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### AN UNFAIR ATTACK.

The *Star* of Zion charges us with unfairness in our criticism upon Bishop Jones. The *Star* has our consent to be its own judge of our fairness. Ours was a simple criticism, and believing the Bishop to be infallible, we dared to criticise what we knew to be a harmful attitude.

Brother Dancy certainly must stop this way of jumping at conclusions, or he will be considered a poor leader. He says "the Bishop was showing up the character and the preparation of the disciples, Wesley's ministers, &c." This is not the case; and if true, it was all wrong. This is an age of science, and the poor have not only the Gospel, but literature. Art and science is so scattered among the common people that it is absolutely necessary for all to prepare themselves before they go to church.

Was not Prof. J. C. Price called to preach before he was prepared? And did he not go to college and prepare himself? Some men, like Bishop Jones, educate themselves after entering upon their work; but it is a hard thing to do, and but few succeed in it, and they are men of fine natural ability and powerful energy and push.

Brother Dancy attempts to prejudice the Church against us, saying we wound up by unfair criticism and rebuke to Zion generally. There was nothing unfair in our criticism, and we have not a word to take back nor apology to make. It was all truth, and by the truth we propose to stick. We said nothing of the property owned by Zion or other Churches, and wish we owned three times as much more. It was the educational fitness and the remarks of Bishop Jones we spoke of. And as Brother Dancy well says, as our Churches are growing in wealth and intelligence, our ministry must grow in intelligence.

Brother Dancy's eulogy on Zion is good, but he knows better than to talk so much about proselyting. And that is why we criticise the Bishop. We have finished our college to prepare young men, and not a word of discouragement should come from any source.

Brother Dancy says Prof. Harris heard the sermon, and says it was misrepresented. Now there is not a word of truth in this, unless Prof. Harris, while in Salisbury, hears things going on in this city. Prof. Harris was not in Charlotte at the time. The editor of a religious paper ought to so inform himself as to publish the truth. We have not time to treat Brother Dancy's article this week.

The *Independent*, published at Charlotte by J. W. Brown and McEachen, made its appearance last Saturday, and starts out by pitching boldly into the *Messenger* for ridiculing the masses—*Star* of Zion.

This is a sly, ungenerous cut from Dancy, who knows nothing at all of our affairs here, or, willfully misrepresents everything concerning our city that he dabbles in. He ought to inform himself so as to stick to truth. The *Independent* is published by the Daily *Charlotte Observer* and Will Brown and McEachen (their names) are used as tools by the whiskey element of the democratic party. If the *Star* condemns us for opposing whiskey and the worst element of the democratic party, then let it drive on.

### BISHOP JONES.

Elsewhere will be found a letter from Rt. Rev. Bishop S. T. Jones, of the A. M. E. Zion Church in America. The Bishop complains of the *Messenger* garbling his sermon and ignorantly and maliciously placing him in a false light before the people. A denial of malicious treatment against a Bishop, Zion, or any person, is unnecessary from us. Our patrons and the people of our native State know us too well for that. We made no second-hand report, but took the Bishop's words ourselves and commented upon them in the light which he placed himself before thinking people. One young lady who has been very anxious to go to Zion Wesley, came to us before we left our seat and remarked: "Don't you think the Bishop's sermon was very discouraging to one wanting an education?" It was generally taken by thinking, unbiased people as bad language on the stand from any person.

The Bishop says we envy the progress of Zion!

Well, we will not, like the Bishop, rehearse our past life to tell what we have done, but will simply say there is a colored Episcopal and Presbyterian church here, and we have not been inside the Episcopal church once in two years, and in the Presbyterian church but once. We are a Zion Methodist, attend Clinton Chapel regularly, and contribute to both church and Sabbath-school as much as the average member. The files of the *Messenger* may be taken as one evidence of our envy against Zion Wesley, the *Star*, and all branches of the Church. The one fact of our mother belonging to Zion would be sufficient for us to love and cherish her—the Church of our choice.

We spoke against the use of language that may be construed into harm against Zion, and especially coming from a Bishop or leading man in the connection. We here speak against Bishop Jones' mimicking style of preaching in our Southern cities. We have intelligence in every Southern town, and it generally turns out to hear our leading men regardless of denomination. They expect much from our leaders, and it is mortifying to see them disappointed in Zion. We speak now, as we did before, for the good of Zion—because we love her. We know it was a bold and daring step, but what is a newspaper for but to say what in the judgment of the editor will benefit our people?

Of course we know the Bishop is a great man in Zion—we know he delivered the first annual address—that it was published and sold throughout the country; and we heard his address at the laying of the corner-stones of the two magnificent buildings at Zion Wesley College which are now completed. But alas! We are thus the more sadly disappointed in the Bishop's failures when we hear him.

The Bishop is right when he says there was no solicitation from the Presbyterians and Episcopalians to publish the article referred to. It was "Bishop Jones and his style" we aimed at. The shortcomings of the Church should be published if they cannot be remedied by milder means, and the heads of the Church are responsible for them all. For all that Zion has done for us we feel grateful, and she shall have our allegiance while we live. We court no recognition by repeating our past acts as do the Bishop in his article. As to being a beneficiary of Zion, we have tried always to give an honest day's labor for each day's pay we received—have generally done two men's work on the *Star* for two-thirds one man's pay; and the last time we worked on that paper we resigned a good light place to take charge of the paper for one-half the pay, in order that the paper might be manned, &c., by colored men.

But why don't the Bishop dispute our article? Why does he indulge in so much abuse? Such a course always shows weakness, and the Bishop thereby fails.

We admit there are many educated women in Zion, as the Bishop says; we admit they can send us to our books. And here we will remark, we have said nothing to reflect upon the ladies of Zion; and how such a construction could be placed upon our article, only a wicked and malicious heart could conceive. We know there are some educated ministers in Zion—and the Bishop knows that our position on the *Star* and the *Educator* for about four years entitled us to know about as much of the educational qualifications of Zion's ministers as any one living, at least of those who were active in conferences and who wrote for the paper.

But why is not the writer an educated man?

The answer is nothing to the credit of Bishop Jones. We had reference to ministers coming in the Church now, and not the past. Our father had not the advantages of education, and we failed to make good use of that we had; but those coming after us should be made to come up to the highest requirements. We feared there were some things too loose in Zion.

The points we want the Bishop to

admit are these:

That it is now twenty-one years since emancipation, and young men admitted to the ministry after now should be educated.

That while Zion has a much larger membership than the Presbyterians, Zion should have as many educated ministers to the thousand members as the colored Presbyterians.

That the Presbyterians are taking charge of the public schools throughout this Southern country that Methodists ought to have, and they are instilling Presbyterian principles into the hearts of the children and in many localities the Presbyterian ministers are drawing from the Methodists, and we have dared to sound the alarm in Zion, and in our own way, without prejudice or malice aforethought, properly locate the cause of Zion's lagging.

Ah, well do we know who built and manage Zion Wesley College. We are proud of them all. But Zion Wesley was not built until a young man, educated at a Presbyterian institution, comes out in the world as hundreds of other Zion young men and women should have done. The Bishop could not bear a full answer to that question from us. We might tell him too much, and he would probably use more profane sarcasm than he does in this letter. We glory in the building of institutions of learning and industry by colored men, but when we are unable to build them, our young people should not be kept out of school for that reason, but should be encouraged to take advantage of those institutions built for the benefit of the colored youth—and thereby hangs a tale.

The good men named by the Bishop are all well known to us. Many of them are among our closest personal friends. We would not dare reflect upon them—they have known us from early childhood, and will not be prejudiced by the Bishop. They know that we have the good of Zion at heart, and that we have the manhood to speak out for the right, even though it be against a Bishop. We said, and we meant, Bishop Jones placed himself in an awkward light before the people, and he ought not to abuse us for telling him so. We had no business going to him for an explanation. Believing we are right, we have no apology to make.

Strange times are these in which we live, for—

When old and young are taught in falsehood's school!

And the one man that dares to tell the truth is called an insane lunatic and fool.

### THE INDEPENDENT TICKET.

Charles R. Jones is an independent candidate for Congress. He tries to keep clear of both political parties, seemingly, but after all he is very dependent upon the Republicans for his election. Between the two, Jones and Rowland, a majority of Republicans would prefer to vote for Jones. Then there are others who have a fresh and very distinct recollection of Jones' past record; and when he boldly asserts that he is a Democrat still, and has nothing in his record to regret, they prefer to stay at home and vote for no one under the circumstances.

We believe E. C. Hinson is a republican—but, oh Lord, he is in a bad place. H. A. Deal is a Democrat; and we have known him several years to be a clever man. But upon what grounds does he ask for our votes? Tell us, Mr. Deal, Drs. Bruner and Sloan, how are you different from the Democrats on the other ticket?

And Mr. Rosseler—have you concluded that you can "vote for a Got tam nigger?" Will you support our Republican State ticket, or will you vote only for yourself, and be contented in giving your campaign fund to Mr. Webb Kendrick?

From a short conversation with Cooper, we believe him to be an innocent, good-sort-of-a-fellow, who has been made to believe he can beat Griffith! He gave us to understand he is no more in favor of colored men going on juries than is Griffith, but is tired of ring Democratic rule, because he was not in the ring. But after all we are not very anxious to see Griffith elected. As Cooper was an independent candidate before any convention was held, he might be accepted. But then, Mr. Salmond says he is a Republican candidate. We prefer Salmon of the three.

Johnson wants to be Register. He has somewhat a political record, and fails to tell us wherein he has changed or will benefit republicans if elected. But he and Cobb will settle that without much from us.

Then let everybody vote for McGinnis and Thomas for constables.

### Rowan Republicans.

SALISBURY, N. C., Oct. 2, 1886. Pursuant to call, the Republicans of Rowan county assembled in regular convention last Saturday. A full Executive Committee was appointed consisting of 13 active Republicans, and W. E. Henderson was unanimously elected chairman. Speeches were made by several, after which resolution were passed endorsing the action of the late State Convention and pledged their undivided support to the nominees. Perfect harmony prevailed. EVERTT.

### A Want Supplied.

Mr. J. K. Purefoy, an old cotton raiser and ginner, has just established a thoroughly first-class Gin and Press, Cotton Seed Crusher, &c., at his place, on East Trade Street, extended, where he is prepared to give satisfaction to his patrons. "Cotton ginned by him commands all it is worth in Liverpool." Mr. Purefoy was the first to offer to gin for one-twenty-fifth. Farmers should make a note of this.

The Local Club of the Fair Association will meet at Mr. A. W. Calvin's residence next Tuesday night. Let all friends to the colored fair come out. It will not cost a cent and you will do much good by coming out.

Read the advertisement of Brown and Weddington, where you should go to buy hardware, cutlery &c.

### A Lump of Coal.

Few persons have any idea of the wonderful products of coal—a lump of coal that is placed in the retort of a gas manufactory. Ordinarily burned, the combustion of a lump of coal results in carbonic acid, smoke (which is simply soot, or rather the visible portion of smoke is soot), and the ash, in which are found silica, alumina, oxide of iron, phosphoric acid, sulphuric acid, potash, sodium, combined sulphur, and sometimes traces of chlorine, titanate acid and other substances. In the gas retort a variety of products are obtained. The gas, as it is carried through the hydraulic main to the purifying-rooms, takes with it tar and ammonia, the latter evolved from the nitrogen. The ammonia has to be washed out with water, in an arrangement by which the ammonia is gathered and saved. Tons and tons of sulphate of ammonia are thus made and become an article of commerce. The sulphur is removed by caustic lime or oxide of iron. The carbonic acid is also removed by lime, but the carbonic oxide cannot be removed, and with several others remain in the gas after all efforts to remove it. These others give the gas its smell.

By distillation naphtha and asphaltum are obtained. Asphaltum is a dead oil, very useful to preserve wood. From this, too, carbolic acid is obtained, very important in surgical operations as being the most valuable antiseptic known. From naphtha, benzole, cumol, teluol and cymol are obtained. Naphtha, as is well known, is used as a burning fluid. Benzole is a solvent for grease and oils, very useful in cleaning kid gloves and things of that kind.

Benzole treated with nitric acid produces nitro-benzole. This, singularly enough, is used as a flavoring extract by confectioners, and for perfuming soap. When used for this purpose it is known in commerce as the essence of myrrhane, which it is not, although it smells and tastes something like the essence of myrrhane or oil of bitter almonds. Nitro-benzole is terribly poisonous, but not more so than some other adulterants used by confectioners.

From nitro-benzole aniline is obtained. This, when first obtained, is a perfectly colorless liquid, but darkens as it grows older. From aniline are obtained the coal tar colors, which are so very brilliant. The different colors known to the trade as aniline colors are of all hues. The one known as "turkey red" is exactly similar to the red that used to be made from the madder-root. Since the discovery of this aniline it has almost completely broken up the raising of madder in Holland. There thousands of acres were devoted to the raising of madder-root to get the "turkey red" dye. It can be made much cheaper from the product of a gas factory.

There are still many other products of a lump of coal after it is placed in the gas retort which cannot be enumerated here.

### Men Who are Wanted.

Of the many bible words which grow and grow into our thought and life, with our advancing years, few seem more impressive, even from the standpoint of merely worldly experience, than the familiar idea phrased in the text, "Unto him that hath shall be given." We give more and more love to those worthy of our affection; we bestow an ever-increasing confidence upon those who have rightly won them already. And this text is the best explanation of the often asked question, Why do we ask favors and aid of those who have the most leisure, but rather those who are the busiest and most sought for? In this world and in every line of work, we are pretty sure to want the men who are wanted by others. A word of counsel, or a minute's help from one who has shown efficiency in every labor, is worth more than a sermon from an idle bystander, or whole day's attempted service on the part of him whom the world very properly lets alone. Those who have the most to do are the very ones who are readiest, whenever possible, to do something more; and the qualities which make their time most valuable to themselves are the very qualities which they are readiest to enlist in still further service, at the call of duty. Notwithstanding all the element of truth in Gray's lines about me, inglorious Miltons and village Hampdens, or in Milton's assurance that "They also serve who only stand and wait," let us not forget the fact that it is a good thing to be wanted in this world of work.—*Sabbath School Times.*

### The Deepest Abyss.

The depth of the ocean—probably sea-level exceeding three miles—has been greatly overrated. School text books even now mention that between the Azores and Bermudas a sounding of seven and a half miles had been obtained. That measurement was made some thirty years ago by Lieutenant Berryman, and is now considered untrustworthy. The greatest reliable soundings have been those of the Challenger and Tuscarora, reaching depths of about five and a half miles. It is a curious fact that this corresponds very closely to the height above sea-level of the tallest mountain.

### Noted Mineral Springs.

The mineral waters the most esteemed in Europe for their medical effects are those of Vichy and Carlsbad, and large sums are annually paid by speculators to the two municipalities for the privilege of exporting the prepared salts and the waters. Carlsbad is now open for lease for a period of fifteen years, and it is expected that there will be a lively competition to secure the privilege. In the days of the great Frederick of Prussia Carlsbad shipped its "sprudel," but then only to persons of high distinction and as a special favor, for which a permission of the court was necessary. The water in those days was given as a present, and the recipients made the town a present in return, while those citizens who clandestinely received and executed orders from abroad were heavily fined for smuggling. It was not until 1814, and after a hot struggle with those of the inhabitants who feared that the exportation of thermal waters would cause patients to remain at home, that the regular commercial arrangement was fixed upon, which thirty years later gave place to farming.—*San Francisco Chronicle.*

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