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THE ELECTIONS.

Very important elections were held last Tuesday in several States. The correct figures cannot be given at this writing. From best information we can gather the result in the States is about this: New York, democratic with republican legislature; New Jersey republican; Pennsylvania 35,000 republican; Massachusetts 17,000 republican; Maryland reduced democratic majority; Virginia, democratic; Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, republican.

THE CITY ELECTION.

The election last Monday on the bonds was the quietest ever held in the city. Very little interest was taken apparently, yet it was seen that the opposition were working quietly, trying to keep men from voting so a majority vote would not be cast for it.

He believe they will sell them for as much as they can get and it is understood they will get par for them.

It is strange how some men will mislead the people, and yet men still follow them and go at their bidding. We are glad to see enough of the colored men voted to carry the bonds. Some of the colored men who live by the city's money found it necessary to disregard the advice of some of their old leaders, for they saw they were led wrong.

Another campaign will soon be upon us, one in which there is politics and it is expected the majority of colored men will be together; but men who have no principle and are bought at one time to deceive their people and lead them against their best interests, should be watched at all times.

The vote by wards was as follows: Ward 1—For the bonds 178; against 10. Ward 2—For the bonds 133; against 3. Ward 3—For the bonds 126; against 11. Ward 4—For the bonds 163; against 13. Total number of votes cast, 637, For the bonds 600; against 37.

OUR LEADERS.

We would not name any one particular class or profession of men as leaders of our race. Each community has its own leader or leaders. In one community the preacher is looked up to by our people as their guide. In another the school teacher is the head man, and in another the lawyer, or possibly some scheming politician.

The people of North Carolina have no recognized leader. We have a number of able, true and patriotic men, but envy in the hearts of demagogues have caused our best men to be injured with the masses. The motives of great and good men like Rev. J. C. Price have been questioned by ill-designed men, and much good which might be done our race is prevented by men who have only intelligence enough to do mischief.

If a man is a preacher, makes and keeps peace in his flock and community, lives circumspectly before the

world, and adds souls to Christ, that man does well, and so also does the mechanic who encourages industry, honesty and economy.

Every man is a leader of some one for good or for evil. He may influence only his own household, or one intimate companion—he is as responsible for that influence as the one who sways thousands with his eloquence or the logic and wit of his pen.

A people of our peculiar situation should, in our opinion, be led by the ministry, and we believe if left to them some years yet, we would be safely led to prosperity, politically, socially, materially, and spiritually.

It is gratifying to see the great improvement in the colored ministry in all churches. The Presbyterian Synod, held here last week, gives evidence of the work being done in that line. A few weeks ago the Baptist Association was held here and made for itself a record that no body of men need be ashamed of. Next week one branch of the Methodist Church will hold a meeting in Concord. In that body will be some of the ablest men of the Nation.

We hold that preachers should assume leadership in all moral questions, and that they have as much right to lead in political matters as any one else. While we believe in the separation of Church and State, yet churchmen should control one as well as the other, for "when the wicked rule the people mourn."

View of the Scripture Ethnology of Men and Races.

By Rev. H. M. Murphy.

PAPER NO. THREE.

We take up the subject where we left it off in our last paper, namely: at the dark link in the history of Cain's companion or wife, and his immediate descendants—for

Under mystery's veil there are concealed. Many names and links to be revealed; Why such the ways of a righteous God, To hide the name of the mother of Nod?

You have read the Bible—please read it again, especially the first, second, third and fourth chapters of Genesis. If it can be established as true, and I am satisfied it can be, that Eden proper, (if there was such a special spot) did not include all the district inhabited and cultivated by the descendants of Adam and Eve at the time Cain was driven from the old family circle, then a great deal of the history of this doubtful period will have been revealed and an important point will have been gained.

God said to Cain: "Now art thou cursed from the earth, which has opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand."

Cain was "cursed" by the voice of his brother's blood, which called for vengeance, or some other like retribution upon the murderer. God did not "curse" Cain, but simply told him the nature of the guilt which rested upon him for his wicked act. He was "cursed from the earth"—not from above.

And to-day the blood of the innocent all over the land, and in every country; even to the martyrs under the altar is crying to God for vengeance.

Again, the Lord said to Adam, "Be fruitful, and multiply, replenish the earth," (that is, with his offspring) "and subdue it," (clear and cultivate it,) "and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowls of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

Planting and cultivation were to be the employment of man; if not, why all this preparation? this power of germination in seeds? the necessity for rain, and the want of a "man to till the ground?"

Remember all the transactions took place before Adam and Eve were driven from Eden. There were two trees, the fruit of which they were forbidden to eat, but there were many

others, pleasant to the eyes and good for food. Mind you the garden in which Adam was placed was in the eastern part ("eastward in") of Eden. In Eden was the source of a river, which went out to water the garden, plainly showing that irrigation was necessary and well-known.

Gold mining, the use of precious stones, were practiced, plainly showing that what the sacred historian recorded was the customs of the people.

We know that the history of man in Eden and its immediate surroundings and events is certainly different from every other part of the Bible record. A gloomy cloud covered the whole just as soon as the link of harmony was broken. Can't any one who reads the Bible with both eyes see this plainly?

You also notice blooming springs, pleasant summers, and golden autumn must have smiled upon Adam and his people before his "fall," or how could he draw a comparison between an abundant harvest and one choked by thorns and thistles, and "cursed" with barrenness and sterility? Adam would not have known whether the earth was blasted or not if he had waited till after the "curse" to plant and reap. According to Milton, Adam had sufficient time to meditate on the works of his maker and become inured to the happiness he must have enjoyed in being placed in such a peaceable home, and not as some would have it, that he was driven out of Paradise before he was fully "dry."

Also, you see, that the earth was supplied with everything man could possibly need before Adam was put in the garden and commanded to dress and keep it. These views, if correct, and their correctness cannot be questioned, bring us readily to the conclusion that Adam had other descendants than those named in the Bible, and thus the increase thereof enabled Cain to take to himself a wife without the least difficulty. Late researches in Bible lands show the location of Nod was on the east of Eden, and doubtless included in the garden and fields in which Adam, Cain and Abel, his two sons, dwelt. Many ask, "If Adam had children, why are they not named?" We ask, Why are not the names of those given who were born after Seth? Read again. Then again we are asked: If Adam had sons and daughters before the "fall," were they reckoned as "sinners" afterward? We answer, they may have been, or they may not have been; for none of the race at this time has any conception of Adam's feelings when God adjudged him guilty, and yet all are called sinners. They sin in a different way from Adam, yet this is not saying his children did so. We have not attempted to give the name of this ancient ancestor, but to show you it is reasonable from Scripture to suppose that the human family had sufficiently increased up to the time of Cain's exile to be spread over all the surrounding country or countries. Hence this mystery is not any greater than many others recorded in and out of the Bible.

TO BE CONTINUED.

The M. E. Conference.

The 29th session of the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church met in High Point, N. C., on the 27th ult.—Bishop W. F. Mallieu, presiding. The reports show a good increase in the benevolent collections and gracious revivals all over the work. This session of the Conference is said to be one of the best in its history. Perfect harmony prevailed during the entire Conference. But few changes were made in the appointments this year. Rev. J. C. Champlin was elected ministerial delegate to General Conference next May. E. M. Collett, of this city, was elected alternate. Mr. W. M. Graves, of Oberlin village (near Raleigh) was elected as lay delegate. The next session of the Conference is to meet in Lenoir, about 85 miles west of this city.

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