

and distinguished gentleman. The ceremony was solemnized at the ex-governor's Hall street residence at 11 a. m. in the presence of the family, Rt. Rev. Bishop Burke, and Rev. Father Newman.

In speaking of the conversion, Bishop Burke said "Governor Woodson has for years had a predilection for the Catholic Church, and finally expressed a desire to join it, and in the event of his death to die in the Catholic faith.

"As far as I can learn he had never been baptized, but always had a leaning toward the Catholic Church. I have not been acquainted with the governor long. I first visited him last summer by request, before going to Rome, and did not see him again until I attended the ceremony of Baptism. Father Newman is acquainted with the family. One of the governor's daughters, Mrs. Hossea, was educated in the Sacred Heart convent and was a brilliant pupil, unusually talented."

It will be good news to the many friends of ex-Governor Woodson that he appears in better health now than he had been for several months past, having, as is well known, been for some time confined to his house by the infirmities of age. It is said that much of his old time vitality still remains, though he is now in his 77th year and those who have seen him recently think he may yet add several years to this span of life before the final summons comes.

The distinguished convert some twenty-five years ago was Governor of Missouri; and made one of the best chief executives the state has ever had. He retired from office leaving behind him a name to be proud of. As an orator he has few equals, his fame in this respect extending from one end of the country to the other.

He has been a resident of St. Joseph since 1854, is personally acquainted with almost every inhabitant of the city.

Notwithstanding his advanced age, until about one year ago he was able to attend to his duties as judge of the criminal court, a position he held from the time the court was created until a few months ago, when he voluntarily retired on account of his advanced age. - N. Y. Catholic Review.