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### T'S ARTICLE CAUSES A FLUTTER AMONG YOUNG MINISTERS—SMITH TAKES UP THE GAUNTLET.

BY REV. J. W. SMITH.

In the issue of the STAR of Oct. 8 is a very interesting article from T, relative to the work in his District, and after gloriously speaking of the promising young ministers there being the equal of any in any section, he, intentionally or thoughtlessly says, "Young preachers are just about what old preachers make them. It is seldom the case that a young man makes a successful pastor and a great preacher without the aid of an old man."

If such words had been uttered by an "ignoramus" person, we young men would have silently winked at them, but coming from one in the very prime of manhood and the "leader" of the C. N. C. conference, a minister of progressive ideas, "newspaperian" aptitude and ability, we are surprised and must rise and speak with no uncertain sound. There seems to be a growing disposition among the aged, generally, to speak disparagingly of young men and keep them, if possible, in the back yard, so that they can neither be seen nor heard. We are sick, disgusted and tired of it and you may as well open the front gate for we are determined to be both seen and heard whenever anything of importance is going on. This is a grim fact. We differ with Bro. T when he says young preachers are what old preachers make them, etc. I can name scores of young men who have, and are, beating their way successfully through life without the aid of old preachers. I have just interviewed Rev. J. H. Anderson—he is a young preacher whom T acknowledges to be as able as any—and he wishes for me to say that no old preacher made him. Revs. Geo. E. Smith and J. Wesley Brown are also young preachers and able as any we have. They will tell you no old preacher made them. If any preachers can electrify a congregation, these eloquent and instructive preachers can, and I will take them and follow behind or before all the preachers in this or any other connection and guarantee they will hold their own.

Then, there is Revs. R. S. Reeves, Jas. Ed. Mason, G. W. Clinton, C. C. Petty, A. Walters, J. H. Manly, G. W. Offley, N. J. Green and numbers I can name who are first-class young preachers. Name an old preacher who made any of them. They are but examples of numerous others that have come to the front by hard study, meditation, prayer and the aid of the Spirit, (not old preachers) and doubt it if you can. For every young preacher that T brings forward made by an old preacher, I will bring up two not made by them. T tries to strengthen his sour milk assertion by attributing Timothy's success to Paul's aid. There is a wide difference between Paul and our old preachers. I'll name it if you desire.

If the old preachers made us, did they give us our brains? Do they give us wisdom? The Bible says, "If any one of you lack of wisdom let him ask of God"—not old preachers. If old preachers made us, then our calling is human and not divine, for they have jumped before God in calling men to the ministry. At that rate, they believe in the doctrine of Apostolic succession. Bro. T explain this: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest—north laborers into his harvest." "Lo, I am with you alway"—not old preachers—but I, the King of the uni-

verse, who, when I get ready, hooks up my earthquake horses to the plows of my omnipotence and plow up a furrow, not only in Charleston but in all the world, making everybody tremble, T included—even unto the end of the world." As we have in the past, and do now, so in the future will we continue to base our hopes for success on God's word. We will pray, live humble, and pin our faith to Jehovah, and not weak man, to crown our ministerial efforts with success. The Bible says "Put not your trust in man." He is too weak. Those words of brother T are significant, because they indicate a feeling of prejudice against young men which is as misplaced as it is unwise. It is particularly unwise for a great many of the older heads, in Church and State, to attempt to keep down young men, who are rising by sheer force of their own abilities. At the polls and in conferences a young man's vote counts for as much as that of the oldest and wisest of the leaders, and we have, therefore, a right to be heard. It may be that young men will lack the discretion and the cunning which come with long years of political and religious service; but they will be full of life and hope and energy, and their enthusiasm for the welfare of the Church and State will not be without its good effect.

The time has gone by when men are judged by their years. In this day of enlightenment we ought to gauge men by their achievements and their capabilities. Because a man's hair has grown gray it does not necessarily follow that he has acquired wisdom with accumulating years. Under the hats of several young men are to be found far more brains than are contained in all the heads combined of those who jeer at them. We wish to remind our older brethren who criticizingly chop us now and then, that they display none of the characteristics of age, except beads.

This is the day of young men of brains, and not of seniority. We are no longer nursing babies! We are men!! To the young men the Church and State look for recruit and support. The responsibility of any connection rests as much with young preachers as with old ones, and possibly more, and we don't want those young men who are always hanging around the coat-tail of old preachers and nursing their breasts. We would be afraid to trust the future church to them. I heard two of our Bishops say they think more of any preacher who can fight his own battles, than of those who pull at the coat-tail of old elders to get along. We respect old preachers for their age, and honor them for what they have done; yet we want them to know that we are tired of them hurling their jeers and unkind epithets at us, as if we, too, didn't have some rights and feelings that old preachers are bound to respect. If you did license us and bring us to conference, it was no "favor," but a "God required duty," and we got through only on our "merits." The connection belongs as much to us as to old preachers, and when we have been in as long, we will probably do as much as old preachers, if not more. Stop this toadyistic nonsense about juniority and seniority. I just feel like writing about now, but space will not allow it. This is sufficient to convince Bro. T that he was wrong. I will now take my seat, for a little at the cross road of discussion, until T comes.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 12th.

### BISHOP LOMAX AND BISHOP HOOD AT MORGANTON; ALSO A SERIES OF REVIVAL MEETINGS.

Mr. Editor:

Perhaps your many readers would be glad to know or hear something of what we are doing up here. Well, we are doing just the very best that we can. We are pleased to say that the Lord has blessed us in many ways. On the night of the 20th of Aug. we were fortunate in having with us Bishop Lomax, who from solid reason and good practical common sense in the sermon he delivered, raised a living monument in the hearts of the people of this place. We shall be glad to have the Bishop call on our work whenever he can make it convenient.

Having received a letter from Bishop Hood stating that he would be with us on the 12th of Sept. we arranged to have a Grand Rally for the purpose of settling the church debt; which was something over \$499.00. The Bishop arrived on Saturday, looking exceedingly well indeed. There was quite a contrast in his looks when we left him at the College in May and when we met him at the Morganton depot in Sept. We arranged to have two sermons on the Bush camp ground and one at the church. The Bishop preached the 11 o'clock sermon from these words as a text "Friend why comest thou in hither not having on a wedding garment." And I tell you before he got through with that text he made many who felt sure that they had the right garment on, go back and examine to see if they had not made a mistake in selecting a wedding garment. The sermon was the topic of the day with both races who heard it. In the afternoon Elder Robinson of the Bethel church preached a good practical sermon, and he made a favorable impression. At night we convened at the church and were again "treated" by the Bishop from these words "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." The house was filled to its utmost capacity, the entry and all about the door was crowded. I have been asked which of the two sermons was the better; and was able to reply thus, that perhaps the one at night was the better suited to an intelligent audience, while the one in the morning was suited to an illiterate or an intelligent audience, but on the whole the better I could not tell. I need not say any more concerning Bishop Hood's sermons for every one who knows anything about him at all knows that he is one of the best preachers in this country. I don't think he ever preaches any thing but good sermons.

We took our punch cards in at night and realized about \$33.00. The collection for the day was \$66.00; enough to settle every debt hanging on the church when your humble servant took charge in May. The Bishop left us on Monday to fill his other appointments; on the following Saturday we complied with the request of brother Goldston to go and assist him in his camp-meeting at "Old Fort" and the good Lord graciously manifested Himself in the conversion of souls. On Tuesday the 21st we returned home to commence a series of revival meetings on Wednesday night, as we had been asking the Lord for some time for a season of refreshing from His presence. On Thursday night the most noted sinner in this section of the country—the old woman Ann Duckworth was arrested, on Friday night she was convicted, and on Sunday night she was converted. I imagine the foundation of the dark region

must have trembled when this dear old soul left the city of destruction.

Our P. E. preached for us on Friday night, held his Quarter on Saturday, administered sacrament on Sunday. We had some punch-cards out to be brought in, and our envelopes out too, and when we closed our Quarterly meeting collection, we had rec'd \$42.00. The people love Elder Barrett, they say he is the best P. E. they have ever had. Our series of revival meetings continued, for about 2 weeks and we had about 14 converts and 9 accessions to the church. Some of these converts were already members. All thanks to God for the good work which He has begun in us; pray for us dear brethren that it may continue until completed in the Kingdom of our Lord.

Yours in Gospel Bonds,  
JAS. T. GASKILL.

### SOCIAL CIRCLE GEORGIA.

BY REV. B. H. WARE.

Mr. Editor:

Please allow me space to say through your most interesting paper, to the many readers, that we are wonderfully blessed by the appointment of the Georgia Annual Conference, for having sent us such a man as Rev. R. Hall a transferred minister from Charlotte, N. C. I write now for the purpose of making known to our many readers that Bishop T. H. Lomax did a good thing when he transferred Rev. Hall here, for the work here where he is now, had almost gone to naught. But since he has been here, he has revived the work to a great extent. We feel that he is the right man in the right place to do good. He has gained many loving friends in both the white and colored races. At this moment of time it seems to be required of me as a cheerful duty, that I should make some contradictions of a statement which was made and published in the issue before this last, that such and such a church is getting on splendidly on my work; and the church at such and such a place, and such and such a pastor is doing all he can for his church and people; but Rev. R. Hall has done nothing. I beg leave to differ with that statement, i. e., if I know what "nothing" means—defined not anything.

Now let me say in truth, when he was appointed by the Annual Conference, he found his two appointments in debt (one was not so much as the other one) and the first thing he did was to pay those churches out of debt. One of them had been in debt four years and the other, two. Rev. Hall is an honest Christian gentleman. I feel when he comes down to the pang of death, there will be "a just man made perfect." At first, he had a bitter time, being amongst strangers, he was stoned on every side, he was called everything but a Christian; but in the midst of all, he has proven to the people that the "Lord has bought him with his blood."

Through floods and flames if Jesus leads,  
He'll follow wherever he goes.

He is not the man who will stop to look back at fun-makers, scorers, back-biters and at those who desire his down-fall. At one of his churches he has paid the P. E., up to date, the sum of \$23.20, and at the other one \$21.25, making a total amt. of \$44.75. His two have paid, up to date, \$99.75, covering all indebtedness. Does that look like he has done "nothing"? More over he has taken in some seven or eight members at one of his churches, and collected for himself \$28 from his two appointments. He also got

up a little Mission work about fifteen miles from his two appointments, and sent a local preacher to charge of it and has in three members there. Rev. R. Hall is a good worker in the master's vineyard; he is now having protracted meeting at one of his churches and was assisted last Wednesday night by three white ministers who felt that he was doing much good there.

He is not the man to stop "to throw stones at little dogs that run out to bark at him while passing," as one of our greatest evangelists (Rev. Sam. Jones) said.

The members, after hearing what had been published falsely about their pastor, said that he has the deepest sympathy and prayers from them.

"Help us to help each other Lord,  
Each other's cross to bear;  
Let each his friendly aid afford,  
And feel his brother's care."

### PROF. PRICE AGAIN.

BY REV. W. H. QUICK.

Mr. Editor:

In your bright columns you will please allow something for the spirit of genuine admiration. Having caught sight of the appointments of the matchless orator, Rev. J. C. Price, president of Zion Wesley College, I was determined to hear him. I waxed so impatient that I deceased, for the time being, my zealous pursuit after silly clients, called together as many friends as possible and drove twenty miles to hear him at Wadesboro, where we found the court hall crowded to its utmost seating capacity with white and colored coming from far and near to hear him. The wonderful reports of his oratory—the lively incidents and energy of his personal history—his being entirely Negro, too, taken together with the further fact that he is a native of North Carolina—all conspired to produce a strong desire to hear him.

An aggregate of about six hundred upturned faces, dumbfounded, awe struck, captivated, beaming forth with manifestations of approval, was a sight not often seen hereabouts. Prof. Price is most assuredly an able man and without offense to any one he is *sui generis*. In his work and speeches with the people, he is achieving a higher, grander state-craft of national benefit than the whole army of average coffee-house politicians could or would in a decade of centuries (who as a rule seek office merely for the dear people's sake.)

He towers high among the champion orators of this or any other age of American history. Indeed he is our orator I admire him for his sterling ability and indomitable moral courage. I honor him for historical truths and race pride, and I love him for what he is and for all that he has done and is now doing for our race and the whole South land in general. As Mr. Price descended from the rostrum a noted white lawyer of this place stepped forward and grasped his hand and said: "Mr. Price when I had listened, enraptured two or more hours, I expected to see you sag or exhaust, but at that moment and to the close, you rose higher like the morning lark wafting in the wealth of her own music, turning ever and anon on wings of fresh delight." On Thursday night he spoke in Rockingham to an unusually large, appreciative audience, including some of the profoundest jurists and ablest divines in the state. Here he was particularly happy in his masterly effort, vanishing every fear and every power rousing into life and

action. His was in the highest degree instructive, beautiful, and impressive—*terre atque rotundas*—like all the productions of that finished orator, which can best be comprehended, for there is no truer or worthier description than to call it "Websterian." "His manner of speech," as Lord Bacon said of the king, "was indeed prince-like, flowing as from a fountain, and yet streaming and branching into nature's order, full of facility and felicity, imitating none and imitable by any." "Tis idle for me to add that his style is charming, elocution perfect and his voice delightfully musical, his argument overwhelming established the claims advanced for his race.

No man ever spoke more neatly, more weightily or suffered less emptiness, less idleness in what he uttered; no member of his speech but consisted of its own graces. His hearers could not cough or look aside without loss. One of our leading white merchants who has heard nearly all the living celebrated orators remarked upon hearing brother Price, "that he (Mr. P.) had no superior nor many equals in America as an orator." Several of these nabobs here have said that they will guarantee Prof. Price \$50 for Z. W. C. if he will return here at an early date. Pardon length.

Rockingham, N. C.

[This testimonial was unintentionally delayed, but since it is still fresh we give it place here, as a just and fitting estimate of the distinguished personage in question. Ed.]

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The District Conference of the Concord District, was held at Weeping Willow church near Charlotte last week, Rev. J. A. Tyler presiding. Messrs. Caldwell, Simmons and McCoy were the secretaries. The address of Rev. J. A. Tyler was very interesting and encouraging. He with the assistance of his ministers have brought it up wonderfully. Four years ago they raised less than \$300 General Fund; last year they raised \$800, and this year they expect to raise every cent that is due. This is wonderful progress indeed, and speaks well for the unremitting efforts of Elder Tyler. We were present at the meeting and found the churches well represented, there being about forty ministers and delegates present. In response to an invitation to speak, we took occasion to point out the progress of Zion Connection, and to show by facts and figures that she does not "lag behind." All were delightedly and even royally entertained by the hospitable people of the surrounding country. The minutes will be published in book form. Everybody enjoyed themselves.

### NOTICE.

The ministers and members of the 3rd District of the West Ala. conference will take notice that the District conference will meet in Selma Ala., November 18th 1886. Now dear brethren don't fail to have a good report of your General fund. I want my District to keep ahead and we can by raising \$300. You did well last year but I want us to do far better this year than ever.

J. M. BUTLER, P. E.

### NOTICE.

Send ten cents to the A. M. E. Zion Book Store, 183 Bleeker street, New York, and get one of Rev. J. H. Manly's pamphlets "A Wonderful Dream" Proceeds to be contributed to the rebuilding of Norfolk church.

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