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J. MCH. FARLEY,

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

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

C. L. Jones & Co. at 315 12th St. Lynchburg, is doing a good business in the grocery line. They keep on hand a large supply of the best groceries, and other articles prices low to suit the time.

From the planet—good news—that Blaine, Logan, Grant, Conkling and the entire Republican National committee are in favor of the election of Hon. Jos. P. Evans.

Rev. Mr. Armistead, and Rev. Fuller of Portsmouth and Norfolk, Va. with other Baptist ministers of this State are on a visit to Mississippi to attend a Baptist convention.

A FEW EXTRACTS FROM BISHOP TURNER'S ADDRESS.

I thought a few extracts from Bishop Turner's address to his district, and comments on them by us, would be of interest to our readers.

I shall expect in my visitations no nonsensical consideration, decent respect is all I want, and as I have to read and write while going the rounds of my work, you will favor me greatly by providing quiet quarters, where I will be annoyed as little by children and loud mouthed babblers as possible. I had rather stop in a house with a dirt floor and eat corn bread and milk, where I can have a private room with table, good fire and warm sleeping than all the parlors and carpets in the land, vexed to distraction with inconveniences for study and talk to death. Some people will call upon you for a brief talk just before you go into the pulpit. They will torture you with their foolish babble when they know you ought to be upon your knees asking God for help to preach his word to sinners. Even minister, at times, will sit around you like buzzards, talking nonsense to the last moment, when they know you have to preach to large congregations, allowing you no time to think, to pray, or read. Whenever a minister does me so, I judge him a poor tool, for if he knew the magnitude of his calling, he would know that no man is fit for the pulpit till he has given himself afresh to God in prayer and meditation.

This is timely, some members, and ministers too, wait for the Bishop to come, and then tell him every petty objection to the pastor, and complain, to him of all, and minister too, who may, by some transaction, gotten into their debt. Though they may never have seen him before, yet they think he ought to have a general reckoning with every body before he leaves, on simply hearing one side of the subject. Indeed, a man must have great experience in all things if not, misled in judgment, by such pests, both to the church and Bishop.

7th. I am glad the too frequent mention of "our beloved Bishop" is going out of use, and that "our presiding Bishop" is being employed instead. I have heard men say "our beloved Bishop" at times when they disliked every hair in the Bishop's head. I hope the term will be annihilated soon, as it is not purely Methodist anyway. Especially ought it to go out of use now, since the late General Conference of the A. M. E. Church and the great M. E. Church, have decided that a bishop is no more than an elder—the most startling piece of church humbuggery even put upon record since God had a church on earth, carrying the ministerial parity theory further than the anti-Bishop churches ever contemplated, for they have held under sober discussion that God had sanctified the office in all ages and made it a means of grace in the extension of his kingdom on earth.

8th. I beg to say I have rarely ever allowed my prejudices to rule me under any circumstance, but under no circumstance has personal likes or dislikes ever controlled my official duties. I never allowed it either as a pastor, presiding elder, or plain, &c., nor shall prejudice ever influence me as a Bishop. No man will never get what is commonly called a good appointment from my hands for any personal like. But I do have official likes and dislikes as high as the heavens. I do dislike a lazy minister. I do dislike a man who will leave his daily work and come into the ministry and impose himself upon the people for a support, and then destroy every place to which he goes, through sheer indolence. When a man cannot succeed at anything, can't draw the people, can't sing, can't preach, can't pray, doesn't can't build, can't raise any money, can't get up a revival, can't read respectably, can't write legibly, can't increase the Sabbath school, &c., of what use is he? Is he of any more than a horse? If he is I do not see it. Often he is worse than a horse, for a horse would not expel anybody, and the men who cannot succeed anywhere are always hunting some one to expel or suspend. O, yes, they are going to clean out the church, purify the members and do big things. Poor creatures, if they would read God's word and the lives of great men in the church, they would find that the only way to clean out the church is to get a baptism of the Holy Ghost in the church. No man ever cleaned the church by expulsions since the world began. I do not mean a person ought not to be expelled under certain conditions; but as Bishop Payne says, the last thing a minister ought to do is to expel a member, and so says Christ.

9th. I care not what reputation a minister has for learning, he will never be regarded by me as a great minister unless he exhibits great interest in the salvation of souls. These great learned failures are more objects of contempt than pity. I believe in a divine call to the ministry, and that God never calls a man who he knows has no elements of success in him. And no man who is a failure will ever receive long recognition at my hands. Where a first class church is at stake he is liable to removal at any moment.

Though the Bishop and we disagree

on his method of doing, we are not for spots on the mantle of the Episcopacy. The action of his and the M. E. General Conference in their Bishopric was as good Calvinism as if Calvin himself had been there and engineered the discussion to this final conclusion. Those two great branches of the Methodist family have said this office is a superior one. They are no more Episcopal Methodist. Have no right to regard their already ordained Bishops any more entitled to the chair in an Annual Conference than any other brother if the Conference should think him competent. Can't ordain any more Bishops in those churches without doing it for fun, for a Bishop is only an elder, or chief pastor after the Apostolic plan, the Scriptural inference is that this chief pastorate was simply the Presbytery selecting some one to act as moderator while doing business, but after adjournment every one had his parish. Now the M. E. Church South, the A. M. E. Zion Church, and the C. M. E. Church are the only Episcopal Methodist in America, and now the obstacles to a union of our and the A. M. E. Church are greater than ever, for the A. M. E. Church has now no Episcopacy. This is our objection to the last General Conference, if they are not willing to make one dozen and six Bishops every session, aspirants want to tear the whole church in pieces. We commend the Bishop's idea for giving appointment to men and not to pets.

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We think like the Bishop, that a man who is a failure every where he goes has left his occupation and come into the ministry for a livelihood, and that it is more trouble for the Conference to provide for these blunders than it is to save souls.

11th. I shall make it a rule to fill the office of the presiding elder with the ablest men I can find. I shall not consult the wishes of the ministers appointed. A Methodist minister has no right to a choice or wish; he gave them all away when he was ordained a deacon. I am glad the presiding eldership was made universal. Now all episcopal aspirants can have a chance to try their hands before they are made Bishops. Our Lord says he that is unfaithful over little will be unfaithful over much. So say I on the presiding eldership. A man who cannot succeed as a Bishop. Thank God we have a drill ground now North and South. Heretofore the South only had it; now we can drill men for the Bishopric in all parts of our church and have some conception of their fitness before they are made chief pastors.

12th. I shall expect ministerial dignity, coupled with kindness to characterize all the brethren, and for no wranglers to invade our union. This can be accomplished with great ease, provided we make it a rule to speak well of each other; a minister who willfully slanders another is a bad man. I trust there will be none in our ranks.

Just what our General Conference ought to have done, established the presiding eldership from Maine to Mexico, for there is no more argument against its utility than there once was against dividing the A. C. Conference, which division in the third year more than doubled its General Funds in the same territory. The Bishop says a slanderer is a bad man. Yes he is a villain, mischief making, vicious liar, and we cannot save even ministers of this type, by saying, well, all men have some short comings, for no liar can be a Christian. Oh! how much have some of our men suffered from this class of men in prominent positions. We can vary with the drunkard, the adulterous, the most publicly discredited, but of this class of men we are most fearful than to meet the lion of the jungle. T.

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Abingdon, Va.

At home at 11:27 Saturday morning on the N. W. R. R. at 3:55 P. M. we were at Lynchburg—we spent six hours there, and took the 10 o'clock train for Abingdon, arriving there at 6:30 A. M. Sunday, and we soon hunted up our good Brother J. H. White, who received us kindly, and his good wife soon had everything comfortable in their neat house. We took them by surprise, as they were not looking for us. After a good mountain breakfast, we went to the church at 9 a. m. We found Rev. J. H. Sterling, pastor, hard at work in the Sunday School, which is always a good sign of an acceptable pastor to a church to find one early at Sunday school, and there taking part in the Bro Sterling took the lead in singing and teaching. The school, we learned, numbers 92 scholars with an increase every week, we were pleased at the earnest teaching in the school. We tried to cheer them with a kind word of encouragement, at 11 a. m. and 3:30 p. m. we were requested by Bro Sterling to conduct the exercises. The membership here is not very large, but we find them a ready and willing people we done as well here in the interest of the paper as we have done at similar points. We found Rev. Bro Sterling ready and willing to give aid to the paper and we got a collection and several subscribers. We find the members speaking in the highest terms of Bro Sterling and they are praying that the Bishop and conference may return him to Abingdon another Conference year. As we desire to visit the conference at Marysville, Tenn., on the 1st Wednesday in October, we returned at once to our post.

CITY NEWS.

Mrs. Margaret Cook, a prominent member of the Oak-street A. M. E. Zion church, died Tuesday night about 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Eliza Allen, also a most prominent member of the same church, is very sick at this writing. It is hoped that she will soon recover. Mrs. Ellis, another member, is quite sick. The prayers of the church is asked in their behalf.

Rev. C. W. Winfield and his congregation are pushing ahead with the completion of the Oak-street church. At their grand rally for raising funds for this purpose they raised on Sabbath last \$152. Very good for these hard times, and we hope to see the house completed soon.

On our way to the mountains on Saturday we were in company with Hon. Joseph P. Evans and others on their way to Blacks and Whites where they were booked to speak on the political contest of the day in the Fourth district; we saw a large crowd at the depot awaiting the arrival of these speakers. Evans was greeted on his arrival. Col. Brady, his opponent, was along and one or two colored men following him, and advocating his claim, and for what we were unable to learn, unless it is to degrade their race or not having any manhood in them to set in common with other men, claiming their God given rights. We see that the people of this district are in earnest in their effort in sending a man of their own race to Congress from this district, as they have been made fools of and fooled long enough, yet we saw Col. Brady looking very cheerful and hopeful.

- Money received since our last issue.
Rev J. W. Wright, paper sold \$1.00
Rev G. L. Blackwell, paper sold .75
Henry Evans, sub .50
Mr. Addison Owens, sub .50
Mr. A. McNeil, sub .50
Rev A. B. Smalls, sub .50
Miss Milkey Gans, sub .50
Rev J. W. Eason, papers sold, 1.50
J. M. Beaman, papers sold, 1.38
Rev W. H. Cooper, sub, 1.50
Rev J. H. Sterling, collection, 1.75
Mrs. Emma White, sub, .50
Mrs. Louisa Minor, sub, .50
Mrs. Angelina Black, sub, .50
Mr. Aaron White, papers sold, .50
Rev R. C. Moore, sub, 1.50
Mrs. A. H. Eason, sub, .50
Mrs. A. S. Hanes, sub, .50
Rev W. H. Newby, papers sold, 1.00
Mr. R. A. Morrison, sub, .50

Education Gives wealth.

There is no subject upon which men write more, than upon the subject under consideration. This subject is talked of so generally that the newspaper students swiftly glides over these articles in search of better digestive food. It has become so general that it prints his inward hurts—so he concludes—but reader bear in mind, that which is so paramount to a nation's prosperity should not be thus treated.

The oftener it is discussed in our weekly chronicles, should be the more pleasing to us.

It is said that "wealth is the child of education." The elevation of a people in intelligence and taste, increases their demand for the products of human industry and skill, and at the same time intensifies human effort, and multiplies, and varies the form of industry.

In all conditions of civilization man does not work, except from interest or necessity and so long as human nature remains what it is, there will always be persons who prefer to get a living by their wits rather than by hard work. This is by no means reproachable, since they deal fair and honest with their fellow-man. Education makes free, it supplies the necessity conditions to make work interesting and stimulates invention and discovery.

The agriculturist can be so stimulated and intensified, on looking out upon his wide extended fields of cultivation as he who have studied carefully and scientifically the nature of the soil and its adaptation to certain growing substances, the professor enters his recitation room with more delight than he who feels and knows that he is master of the situation. Education promotes industry and lessens idleness. It awakens, and not only awakens but multiplies desires and thus incites effort to secure the means to their gratification. Ignorance every where clothes itself in rage and lives in hovels, but when man's nature is opened by education, his desires clamor at the gateway of every nerve and sense for qualification. "An educated people have the art of working both with their hands and with their brains, and they may be trusted to take care of themselves.

The higher the education of the people the greater their drift and enterprise.

To prepare man to meet the higher obligations of manhood is the highest function of education. Let us not content ourselves with a mere smattering of an education, but keep constantly before us the words of a certain writer who very truthfully said:

"A little learning is a dangerous thing. Drink deep or taste not the Perrin spring. For shallow draughts intoxicate the brain. But drinking largely sobers it again."

More anon
F. A. CLINTON,
Waxhaw, S. C.

A CARD

To the ministers of the Virginia Annual Conference A. M. E. Z. Church. Dear Brother Ministers: I was again elected at the late general Conference, Vice President of the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society for the Virginia Conference. The object of which is to organize auxiliaries Societies on stations and circuits to raise funds for missionary purposes at the disposal of the board.

I therefore ask our good ministers of the Virginia Conference to collect what they can much or little, and forward to me at 108 Shore street Petersburg, Va. I earnestly solicit your attention to this card, as I see from a notice of the Secretary there will be a meeting held in our city of vice-presidents on the 16th of October, and I want to have something to represent the Virginia Conference with my engagement in the public school prevents me from travelling to your stations and circuits.

Respectfully yours,
P. L. L. FARLEY, Vice President of the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Brother Sampson Edwards, of Snow Hill, N. C., writes that Zion is flourishing in that section of the State. Good meetings were held during the month of August, and quite a number professed religion. The Sunday school is doing well; at one of its meetings in August there was good speaking and recitations of Scripture lessons; at the close of these exercises Rev. L. B. Williams delivered a good Sunday school lecture to the assembly. The occasion was delightful.

We received last week after we had gone to press a letter from Brother S. M. Pharr, of Biddleville, N. C. of the sad death of Rev. L. S. Hurdle, who died on the 14th inst. We publish his letter in this issue. Brother Hurdle, to our knowledge, was an enterprising young man, a hard worker in Zion, and was successful in the mission work around Charlotte. We know that he will be greatly missed by his dear wife, children and congregation. His pleasant voice will be heard no more on earth, the silver chord of life is broken, his immortal spirit has fled to the mansions of glory to await the arrival of loved ones. Brother, rest in peace.

Miss Atmaria Brown, of Greenville, N. C. writes that the church in that place under the pastorate of Elder Amos York, is doing well and Zion is not forgotten. She says Brother York has built a new church 30x42; it will be very nice when completed, and it is sitting on a beautiful site. She compliments Brother York very much for his Christian work in that place.

Rev. C. J. Murphy writes from Delhi, La., that he was appointed missionary to Texas and other places by Bishop Lomax in the early part of the year; he gives a full account of the entire mission field; he visited several points, but did not remain long at either. He speaks of some improvements in the way of church building at St. Mary's and other points; he says he feels deeply concerned about the work and asks the prayers of the church that he may be successful in raising up the missions.

The East Tennessee conference will meet at Maryville on the first Wednesday in October at 10 a. m. Bishop Hood will preside.

We publish in this issue a card from Miss P. Della Farley to the ministers of the Virginia conference, relative to raising funds on stations and circuits for home and foreign missions. We hope the brethren will take due notice and lift a collection, we care not how small, and forward it to her before the 16th of October, that she may have something to represent the Virginia conference district in the meeting to be held here or elsewhere.

We have just received another notice from Bishop Lomax requesting another change in the North Carolina and Alabama conferences. He shows the propriety of making these changes which we think is best for the conferences financially. The North Carolina is changed from the first to the fourth Wednesday in November, at Newbern, and the West Alabama from the second to the third Wednesday in December, at Selma. The brethren will please bear these changes in mind. See conference notices.

Please brethren don't send us ten cent stamps—we cannot use them—they won't redeem them at the post-office where we rank they ought to be sent where we rank they ought to be sent.

GENERAL NEWS.

The colored people at Lynchburg, Va. are doing very well in the line of business.

Every one who wishes to understand how politics are going in the 4th Congressional district should subscribe for the Planet. It is a bold and independent paper, speaks what it thinks—get the Planet to keep up with the times in politics—E. A. Randall, Editor, Richmond, Va.