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"Is the Negro free?" is the title of an article sent us this week for publication. The article is strong, pointed, interesting and truthful, yet we must for several reasons refuse to publish it. It might admit of many answers, but we believe in keeping the bright side to the front. In many sections of the South the Negro is not treated as a man. Right here in Charlotte a dollar in a black man's hands is not equal to a dollar in a white man's hands. He cannot buy what he wants. There are certain dry goods stores that keep different classes of goods for the two races. Drug stores that will not take a colored man's money for an innocent, refreshing drink. Yet there is a work for each of us to do. Education, morals and wealth will make us the equals of the best of men.

CHURCH ORGAN AND NEW CHURCHES.

We understand the duties of a Church organ or newspaper to be the publication of such things as will advance the interests of the Church and defend all of its interests at all times and places so far as is in the power of the editor. It is unreasonable to suppose every Church and individual will be mentioned in the Church paper. An editor cannot satisfy every one, and it is useless to try; yet, by using proper judgment, an editor can save himself of much harsh criticism. When a new Church is organized, and the editor visits that place, every one expects mention of the new Church. It is not expected that one Church will be mentioned every week, but when unusual and noteworthy occurrences take place it is expected some friend will cause it to be published.

It may be said that this organ is an improper source to criticize or attempt to point out the errors of a Church organ, but whatever comes under our observation that we think of interest to the people, that we speak of. If this paper says a good thing or does a good deed, should it not be accepted as good? This paper is not published in the interest of any particular Church or society, neither will we say anything to the injury of any individual, or body of individuals, unless it is done to benefit them and the public. This is the people's organ, and looks to the interests of the whole people, regardless of sex, creed or complexion.

We hear some complaint against the *Star of Zion*, our Church organ, for its failure to notice the new Church recently organized in this city. It is said the editor visited the city, and afterwards spoke of the other Churches, but the young one, which deserves mention and encouragement, was not spoken of. When it is remembered that this new Church has been so much abused on account of a cause which the editor of the *Star* pretends to think so much of, and when it is remembered also that it is, and has been, making as rapid and satisfactory progress as any new organization in the Connection, and pays its pro rata to the general tax, and as large a percentage to the Connectional College as any Church, it deserves better treatment than silent contempt. The members of Grace Church want the readers of the *Star* to know what they are doing, and as a fair proportion of them are subscribers to the *Star*, they have a right to expect a passing notice at least. If the editor cannot find time to visit them, it is hoped he will make inquiry, and tell the world there is such a Church in existence.

In speaking of the alumni last week we should have said forty-nine couples instead of forty-two.

CHILDREN'S DAY WITH US.

Last Sabbath was the day set apart to raise funds in all the churches in Zion Connection for Livingstone College. The churches in the city took a lively interest in the work. Clinton Chapel, the mother church, being the largest, led the others. There were special exercises in this church, consisting of essays, recitations and orations. The exercises took up the afternoon, and the church was crowded. The class making the largest contribution received the banner, as usual—this was class 9, taught by Mr. Wm. Gray, which gave \$3.55. The total collection in the Sabbath School was \$15.71—\$2.50 of which was given by visiting friends. There were 350 scholars present. The collections at the morning and evening services were added, which gave a total for the day of \$25 15. Little Grace Church Sabbath School was very quiet till the collection was called for; then a prize was offered the class raising the most money. Class 5, taught by Miss Minnie Sumner, raised \$3.15. The total collection in Sabbath School was \$7.66; the morning and evening collections were allowed to go on church expenses.

HEW TO THE LINE.

We admire the maxim, "Hew to the line, let the chips fall where they will," but one should be careful what kind of timber he uses; then he must be careful in lining off, and be sure to go no further than he marks. Our brother of the *C. F. Advocate* seems to have poor lining, bad timber or something wrong. Bro. Hill says he is "a plain sort of a fellow." That is right, but we must agree with Bro. Sanders that the *Advocate* is not plain enough. The *Advocate* has been beating around in the dark too much. If he is sincere, he should single out his game, then strike from the shoulder, letting the world know who hits and who is being hit.

We believe improper characters should be criticised when they impose on good society, but it should be done by proper persons in a proper way. If Sanders hit Hill in tender places, why Hill invited it, and should take it like a man. He should not resort to blackguard and abuse. We believe in a bold, outspoken paper; one that will tell a man of his faults to his face. But a sly, sneaking coward that throws in the dark, and whose fort is innuendoes, we despise. If Bro. Hill has the names of the parties he complains of, it is due the good people of Wilmington that he expose the guilty and relieve the innocent from embarrassment. The entire society of Wilmington is now under suspicion, caused by the charges of the *Advocate*. If anybody reads the *Advocate*, somebody is influenced by it. Bro. Hill may have hewn to the line, but he seems afraid to let the chips fall. We hope to see Bro. Hill get out of the difficulty in a proper way.

FLEEING WHEN NO MAN PURSUETH

John C. Daney goes for us this week in the *Star of Zion*, in his usual style, and but for the respect we have for our readers, we would apply the proper name to his false statements. He starts out with falsehoods and ends with the same. He says he thought his question was pertinent. He says our local editor knew nothing of our whereabouts. That is false. If any one told him the paper had suspended, he knew it to be a falsehood from an enemy of ours. It is always our "chief delight" to defend ourselves when attacked by sly innuendoes, and no one knows better than Daney why we are always ready to strike back when they come from him. As to what the *Star* gets from the general fund, the report shows that it got \$900 in 1885, and we did not suppose it was going back. We insinuated that the Professors assisted in getting out the *Star* in Daney's absence, which he admits.

Daney admits that he does not pay his bills, but he says he was "enjoined by Rev. J. McH. Farley." This lie must have its proper name. Why has he never told us this before now? and why does he always promise to pay when we meet him? How can any man or woman enjoin another without a note, acknowledgement or anything? For the lady's sake the matter in question will not be discussed in these columns. Smith has not one iota of feeling against the *Star*, but its sneaking and cowardly editor must learn to treat us as a man, if he speaks of us at all.

Daney never uttered a slander more base and false than when he says Prof. Price ever scolded or reprimanded us. Prof. Price knows us to be a man, and he or any other man who does not, and attempts to treat us as a child, will then and there learn it. The man that says we are mad with the College is a fool or a knave. It is very unjust to the institution for Daney to try to make enemies for it in this way. That was his dodge last year. The Thornton and literary affair is understood at the College, and all there knows that Daney tells a falsehood when he says we wrote Thornton not to come.

We are glad to see Daney admit that we voluntarily gave up our position as foreman of the *Star* office, after his having made the impression privately and through the *Star* that we were "removed for cause." There were words between Prof. Price and us, but he accepted our explanation, and to our face has ever treated us as a man. Daney is the proper person for us to make a target of, as he is a stack of fabrications and falsehoods, and as soon as we begin to riddle him, his only hope is to jump behind the church and the college.

As to the best colored paper in the State, we refer to statements in the *North State* and the *Outlook*. Since Daney takes up the Farley matter, suppose we go to Tarboro, and take up some of his "back accounts" that don't concern us? Why didn't he continue the *Sentinel*? Why don't he deny the direct charges we made against him? Why don't he keep the fight between himself and us? He could not answer us, and merely took up something else that did not concern him, to cause us to write about something that don't hurt so badly. Have you paid Miss Farley what you owe us? Try something else, Daney.

Children's Day at Davidson College.

Editor Messenger—Please allow me space in the columns of your very valuable paper to inform all whom it may concern and also interest of our Children's Day Exercises. In the first place I am happy, indeed, to say that on yesterday, at 1 o'clock P. M., Torrence Chapel was crowded to its utmost capacity, with an intelligent audience, consisting of many dear friends, teachers and scholars.

Rev. J. W. Stitt delivered the opening address, which fell like a genial summer shower of rain upon field, forest and garden, and which truly filled each heart and soul with aspirations unutterable. After this grand soul-cheering and awakening address, we then entered into the regular exercises of the evening.

Many grand and cheering speeches and addresses were delivered by members of the Sabbath School. Not only of Torrence Chapel Sabbath School, but the Sabbath School from Rev. D. S. Baker's church, at Davidson College, willingly and earnestly participated with us in the noble cause for which they combined. A grander and happier time has never before been realized at Torrence Chapel as Children's Day, June 26th, 1887. The grand and fascinating speeches, essays, recitation of verses, etc., by the many pupils of our Sabbath School, held the vast audience, about 200 in number, in perfect quietude for the space of three and a half hours.

I can only attempt to explain how well the review lessons of the second quarter were exercised by the dear little ones, more especially of classes B, C, and D. And indeed, nothing need be said of the higher class, A, as the pupils of that class are thorough in all the Sabbath School and Biblical literature which has been taught by their teacher. Indeed, everything throughout the entire exercises was well accomplished, with fortitude and in spirit.

Now in conclusion, I would just say that although every one present did not contribute in the collection, yet the amount of \$5.42 was collected. We are still loyal to Zion and her cause, and when her sons and daughters shall have vacated her earthly walls, it is our earnest and heartfelt prayer that we, the Sabbath School of Torrence Chapel, shall join in the

swelling ranks of the various Sabbath Schools of earth's millions, and march in splendor to that celestial city whose maker and builder is God, there to join in the sweet chorus of the redeemed, the ransomed, and the first-born in the Church triumphant, and bathe in the glorious sunlight of bliss unutterable around the "Great White Throne" forever.

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