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NOTICE!

We particularly call the attention of all our subscribers to the fact that whenever they see two RED MARKS opposite our paragraph relative to time, it is the last paper that will be mailed until the subscription is renewed.

Note! Note! Will our money senders please write our name plain in sending orders.

J. MCH. FARLEY,

so as to avoid the great trouble we have in collecting orders on account of our name being written wrong!

We here make a special request of all who do not receive their paper promptly every week to inform us, and the matter will be immediately looked after. Sometimes we unintentionally omit some of the names on the mailing book, but as soon as the news gets to us, the paper or papers are sent off at once. This notice applies to all those whose subscription have not expired. We shall be glad to have our friends renew their subscription at once, and thereby save the trouble of stopping the paper.

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in payment of subscription or other dues. We can't use them for money. We'll take all the ones and two cents stamps you send. But please send money orders or postal notes.

SANCTIFICATION OF THE HIGHER LIFE

Beloved Brethren—The Lord Jesus Christ has been pleased, after calling us unto repentance and reformation, to enjoin that we shall go on to the higher life—perfection of Christianity—After the child of God comes to the knowledge of justification, the state with God being clearly discerned, through Christ our redeemer, the injunction is "follow on to know the Lord." Christian, holy sanctification or perfection, whatever the term used may be, is immaterial to the issue. It is one of the benefits of the atonement and follows justification as a special grace and ought to be sought after until fully attained.

Christian holiness is devotedness to the great end of being and doing God of every possible kind and character held and taught by Christ and his holy apostles. Therefore be free from sin. Holiness does not consist of the mere knowledge of God, nor outward ceremony of religion, but has its seat in the heart—soundly reformed—effected by the love of God and regeneration of the Holy Ghost; "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God," for we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." The same power which gave life and glory to the crucified Saviour promises to give spiritual life and glory to the believer on Christ's merit. "Now are ye (they that are justified) light in the Lord—walk as children of light—have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. Sanctification is the essence of true happiness and the basis of that glory which has been promised to the faithful. It will manifest itself by the propriety of our conversation, regularity of our tempers, and the uniformity of our lives. It is a principle, progressive in its operation, and absolutely essential to the enjoyment of godliness here, and ever hereinafter. Our charter reads, "follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Therefore, that glorious work of God's grace in the human soul by which we are renewed after the image of God, set apart for his service and enabled to die unto sin and live unto righteousness, must be carefully considered, in a two-fold sense: 1st. As an inestimable privilege granted unto us from God the Father, for the great Apostle says, "Abstain from the appearance of all evil, and the very God of peace will sanctify you wholly," and I pray God that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved, blameless, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Secondly, As an all comprehensive duty required of us by his holy word, in another Scripture, we are taught that it is a part of the dispensation of grace (as we note), "For this is the will of God—even your sanctification that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessels in sanctification and honor, not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles, who know not God; that no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter, because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we have also forewarned you and testified; for God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

United States Senator Anthony of Rhode Island, died at his residence in Providence Tuesday morning from Bright's disease. The Senator was on the street Monday. He was 64 years old and the Nestor of the Senate. He was elected to the United States Senate in 1859, and has served uninterruptedly until the time of his death. He was elected president of the Senate several times.

The independent and labor party of Louisiana was organized Monday and a campaign committee was appointed. The Republican National ticket and platform were endorsed. Send in your subscription now, for the STAR.

CORRESPONDENCE

CONCORD, N. C., August 28.

Mr. Editor:

Dear Sir,—According to promise, I must say something more about the new brick edifice in this place. Perhaps it may inspire the ministers of Zion and induce them to believe the undeniable fact that perseverance and good government will accomplish anything in life. No doubt, Mr. Editor, you have seen and heard something about this work, nevertheless, I feel that I should say something more of the commendable way in which the pastor (J. M. Hill) and members are working to have such a building here that will compete with any in the State. The building is under the supervision of Mr. Wm. Houser, of Charlotte. Mr. Houser has the reputation of being among the leading architects of the age.

We say that Mr. Houser has the contract, but if you would see the Rev J M Hill running around on the building you would be apt to think that he had the contract. The edifice is now several feet high and everything working like a charm. But oh! how much the people are perishing here for room for a house to worship God in. They can be seen from time to time standing around the church yard wishing to come in, but the church being too small to accommodate them. Mr. Editor, if there ever was a place that needs a large and capacious church Concord is one of them. But thanks be to Him the ruler over the universe and knows the needs of His people. Everything bids fair to soon have one in Concord. When we look back over the past and think of the condition and see how nigh Concord came of being almost without a church for Zion; when once in time it appeared that none of the ministers wanted to be stationed at this place, from the fact that everything looked dark and gloomy; when the congregation came near being scattered like a flock of sheep that had no shepherd. It makes me believe, and all other thinking men should believe, that Elder J. M. Hill deserves and should receive the highest commendation, not only from the North Carolina conference, but throughout the whole connection—from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico—for having done for our people in this place what all of our ministers should endeavor to do. This shows what good government can do and will do, provided it be executed rightly. Good government is half the battle, and wherever you find otherwise, you will find an unprosperous and an unhappy community. A man should endeavor to have governing proclivities—especially the ministers, who are the leading men of the churches. And it is often the case wherever you find a church or any kind of organization on a decline, retrograding, decreasing instead of increasing; diminishing instead of improving, that the governing affairs are wrong. Oh, may God give us such men for our leaders, especially in the sacred desk. When Elder Hill came to this place there was no place for a minister to stay. He was placed into a rented house, and the worst of all that was soon bought out from under him. This being a fact, we might say he and his family were put of doors. But what did he do? fold up his arms and waited for some one to come and pick him up and place him in another rented house? No; but he came out like a valiant soldier, rallied his men, leading them like a man, he found himself comfortably seated in a handsome parsonage, something which Concord could never boast of before for her colored ministers. Since that time there have been some improvements made to the parsonage by his own hands, assisted by Rev. R. Hasty. All this seems with examples to show what great good can be accomplished by good government, perseverance, and diligent labor. He, together with his docile members, made their brick with their own hands. The place

where the bricks are made is about a mile and a half. The reverend gentleman has been known to spend night after night with some one of the members at the kiln making bricks. He has bought a mule of which the bricks were made. This mule is known as the A M E Zion mule—he is used as the beast of burden for the church and to convey the Rev J M Hill from the place where the bricks are made to any place he desires to go. The misfortune is, Mr. Editor, the Reverend has no saddle; he has been seen before now riding along on nothing but his overcoat; but amidst all of this they live in hope, and that hope is to be able to buy the reverend a saddle when they get the brick church completed. We hope the church may be completed soon for many reasons, and one of them is that the Rev may have a saddle.

Pray for us that the A M E Zion connection will soon have a church here that will compete with any in the State, regardless of denomination.

Yours for the work,

J. B. COLBERT.

P. S.—We are glad to say that Rev J M Hill has the co-operation of all the people principally in the town, regardless of denomination. They all seem to be in harmony with him. We notice that those who are not even connected with the church are putting forth efforts and using their influence in behalf of the work.

Respectfully,

J. B. C.

[We think all who read this letter, white or colored, will be willing to make a donation to buy Rev. J. M. Hill a saddle. We will be one of any number to buy a good saddle. Who will speak? Send us your name.—Ed. STAR.]

CITY NEWS.

We place under the names of our Presidential candidates (Blaine and Logan) the name of Hon. Joseph P. Evans, candidate for Congress from this (the 4th) Congressional district. We hope and shall do all we can to have him elected to Congress by an overwhelming majority over that of his opponent. We believe he will be the choice of the people of this district. It is known that he will have heavy odds against him, composed of the revenue ring, posted as scouts, all through the district to oppose their own interest, and especially the colored men, who have been for twelve years or more crying "give us a colored man from this district for Congress," and as soon as a colored man had the boldness to try the strength of his countrymen, the cry is raised by colored men that "it is a Democratic click. This is all a false issue. We don't fear the Democrats any more than we do the Republicans. The time has come for us to be men, and not children and tools. If we are poor we will see to it that we will not be bribed by money as some we've heard of. Send Evans to Congress by nine or ten thousand majority. We can do it."

We call the special attention of our country as well as the city readers of the STAR, to the advertisement of Messrs. Plummer & Wheeler in this issue. They have on hand a large supply of everything in the way of guns, rifles, pistols, hardware, doors, sash, blinds, &c. Prices reasonable and satisfaction guaranteed.

The public schools opened on Monday. Although the day was very warm, 2,063 pupils were in attendance, 379 whites and 1,174 colored. The number increased each day during the week.

There is a very interesting sketch of the life of Hon. Joseph P. Evans, published in the Index Appeal of this city, Tuesday's issue. We shall be glad to publish it in our next issue if we can. It shows how he has pushed his way up in life from a boy.

The West Alabama annual conference will meet in Selma on the second Wednesday in December, 1884; Bishop Lomax presiding.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Journalism will be continued in our next issue.

Brother J. M. Hill, of Concord, will sell fifty copies of the STAR this week. He is pushing ahead with the new brick church.

Brother E. D. Jones, of Westbrook, N. C., commences a protracted meeting this week, and he asks the prayers of the church in general for its success. Our thanks for returns from papers sold.

Brother Wright, of Chattanooga, writes that he is having quite a success in revival meetings—thirty-one conversions, and twenty-two have united with the church. Thanks to Brother Wright for sale of papers.

We spent last Sabbath at Tarboro, N. C., and found Brother Glass doing well. The day was so warm that services were disagreeable. Brother Glass reported that a great revival meeting was going on at Williamston, under Elder W. H. Newby. Some twenty-five or thirty had professed religion.

The Canada and Michigan conference will convene the second Wednesday in September, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, Bishop Moore, D. D., will preside. We hope to hear good reports from these conferences. Brethren please renew your subscription and send in others.

Bishop Hood is now holding the Kentucky conference according to notice, in Lebanon, Ky. It convened on the first Wednesday, the 3d inst. Notice of this should have appeared in our last issue. We hope the bishop and the brethren may have a pleasant session. We would like to be with them but we cannot.

We have received another good report from Evangelist S. B. Hunter. On leaving Edenton he says forty were converted and the altar crowded with mourners. Rev. Brother Steward is moving on nicely. At his last writing he was in Camden, N. C., with Elder W. H. Pitts, and already three had professed religion and mourners coming to the altar. He says up to the 26th of August, he had been five weeks from home in revival meetings.

Rev. T. A. Weathington, of Evergreen, Ala., desires the following question answered by whom it may concern: Why does the name of Rev. Joseph Gomez appear in Zion's history as secretary of the East Alabama annual conference, a position he has never filled in said conference? T. A. Weathington's name should have appeared, who was elected to the position by a unanimous vote three consecutive times. We say to Brother Weathington, we publish this by his request, but we think it is only an omission of the proper name furnished the publisher of Zion's history. "Thou hast done the work and thou hast the honor from thy conference, as thou hast said."

We publish in this issue an itemized account from the general steward of money received from the various annual conference stewards for one month. We are glad to see an increase in our finances. The \$528 55 should have been \$5,028 55 for one month, according to our membership. We fear some minister, or his church is not reporting to the annual conference steward as they should, according to the action of the last General conference it was calculated that at least three or four thousand dollars would be raised every month to meet the demands of the connection. Thus far we have failed. We say that there is a storm gathering over some church or minister's head and when it bursts it will tell the tale. We are sorry to see that the Virginia conference is classed among the smaller amounts, but her time is in November. Yet the brethren had better make monthly collection according to law and report them.

The Genesee conference convened this week, Wednesday, the 3d, in Ithaca, N. Y., Bishop J. P. Thompson, presiding. Business of much importance is to be settled at this conference. Bishop Hillery's, defunct, case was referred to this conference from the General conference, for conduct, as was alleged, unbecoming a minister. We hope he will put in an appearance, as we have heard nothing from him since the General conference. Oh, where are his followers and the good name they published in the Philadelphia and Baltimore conference, that they said we were trying to blight. O, that good name, we fear, has gone under a dark cloud to shine no more in Zion; we saw the breakers ahead of him, we sounded the alarm, but he and his friends would not take warning, and some are scattered to this day without work in the ministry from following his advice. May God help them all and save them in Heaven.

Money received since our last issue.

Rev A L Scott, papers sold,	50
O B Gorham, sub,	50
Henry Griffin, sub,	50
Bishop Moore, papers sold,	\$1 20
Thomas Griffin, sub,	50
Bennet Gray, sub,	50
Rev T A Weathington, sub,	80
Rev I C Clinton, papers sold,	1 00
Rev J C Saunders, do,	75
Mrs Miles Young, sub,	25
Rev G L Blackwell, papers,	2 00
Rev T P R Moore, sub,	50
Rev E D Jones, papers sold,	1 25
Rev H W Barnett, sub,	1 00
Rev J W Wright, papers sold,	1 00
Mrs Courtney Dozier, sub,	1 50
Rev B R Glass, papers sold,	2 00
Rev B R Glass, collection and papers,	
Rev J W Smith, papers sold,	1
D C Evans, sub,	1 00
North Carolina Central Sunday school convention,	1 00

General Fund.

The following conference stewards have forwarded money on the general fund during the past month:

From A Walters, California conference,	\$31 50
I C Clinton, S C,	29 00
J B Johnson, Ky,	94 05
Jacob Thomas, N Y,	15 00
A Anderson, N J,	10 00
W H Ferguson, Tenn,	25 45
W J Moore, N C,	21 00
R H Simmons, C N C,	15 00
J S Cowles, Phila & Balt,	31 15
John Thomas, Genesee,	35 80
G H S Bell, N Eng,	18 00
A L Newby, Va,	10 00
W H Chambers, at Alleghany conference,	192 54
Total,	\$528 55

Yours truly,

C. R. HARRIS.

Take Notice!

To the ministers of Chester District.—The Chester district conference will convene at Fort Lawn, Union church, (Rev G W Clinton, pastor,) on the 16th day of October.

Ministers are required to take a collection of one dollar from each church for district conference and delegates expenses. Collect all the general fund or as much as possible, so that the statistical table may be made complete. Ministers coming from toward Chester will leave on Wednesday.

The district Sunday school convention will convene on the second day of the conference. Every superintendent is requested to be present or send in a report of the school, embracing everything essential for the Sunday work.

I. C. CLINTON,

Presiding Elder Chester district.

A GENEROUS SETTLEMENT.—Mr. Beecher thinks \$500 was a "generous settlement," so the reporters tell, for having secured a woman's affections and person, stolen her child, put her in a lunatic asylum, and then called her a professional drunkard. The rascal was paid more for their colts than that by any sire of record.