of contracted journeying, into the bed and A couple of huge fires, which our party had seen in glimpses while approaching, were in full blaze upon the the glare of the fire, sat upon a log a cards, one at either end, and the third, while one more musical of some length, in which the current underwent improvisation. A stout negro prepared the evening meal, and passed between the card-players and to the release of the country from forand accontrements of this collection the pine wood fires which at night were kept continually burning around This had most effectually be grimed their features, and their garments had not failed to partake of the

of the solemn picture-que even in the

unthinking

amodating the hilt to his grip, deorderly, now secured them in the imnunities of regular warfare, and made that comparatively innocent which before was obnoxious to doom and deg-

With the repeated signals which they radation. had heard from their sentries on the appearance of the new comers, the at the approach of Singleton, the one brought him?" upon the centre, the other, and smallstarted to their feet, and put them selves in a state of readiness. The signals were familiar, however, and the use made of the former, we have already seen something; the other, spoke of friends in the approaching persons; so that, after a few moments while it had caught the eye of Major Singleton, had been too remote to enof buzz and activity, they generally sank back sluggishly to their old ocable him to distinguish the employ upations - the caro-players to finish ment or character of the various pertheir game, and the less speculative, sons who yet closely encircled it. He their sleep. Their movement, howcould see that there were several figures sitting around the brands, which ever, gives us a better opportunity to survey their accoutrements. The long, umbrous rifle seemed the favorite thrown together, as they had now fall- think how to have revenge for them." weapon, and in the hands of the dimin- en apart, and only gave forth a flickative, sallow but black-eyed and ering blaze at intervals, denying that revenge-speak not; I am thirstingventurous dweller in the swamps of constant light, without which he could the lowlands, across whose knee we not hope to gain any knowledge of the may here and there see it resting, it persons, even at a far less distance. may confidently be held as fatal at a These persons had not moved at his nundred yards. A few of them had approach, and had remained stationpistols-the common horse-pistol-a ary all the while he was employed in veapon of little real utility under any making himself known to those who ircumstances. But a solitary musket, were to be his comrades. This alone attention; and, in addition, he saw hough not one of the party present that those around him, when bending previous expression. All now was their glances off in the direction of summary impatience. out had his horse hidden in the swamp his own, shook their heads with an air round him, yet not one in five of the of solemnity, and, though saying nothpiders possessed the sabre, that most effective weapon of cavalry. These ing, were yet evidently influenced by his bosom with his fingers-"come!" vere yet to be provided, and at the ex-

a knowledge of some circumstances of a painful character. Observing the The immediate appearance of Major inquiring look of Major Singleton, is a sword; and this, Frampton, is our Singleton, as he followed Humphries up the bank, once more called them to Humphries approached, and whispered him that the party at the opposite fire consisted of Frampton, his two sons, the dragoons' track in short order," ew of them personally knew him. They knew, however, that he was high and the dead body of his wife, and in favor with Governor Rutledge, and proposed that they should go to him, gleton, and bending his head with a bore his commission. Of this they had The major at once consented. been apprised by Humphries, who had

"You'll see a sad sight, Major Sinmything.

been the recruiting officer of the troop

They now crowded around him with

show of curious examination, which

vas narrow and close without being

With that manly, yet complaisant

arbit which distinguished him, he soon

all anthusiastically received. His frank

fearless manner fine eye and manly

en enemy. Major Singleton was con

ent be made Humphries his lieutenant

and in thus forming the nucleus of a

orps, which, in the subsequent war

though it was obvious enough, that

while full of courage calm collected

ear, or the plan for striking at the

herefore, that he placed his recruits

Singleton press

obtrasive.

nade himself known to them, and his to the island, circumscribing its limits their hearts. He unfolded his commisand he alone, had been weeping. The as if to himselfnarrow creek by which it had been ecutive, in which a direct and warm other son, a tall fine-looking lad of "We shall soon be upon the draate waters of this wide estuary found and concluded with some remarks of sixteen, seemed inspired with harsher goons, and thenof the father to that of the mother though smooth and vonthful face took favorably to their minds in support of loosely-long, and delicately his pretensions to govern them. This nmand they at once tendered him: a woman of some attractions.

and glossy. She had evidently been He knew enough of that sort of fightperson was well formed and justly made; but for this he did not care, All proportioned, neither masculine nor plans are necessarily slow and tedious small. Her features were soft and to the mood that craves for vengeance had fallen upon it; and there were of the revenge which he desired, ofblotches upon the cheek and forehead, fered no suggestion, nor interfered in feet, looking forward into her face. was a fine one, as well in its mould as desire of his mood when that became in its expression. It was that of a concentrated. He saw that the prosidendid savage. There was enough of solemn ferocity in it for the murto soften, if not to subdue, the other isfaction of his thirst.

nore leading attributes of its characthe people generally of that neighbor- body, now returned to join in the de hood. His eyes were black and piercs liberations with the rest. His opinion ducation and bearing, without which glare of the fire at his side a corresponding intensity of hue. His lins He was not sufficiently their were parted; and the lower law seemaperior to stand apart and to command ed to have been thrown and kept down spasmodically. Through the aperture glared the tips of the small and white teeth, sometimes closed together by a fore the necessary start to intercept nough in the smaller details of mili- sudden convulsive jerk, but immediadventure - the arrangement of ately relaxing again and resuming their

he ambuscale, the rapid blow at the divided position. He took no sort of notice of the new comers, until, throwing himself alongside of the younger boy, Humphries took the hand of the mother into his own, and gazed over upon her face. single look; and as their eyes met, off times to lead be yet shrank from with water. The bereaved wretch, as of a tree opposite. He gave the particulars of his mother's removal in this dialogue, and of the resolute doggodness with which his father had

"And now major soldiers without Humphries more earnestly to the to a better but it must serve where and placed his hand resolutely upon This way, sir-to the body, as if determined not to suffer Frampton and his two sons included

ng brand, until their farther progress there's no use in keeping it here; and,

arrested by the waters of the indeed, there's no keeping it much lon-

full of ferocity, that Humphries preis exclaimed with difficulty, as if val of the enemy

through his elemened teeth. "You have we can get a better. This, if I lied to me, you said he should be hall do before long. Meanwhile, as brought him on "Who? brought who?" demanded the

other earnestly. "Whee!" acapons severally to the earth, test shricked out the word in sheering pre-

g the elasticity of the steel, then ac- repetition, he pointed to the body, while he cried, with a fierce laugh, belared himself suited. Humphries tween each pause in his words-"who! ade a selection after him, and the did he not strike her-strike her to emaining four were subsequently dis- the ground-trample upon her bodyributed among chosen men, to whom great God! -upon her-my wife? ommands in the little corps were as- And, as the accumulated picture of signed. As rebels, heretofore, the his wife's injuries rose up before his thort-shrift and sure cord must have mind while he spoke, his speech left been their doom, if taken. The com- him, and he choked, till his face grew mission of the state, and a due regis- livid in their sight, and yet he had The Whole Story as Seen From the ter of their names in the books of the no tears. He soon recovered sufficiently to speak again with something like

"You said you were my friend-that on would bring him to me-that should kill him here-here even while We have spoken of two separate mine eyes yet looked upon her. Liar! res as conspicuous upon the island where is he? Why have you not

"I am no liar, Frampton, and you er one, at its remotest extremity. Of know it. I never promised to bring to lead you to them."

"Do I want a leader for that?-you shall see;" and he relapsed after this eply, into the same solemn stupor which had marked his looks at the first coming of the two. Humphries proceeded with temper and coolness-"It is time, Frampton, to be a man to bear up against your losses, and "I am ready. Speak not to me of

"Yet, here you sit moping over your sses, while the red-coats are in the wamp-ay, hunting us out in our own grounds-Huck's dragoons, with Tra-

thirsting for blood!" was the reply.

The man was on his feet in an instant. There was a wild glow now would have been enough to attract his visible in his face, which completely superseded the sombre fixedness of its

"Come!" said he, waving his hand impatiently, and convulsively grasping connected with the mysterious group, right mood for vengeance, and I have

now our leader, and will put us on The maniac turned stupidly to Sin strange simper on his lips, simply repented the word "Come!" with which gleton- a sad sight!-for the man is he showed his willingness for the adcrazy, let them say what they may, venture. Humphries whispered Major while he gave directions for the inter

He don't know half the time what he Singleton to take him at his word, and says or does, and he scarcely feels move him off to the rest of the party, They moved over in the prescribed ment of the body. Singleton did so, direction, and approached without dis- and without any show of reluctance, turbing the chief personage of the Frampton followed him. Once did he pening speech won not a little upon group. The elder son, a youth of stop suddenly, turn quickly round, and twenty, looked up at their coming, but seem about to retrace his steps; but even more effectually than did the sion delivered an address from the ex- said nothing. It was evident that he, seeing it, Singleton simply observed,

tracted, desolate creature followed, like whose dead body lay between the two, a tame dog, the lead of his command-Her ing to see that they were judiciously The face was smooth, but and Frampton, satisfied with the prom and been bruised, seemingly as if she ise which they conveyed to his mind lence of that decay which was now been uttered among them escaped his appreciation. He was now fully awakposed operations were the best that could be devised for the encounter, and erer, enough of redeeming sensibility he looked to that now for the full sat-

Humphries having given his His skin was dark like that of tions duly for the interment of the giving orders that all things should slumber which had been allotted be

Travis. It was an hour after midnight when the guards aroused them with the with a drowsy movement along the the swamp. Sweetly the murmurs of those of Humphries intuitively filled influx of the tide from the sea, which he saw this, laughed sneeringly and the ear, as the waters, in feeble ripe derstanding the rebuke. It clearly and brought with them a sense of slightest degree to impair the feelings alge of localities and men, which hitherto resisted the burial of the him, and jects. With a ready alacrity, obeying the command of their leader, th compact body of twenty men the very boys being thus early taugh Travis was expected to pass. There

ed, they contidently awaited the arr

with hostile anxiety, and well prepa-

a "What qualifications have you for position in the weather bureau " asked the chief. "Well," replied the hope- that its selfishness, its injustice and its ful applicant. "I ence won a prize in great possibility of injury to both mer

REV. C. W. CREIGHTON'S CASE Deposed Preacher Reviews Work of Trial Committee.

CLAIMS HIS VINDICATION IS COMPLETE

Proves to His Satisfaction That His Charges Were True and Holds That the Verdict of the Committee Sus-

The Christian Appeal, Dec. 6. We have delayed the paper this week to get in a brief report of th trial of the editor of this paper. We will add further matter nex

When L. F. Beaty read the repor of the committee of trial in the cas of C W Creighton A Coke Man arose and said. "I rise to a question o personal privilege. I have no critieism to offer of the committee, but if that verdict is a righteous verdic then three-fourths of the South Car olina conference should plead guilty to the charge of which C. W. Creighton has been convicted, for we have talked it from the mountains to the ashore

The following is a list of the name of the committee who signed the re-

G. W. Walker, (president of the ne gro college, Augusta, Ga.); D. M. Me Leod. A. N. Brunson, J. D. Crout, C. C. Herbert, W. M. Duncan, R. L. Hol oyd, D. Tiller, J. G. Peckwith, L. L. Pedenbaugh.

In such proceedings in the Metho list church a majority of the comnittee decides and the custom is fo appear that the names of thre men who sat in that trial do not appear to the report-household name n every Methodist family in the state -J. P. Traywick, W. H. Ariail and immortal in the history of South Car dire Methodism.

When the lovers of truth, liberty the memory of brave and true men a fruitful source of injustice—an ecclesky-piercing statue of pure white, to ames of Traywick. Wharton and Mr. Wesley's counsel obeyed would

Rings and Results. For a number of years the existence

of a Ring in the South Carolina con erence has been holdly asserted an paragraphs the charge is believed by many to be What are we to understand by such a charge? A ring is defined to be a combination of persons to cortrol offices, or for other selfish purposes; a " Can it be proved that such clique. combination exists in our conferdence and how much is necessary substantiate the charge? Proving the W. Creighton says: "One set of men." existence of a conspiracy and its pur- all committees, and do so distribute Methodist church, have died, and in ose that would be held sufficient to themselves in the organization, that both instances the families telegraphestablish the combination. Put such they are able to keen themselves fully esitive evidence is hard to obtain, and informed of everything that takes shut up to such evidence it would be place, inspire action, shape move- jealousy, in all its hideousness. Mor of essential and the charge can be defeat any and every action as they article is maliciously false. fination. Indeed circumstantial evi lence is in many cases more conclutherefore, safer than the positive statements of sworn witnesses. Non t is not likely that a member of a ring to control appointments, office: and such things would give his parters away, but are there not facts suf-

combination in the conference. inference, select the members of all is maliciously false. ommittees and so distribute them aron, is forced to retire they selec-

site purposes, if not the existence of

that in direct violation of the law of They shelve the men who for ny reason they do not sympathiz comote those who stand by them an

oreing up their salaries in violatio f the law of the church 4. A bishop has publicly defended getting together," and said: "If there a ring and you've got any brain

They agree upon a method of

upport each other in doing it.

Combinations have been report by those who were supposed to have knowledge of their existence

niustice to others and serious damage o the church no intelligent man will by false,

controls the have conclusive proof of its existence

nore important offices in the church, which article is maliciously false. ome of the most worthy and capable men have been kept on the hardest Appeal, dated July 27, 1905, columns them with impunity and it has been appointments in the conference-they I and 2, Rev. C. W. Creighton says of have been persistently wronged and Rev. A. J. Stokes, Rev. W. P. Meadheir families have suffered. Their ors, Rev. J. S. Beasley, Rev. J. W. children in many instances have gone Kilgo, Rev. H. B. Brown, Rev. H. W. out into the world uneducated and un- Pays, presiding elders of the South Specification 4 under this charge was qualified for the great conflict of life Carolina conference, "When we take supported, on the part of the defense

On the other hand inexperienced men. work and in some cases without children to educate, have been persistentments whether acceptable or not. If Methodist preachers are brethren and Christians, why such a cruel and repis drying up spiritually and numeriistence of a ring? The continued ex- ly false istence of such practices means the death of Methodism! Mr. Wesley

minority to sign the report. It foresaw the possibility of just such a ondition, and therefore he counseled, "Let there be no respect of persons in tationing the preachers." What Mr. Wesley feared and advised against tigation. has become a fact and is forcing the W. H. Wharton. These names will be Methodist church upon the rocks. Judicial appointments are demanded by fairness and essential to the integrity of Methodism. "Respect of persons" nd justice shall erect to perpetuate is the offspring of combination, the siastical caste and a disintegrating el-

> make combinations impossible and preserve the life of Methodism. The following are the charges grow

ing out of this editorial and two small Charge 1.

We charge Rev. C. W. Creighton with gross immorality. Specification 1.-In the Christian headed "Rings and Results," Rev. C South Carolina conference, "organize Put such evidence is bear active influences, to promote or ble condition we spare him," which may approve or disapprove," which

> Appeal, dated Nov. 3, 1994, in an edi- charges that they, the presiding elders torial headed. "Rings and Results," of the South Carolina conference, page 1, column 3, the Rev. C. W. brought charges against him, that Creighton says, "They," meaning the they knew to be false. Which statepresiding elders of the South Carolina conference. "continue in office, and when one of their number, for any servery is forced to retire they select their successor," which article is ma- referring to R. H. Jones of Anderson liciously false

> page 1, column 3, Rev. C. W. Creigh- elders of the said conference. Which ton says, "They," meaning the presid- charge is maliciously false. ference, "exercise the power of a selfperpetuating body, and in direct violation of the law of the church, to his co-conspirators, meaning R. H. which they belong," which statement Jones and the other presiding elders

> Appeal, dated Nov. 3, 1904, page 1, presiding elders of the South Carolina 3, editorial headed "Rings and Results," Rev. C. W. Creighton says. "They." meaning the presiding ence, "shelve the men who for any do not sympathize with, and approve their methods, and promote those who stand by them, and support each other in doing it," which statenent is maliciously false.

> Specification 5.-In the Christian Appeal, dated Nov. 3, 1904, page 1, L. Freeman, editor of the Pee Dee olumn 3, Rev. C. W. Creighton says. "They," meaning the presiding elders of the South Carolina conference. agree upon a method of forcing up their salaries, in violation of the law of the church," with statement is maliciously false

> Specification 6 -In hishop does not exercise his constitutional prerogative and appoint the Creighton, to be referred to the prepreachers to their respective fields of labor," which statement is malicious, liciously false.

ly false

Specification 7. In the Christian Appeal, dated March 9, 1905, page 1 solumn 5, in an editorial headed "How 'reighton says, "Every time a presidries away from 12 to 15 per cent of every dollar paid him, and does it in him can be guilty of such heartless conduct we cannot understand. How a preacher can so far divest himself want of any evidence whatever to sup oblivious to circumstances and surheart of a sinner, and yet hold himself not sustained by evidence. Of charge reth, is beyond the comprehension of not sustained by evidence. In other the human mind except, yes, except words the defendant made good those upon the theory of idolatrons love of specifications. To them we invite money" which statement is malicious, special attention.

What are the facts? Some of the ly at the mercy of the presiding elders, spective fields of labor 4. In South American

onsidered in connection with the with impunity, and it has been done,

Specification 9.-In the Christian Standpoint of the Accused-He as a result of that persistent injustice, into consideration the efficiency of the by five of the best men in the state presiding elders, and the amount of who had been dropped from the board oung men, untrained in the itinerant service they render to the church, we of district stewards by presiding eld-Appeal, dated Oct. 5, 1905, page 1. olumn 2, in an article headed, "Strict-

discover a clear case of 'graft.' " ly kept in the most desirable appoint- the crime of graft is maliciously false. Itions of the annual conference passed chensible practice? O, for a knowl- ly Personal," the Rev. C. W. Creighage of wrong and a sense of shame! ton makes the following statement: But the results are not confined to "But of the egotistical, conceited and he preachers-the church has suffer- vain-glorious scribbler, who by an uned, is suffering and will continue to fortunate accident (?) sits at the edisuffer until the spirit and practice of torial chair, heretofore occupied by ombinations and ring rule are driven men of brain and character, we have out never to return. Methodism is a this to say: 1. His assumed attitude unit and every lick falls upon the of ignorance is a sham and a fraud. church; it is impossible to wrong the His attempt to constitute himself the individual without doing hurt to the voluntary guardian of the presiding statements to justify his conduct, his church. Where this sense of wrong elders, and the champion defender of character was not challenged in the and injustice exist there cannot be their past administration, is hypocrit- cabinet or on the conference floor, althat spirit of unity, enthusiasm and ical and selfish. 2. The editor of though known to a bishop and generoncert of action essential to success, the Christian Appeal recognizes in ally known in the conference, Are we not right? What are the the beardless youth who besmirchfacts? Methodism in South Carolina es the editorial chair of the Advocate, a contemptible intruder, and cally. Worldliness and formality over- dismisses him as such. 3. The editor run the church; accessions and con- of the Christian Appeal characterizes versions are few, out of all proportion the insinuations that he would not The word "graft" is undefined and to our numbers; the revival spirit has stand by his utterances as a wilful and departed from us; every enterprise un- deliberate falsehood, knowingly made dertaken in several years has been a and uttered by the Advocate accident," failure-a dead failure. Behold the which statements have reference to results! Do they not indicate the ex- Rev. E. O. Watson and are malicious-

Charge 2.

We charge C. W. Creighton with gross immorality which occurred subequent to the adjournment of the last annual conference, but before the appointment of the committee of inves-Specification 1 .-- In the Christian

Appeal, dated January 25th, 1906,

page 5, column 3, in an article signed

by the Rev. C. W. Creighton, he says

Rev. T. E. Morris, of Bennettsville, is

in this-he has made a dare-devil attempt to make it appear that we had nis-stated facts in our letter to Mr. merit write upon the tosmost round ement in the Methodist church. Put Preeman. He put up a man of straw. and to knock him out, valled to his as sistance others. He has publicly tried o besmirch our character and convicus of false words. He stands uncovered before the world, and upon him his own vile effort must react. He calls himself our 'friend from boyhood.' We feel humiliated-he should have spared us that thrust. His friendship has been that of Brutus to Caesar. Appeal, edited by Rev. C. W. Creigh- The reading public may ask, 'Why is ton, and published in the town of Morris meddling in this matter-a Greenwood, S. C., dated Nov. 3, 1904, volunteer?' For this reason: We We left many friends there; nearly every Methodist family in the place, as far as we know, takes the Appeal. Rethe conference, select the members of in Marlboro county, members of the ments, control measures, and bring to ris is a weak fellow, and in his pitia

> Specification 4.-In the Christian Appeal, dated Dec. 21st, 1905, page 1. Specification 2 .- In the Christian column 2. Rev. C. W. Creighton ment on his part, is maliciously false Specification 5 .- In the Christian olumn 1, he charges that Mr. Jones. district. South Carolina conference Specification 3.-In an issue of the was a co-conspirator, charging a con Thristian Appeal, dated Nov. 3, 1904, spiracy on the part of the presiding

Specification 6 .- In the Christian Appeal, dated Jan. 11th, 1906, page 4. column 3, he refers to Mr. Jones and of the South Carolina conference Specification 4.-In the Christian That Mr. Jones, or any number of the crime of conspiracy, that is, that the united or agreed to do, an unlawfu act in an unlawful way, or that they used unlawful methods to do a lawful thing and any statement or intimation on the part of C. W. Creighton that they are guilty of the high crime of

onspiracy, is maliciously false. Specification 7.-In a letter dated Jan. 16th, 1906, addressed to Mr. R Advocate, Rev. C. W. Creighton said that he absolutely refused to consent for the complaints brought against him, to be referred to his presiding elder, meaning the complaints brought at the last annual conference Which statement is maliciously false Specification 8 .- In a letter written to Mr. R. L. Freeman, dated Jan. 16 1906, Rev. C. W. Creighton said that J. W. Daniel did not consent for the complaints against him, Rev. C. W. siding elders. Which statement is ma

Committee of Investigation: T. C. O'Dell, W. A. Massebeau.

The following report of the commit ee of trial was furnished me by the essistant statistical secretary:

Charge 2. Specifications 4-7, sus

cations three were stricken out for

tions 1 2 6 and 8 of charge one were out as a follower of Jesus of Nazas two, specifications 1, 2, 3 and 8 were if it weren't for my money? He-A

The defendant has established by Specification 8. In the Christian the report of the committee the foll about all he had to put on. ppeal, dated March 16, 1905, page lowing facts: 1. The absolute truth

ablest men in the conference are not who for any cause, can wrong them Carolina conference the preachers are without legal protection and absolutely at the mercy of the presiding elders, who for any cause can wrong

If specification 2, charge 1, is true and the committee sustained it, the it follows that charge 3 falls with it

ers. The defendant supported the To charge the presiding elders with truth of specification 5 by the resolu-Specification 10.-In the Christian at Abbeville and evidence that the resolution had been persistently viola ted in every district in the conference mer presiding elder that when the lay siding elders supported him in the cabinet: that when a presiding elder had signed a written confession of imof his salary and making contradictory

> Specification 7 was sustained by the testimony of perhaps a dozen witnesses for the defense.

> Specification 9 was supported on the part of the defense as follows was used in the sense of a specia preference and privilege-the presiding elders are paid the largest salaries of any preacher in the conference and given a special lien to secure it

2. They had violated the Abbeville resolutions and in doing so increased their salaries. 3. Two of them had collected money on districts for traveling expenses while riding on annual railroad passes. 4. Others had demanded of preachers a per cent of monies to which they had no claim On each of these points positive tes timony was offered and it was not

controverted. In supporting the truth of specificaion 10 the defendant offered evidence that he had been forced into a controversy by the party mentioned in that specification and that he had replied o an offensive publication in his own lefense. 2. That much of the information upon which he had acted in his editorial course came from that party and that he could not be either ignorant or innocent of the things stated by the defendant and therefore his conduct was insincere. This was not rebutted by the evidence.

Specification 13 grew out of the folowing facts: The percentage plan of raising the salary of the presiding elder was in force in Orangeburg district. We had been informed by a year in which the salaries were paid siding elder could not retain that inrease and asked why not credit that ncrease to the conscience fund.

Specification 1, charge 2 was me with conclusive proof. Specification 4 was met by documentary and oral evidence from the accusers that they had given the matter of preferring charges against the accused, little or no attention until they met at night in Spartanburg in 1905, that they did not have the papers before them; that they did not know its contents and had no idea of bringing a charge against him until they met at that time, and, therefore, brought a charge sonably believe to be founded in fact or true. This charge now falls by the

original notice in writing, signed by the accuser, stating that the charge had been agreed upon at a meeting held at night by the presiding elders and the further fact that they had reached a decision by vote: that that proceeding was in violation of the discipline and that Bishop Candler had sublicly repudiated it.

Specification 7 was disproved by the production of the original letter to R . Freeman, the positive testimony of M. L. Carlisle, A. Coke Mann and the

defendant. It now appears by the report of the ommittee that constitutional Methodism does not exist in South Carolina that the presiding elders make the appointments and select their successors in office. We have succeeded in stablishing the existence of the most owerful ecclesiastical combination ver known to Methodism. We went up against that combination, we made manly, honest, fight; the prosecution packed one committee with the blood kin of the accusers and their sympathizers, destroyed records and they could not be had. The bishop yould not rule on the questions of law nvolved in the case and thus hung up very legal question until the meeting of the next General conference.

We are not vindicitive, we entertain o malice, we have taken up a fight for liberty, right, justice, freedom of speech and constitutional Methodism n South Carolina; in such a fight we knew the danger to be great; we ran stands for conviction, liberty, right, justice, freedom of speech and consti-

tutional Methodism ontinue to remain loyal and true to her policy, doctrines and constitution

and preach as a layman, wherever we have the opportunity. The Christian Appeal will be pub-

lished as long as our health permits and the public support it. A: She And what would you be now

bachelor -Tit-Bits importance, I expect that when Adam air of superiority. He-Well, that is

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