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OUR AIM.

By reference to our "declaration of principles" it will be seen that we say "we will not allow personal abuse in these columns, and that we reserve the right to criticize the short comings of all public officials—commending the worthy and recommending for election such men as in our opinions are best suited to serve the people."

Now, let us be sober in all we go about. Let us cease to abuse each other and if we cannot agree upon the same men, why let us be gentlemen and allow others to differ from us as well as we differ from them.

Our aim is to take a less partisan stand than we purposed doing, but if we see wherein we can do our people good we will not hesitate to strike with all the energy that is in us.

EDUCATE THE MINISTRY.

Several persons have spoken to us of the remarks made by Bishop Jones in the course of his sermon last Sunday morning concerning the ministry and colleges. He said: "When the Lord calls some persons they thank him for the call, etc., but say I am not quite ready yet, Lord; I must go to college and fix up a little."

These words are not well understood, for one could not see why a Bishop would speak disparagingly of education. The great trouble with us now is the imposition of so many ignorant preachers and leaders. It is discouraging and disgusting to see men go in the pulpit to teach when they have not themselves learned.

cated ministry? The reason Zion lags so far behind now is because her leaders have pandered to the ignorance of our people and stood in the way of education. The Presbyterians and the Episcopalians have an educated ministry and the result will be they are going to have the educated people to hear them preach.

Our men ought not to say anything that can be understood to be against education. Educate, educate, should be our watchword. Men should not love to play upon the tender cords of ignorance and prejudice, but come down to the right and help us to educate and elevate our people.

MORAL GUIDES.

We would not if we were worthy, assume the position of conservator of the morals of the present generation. The duty rests upon other heads whose hearts are purer and have a deeper sense of the responsibility resting upon the guardian of a youth.

Parents who have not neglected the early training of their children in morals as well as the book, have done well. They are the proper moral guides of their children. The preacher and the teacher have their part also, and it is great.

The church itself is a great factor in shaping the course of the young. The acts of individual members or the body of a church membership is often taken as a license by the young to do certain things. If that is an evil thing, that member or that church has done a great wrong.

The church weakens its influence and greatly injures the race when it takes in men to expound the gospel and they disgrace the calling by immoral and improper conduct. It is not our business to direct parents nor the church, but we hope to soon see the day when men will be taken into the pulpit who are intellectually, morally and spiritually prepared before they are given license.

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Personal.

Miss Ella Jones returned home from Columbia last week after spending several weeks with friends.

Mr. M. W. Alston is visiting our city, the guest of Mr. L. P. Perry.

Rev. J. W. Colbert has returned to Zion Wesley. He stopped in the city last week.

Mr. John Clifton, of Columbia, S. C., spent a few days in our city this and last week.

Miss Hattie Sumner, of Salisbury, is spending some time with her cousin, Miss Minnie Sumner.

Mr. G. W. King has been very active for the MESSENGER. He says he wants to see it circulated among our people because it is a good paper, and he has therefore gone to work to increase its circulation.

St. Augustine, Fla., is building \$2,000,000 hotel.

ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Farmers, the Mechanics, the Artizans, the Educators, the Business Men and the Laborers in Every Department of Material and Intellectual Enterprise.

We again address you in behalf of the continued effort of the North Carolina Industrial Association to better the condition of our people by stimulating them to higher endeavors and grander accomplishments in the various avenues of human activity. In this we are not only to better our condition and advance our standard as a race, but the glory and greatness of our good old State and all her people must surely follow her success.

It is with no small degree of pleasure that we point to the magnificent work which has been done by the North Carolina Industrial Association in this direction. Opening its first great exhibition in 1879, it has kept up its organization and its annual display of the capabilities of our race to the present.

From now forth the effort will be to make such a display at our next fair as will, in some adequate measure, do justice to the productive capacity of our race.

This is an end so devoutly to be wished, that we rely most confidently upon the thoughtful men and women of our race in all parts of the State to aid us in every possible way. Set to work at once. Look through the premium list and begin the preparation of articles which come in your line. Put in your very best work.

We again return thanks to the white people of the State for the commendable generosity with which they have aided our enterprise. In this they have not only evidenced the existence of kindly interest in the future of the race, but have evinced a love of State and a breadth of conception which cannot fail of results of lasting benefit to all.

To the State press, the great power which has done so much for every enterprise looking to the material development of the State, we owe a debt of lasting gratitude. The very first to fall in the line of support, the unselfish gentlemen of the newspaper fraternity of North Carolina have never faltered in devotion to the best interest of our race as espoused by our organization. They have rendered us such aid as we could not have succeeded without.

To the State of North Carolina, the Governor and the Commissioner of Agriculture, we return hearty thanks for the patriotic manner in which they have fostered our humble effort to rise among the enlightened races of men, and by our progress and prosperity add to the progress and prosperity of our State.

And now to one and all who have had a kindly thought or who have given a kindly hand to us, we extend thanks and a cordial invitation to the eighth annual fair of the Association, which will open in Raleigh on Monday, the 8th day of November, 1886, and continue during the week.

Come with big hearts, big hands and big purposes. Come prepared to see the negro standing amid the splendor of his brain and muscle with arm outstretched

and index finger pointing on to the grand possibilities which the near future holds out to our advancing fortunes.

In behalf of the Executive Committee, CHAS. N. HUNTER, GEO. T. WASSON, J. H. WILLIAMSON.

Photographing Celebrities.

"The business of photographing celebrities," said Mr. Lockwood, the traveling agent of Falk, to me the other day, "has grown enormously within the last ten years. It has become so great as to almost overshadow private trade. In fact, some photographers let it do so, which is to my mind a great mistake, for if it is properly employed it can be used to build up the custom of private people.

English sparrows get a severe beating in a recent number of the London Academy, which says: "It is hard for a lover of birds to approach the 'sparrow question.' Sparrows are found to do more harm than snakes or tigers. Nature's thieves and vagabonds they are.

An Alligator Eats a Tramp. Last week a man, presumably a tramp, knocked at L. P. Thursby's door about 9 o'clock at night, after the family had retired.

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