

BROWN WAS NOT LYNCHED.

He is Still Alive, and Wondering Who Started the Report.

The advices from Howard county on Friday stated that a colored man named Hezekiah Brown had been lynched for supposed miscegenation, upon investigation yesterday turned out to be untrue. Brown was seen Saturday, and is enjoying good health, and is alive and kicking. In his statement about the affair he said: "I would like to know who started this thing against me. Somebody who don't like me must have got it up and sent it to the papers. The idea that I would marry a white woman is simply absurd. There are too many colored ladies in the United States for me to do anything like that. As regards my relations with this woman Schultz, they have only been those of a gentleman. I have only known her about a month, as I have only been in the neighborhood a short time. I preached at Asbury Chapel several times, and Miss Schultz would come and listen to me. At first she would sit near the door, and then towards the last she would come up front. After the service was over Mrs. Schultz would mingle with the colored people as though she was one of them. She was often seen to associate with the colored people. Several times I walked along in company with Mrs. Schultz, but went no farther. Once, in company with friends, I called at her house. She wrote me a letter requesting permission to send her boy to my school. I replied that the boy could come to my school, and if he behaved himself he would be treated like the other scholars. I never made any pretence of love to the woman, and never led her to believe that I cared for her. The statement that I carried her to a preacher's house and married her is utterly false. I am almost a stranger in this neighborhood, and it puzzles me to know why any one should start such a thing about me."

Brown is an intelligent-looking man, of short stature, with a quick eye. He appears to take the matter coolly, relying upon his good character to stand the test of the opinion of the community. The woman Schultz is about thirty-five years of age.

Mr. John N. Rhodes, at whose house she lives, stated Saturday that the woman Schultz formerly lived in Baltimore with a lady named Hyatt. She then went to the country as a servant for the sister of Mr. Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes' sister died last September, and Mrs. Schultz has had charge of Mr. Rhodes' house, Mr. Rhodes being a bachelor and most of the time in Baltimore.

The report of the lynching which reached Baltimore at a late hour Friday night was published in *The American* Saturday morning and in the *Sun* of the same date.