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THE WORK IN FLORIDA.

BY REV. GEO. R. MORRIS

Mr. Editor:

Allow me a space in your valuable paper known as the STAR OF ZION, to give you a little information about my camp-meeting which I held at a place called Pablo Beach Fla., which is about 18 miles from this city. Our camp was held right on the Atlantic Ocean, where we caught all the sweet breeze, and could behold as far as the eye sight would allow us the white caps of the mad ocean. Our camp lasted two weeks. The first Sabbath of the camp-meeting we had a good turnout not withstanding the heavy rain and wind on that Sabbath. The Supt. of the Jacksonville & Atlantic R. R. Co., seeing that the Tabernacle was unfit to be used for preaching, gave us permission to preach in the pavilion. After moving to the pavilion the Bishop preached one of the ablest sermons that I ever heard from a pulpit. When Southern white men give a negro the praise, you can just set it down that they were made to do it. All say that Bishop Moore is the best preacher they ever heard, white or black. Why Mr. Editor, Mr. J. H. Supt. of the J. & A. R. R. was on the same road where we held our camp-meeting was so much carried away with the Bishop's sermon that he gave the Bishop a complimentary ticket on his road to go and come all this year free of charge; and then there is another gentleman who presented the Bishop with a splendid organ with seven stops and in good order. Bishop Moore has kindled a fire here that will not go out soon. He has helped Zion here wonderfully. Colored and white called the Bishop the colored Spurgeon. After we closed our camp-meeting at Pablo Beach we came to the city, where the Bishop preached every night during the week and we had quite a number of mourners, and some joined the church.

All the churches here are against Zion, because they are strong; and a great many of Zion's enemies will not come to hear Bishop because they were afraid that the Bishop would convert them from their opinion. However Bethel's camp-meeting was going on a week after we had commenced therefore we closed before them; after we had closed, Rev. W. P. Ross, invited the Bishop to preach on Sunday. After thinking over the matter, the Bishop agreed to preach him a sermon on Sunday at 3. At that hour there were over 2500 people present. When the hour arrived the Bishop arose and announced his hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross. Topic the Christian warfare. The colored Spurgeon as they called him, here preached as though he was preaching his last sermon in time. The Bethel people say that they have heard Payne, Wayman, Brown, Ward and Campbell, but none ever preached like Bishop Moore. This was a right hard thing for them to say about their Bishops, but they said it. I can hear the Bishop now speaking of Sinai's peak; and I can see him plain standing in the pulpit. He has given Zion a good send off, and may she continue to roll on. What I say first I say last, and that is, Bishop Moore, or in words of the people, the colored Spurgeon, has left a mighty blaze burning here in Jacksonville, the city by the sea.

Bishop J. J. Moore, D. D., preached 16 sermons and gave two lectures. Baptist M. E. and Bethel all crowd to hear Zion's war horse. May the Lord of Abraham keep him yet many

years, that he may still sound the trumpet in Zion. For the Lord loveth the gate of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.

BOSTON TAKING TO THE STAR—INFLUENCES GROWING—OTHER MATTERS.

BY REV. G. E. SMITH.

J. C. Dancy, Esq., Editor Star of Zion.

Will you please give place in the STAR, to a few thoughts from the old Bay State. And first of all let us congratulate you upon the greatly improved condition of the several last issues of the STAR, as well as for the interest which the people of the East are taking in the STAR, under your very able, and wise management; and pleased as well as one could be, and I wish to say that now the STAR in the old Bay State shines as never before, and is awaited, and hailed weekly as a welcome messenger. The church and Sabbath school of this city under the Episcopal management, of Bishop J. W. Hood and Rev. George H. Washington, the Presiding Elder, and unworthy writer as pastor, and Miss E. A. Gardner as the Supt. of the Sabbath school, are progressing nicely. And as a mark of Connectional interest and genuine love in our Home and Foreign Mission work. Miss Eliza A. Gardner, the Vice President of the Ladies Missionary society in the New England District has planned and arranged for a union bazaar to be held in the early Spring in the city of Worcester, Mass.; in the interest of the Ladies Home and Foreign Missionary Society; and in which all of the churches of the District together with all the Mission churches are expected to be represented, by a fancy or some other table. The idea is a grand one for which Miss Gardner is deserving of great credit. Let us pray for her success.

Yours for the cause.
GEO. E. SMITH,
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THE REVIEW FOR OCTOBER.

The A. M. E. Review, for October, is before us. It is full of valuable and interesting reading matter. The article by Bishop Holly is pretty well written, but shows a want of acquaintance with the great man of the race, or else he is biased in his judgment against such men as Fredrick Douglass, Dr. Garnett, Robt. B. Elliott, B. K. Bruce and Dr. Wm. Wells Brown; forsooth, they did more in their respective fields to bring the race into recognition than either of the characters—as great and eminent as they are—of which he makes mention. He ranks Dr. J. McCune Smith deservedly high. Martin R. Delaney the subject of the article, though an able man, from a literary standpoint, lacked those elements which belong to leadership, and which commonly win success. Yet he was able, pure, independent and lived ahead of his generation. Langston and Smythe should never be ranked below Turner and Bassett in the art of International Diplomacy, because they really rank ahead of them. Bishop Holly shows his want of acquaintance with Southern leaders, or else he would give them like J. C. Price, Jno. B. Lynch, Bishop J. W. Hood, Bishop H. M. Turner, and others who have mingled with the race and brought it up to its present position by both precept and example. Aside from these short-comings the article is an interesting one.

Prof. Scarborough expostulates in his article on the "The New College Feticus." Fredrick Douglass gives "Thoughts and Recollections of a Tour in Ireland," and does it graphically. Rev. F. M. Henderson writes "Discontentment with Industry is Great Gain." We regard this—although not endorsing all its sentiments—as the most forcible and pointed article in the number. He does not mind matters at all, and is so outspoken that the editor, discourtously injects paragraphs taking issue with the writer, which should have been done editorially. The correction, however, is patent to all and timely.

Rev. J. F. Grimké writes forcibly and calmly on "The Defects of our Ministry, and the Remedy." His recognized ability is sufficient proof of the merits of the paper.

T. Thomas Fortune poetizes beautifully and descriptively on "Burton Black." We admire the poem, but fear it takes rather a humorous turn, when we consider the enormity of the crime portrayed.

The remaining articles are, "Shall our Schools be Mixed?" by F. L. Cardozo; "Should Colored Men Join Labor Organization?" by Hon. John R. Lynch; "Baptism" by Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D.; "Othello" by Walter H. Brooks; "Physiology and Intellectual Science Connected," by Mrs. L. H. Newman Coleman; "Give us Christian Homes," by Rev. Augustus W. Watson, LL. B. The foregoing are all well written, and should be widely read. We fully endorse the editor's views on "Self Made Men," but when it comes to his views on "Differentiation in Methodism," endeavoring to show that the white Methodists are drifting towards Congregationalism and the colored to Episcopacy in their respective modes of worship, we enter our solemn protest, because he is sadly in error, and displays a wanton ignorance of the drift of sentiment, either in his own, or other colored Methodist churches.

ALABAMA DOINGS.

BY REV. J. W. ALSTOR.

Mr. Editor:

It has been quite a while since I have tried to paint sayings on the face of the beautiful STAR, but once more we appear to let the many readers know that we are still alive.

Our beautiful city with its 40 or 50 thousand inhabitants is progressing finely and bids fair to become the Queen city of the South. There are at least five hundred new buildings going up at the present writing. She has her water works, electric lights, street cars, factories &c., and the colored people are purchasing homes very rapidly, and the two races seem to get along splendidly together. Though now and then some colored man kills another, or some white kills an other, we hardly ever have a row between the two races. This is grand in itself.

My church is progressing finely; I have had charge here only two years, and I have bought a beautiful parsonage for eleven hundred dollars, and have paid for it. I have walled and plastered the basement of the church at a cost of two hundred dollars. I am now fixing to have the church painted on the inside, and will commence next week. I have very near money enough to pay for it. I have added two hundred and five members to the church. I raised \$227.00 General Tax last year, and intend to beat that this year. And still she rolls.

Mr. Editor, I never seek an appointment, but whenever and wherever I am sent, I shall do all that I can for the people, and for the Connection.

Bishop T. H. Lomax, passed through the work last month and did great good among the people, and preached some masterly sermons while with us. We were very sorry that the Bishop took sick, and had to lose very near two weeks in bed with fever at the house of your humble servant; but we hope that he is sound and well at present as he left here en route for Chattanooga Tenn. to hold the Tenn. Conference.

Mr. J. D. Bibb of Zion Wesley College, Salisbury N. C., is in the city visiting his mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Price Bibb.

Mr. Bibb, lectured at the old ship church, to a large and appreciative audience.

Music was rendered by Mrs. Lucy Hereford, one of the sweetest songstresses of the city.

A Recitation was delivered by Miss Lelian Brewster Subject, How He saved St. Michael's Church. She is one of the most fearless speakers of the day. After which Mr. J. D. Bibb, was introduced by Prof. C. H. Duncan, A. M., Principal of the city school.

Mr. Bibb came forward; his subject was, Show Thyself a Man. He handled it very masterly, and held the audience spell-bound for 45 minutes. He far surpassed the expectation of all of the listeners. He represented very strongly the cause of Education, also Zion Wesley College.

One who was acquainted with Prof. Price, could see that Mr. Bibb was one of Prof. Price's disciples for his very speech betrayed him. But when any one should say that you are one of that man Price's 25 disciples he would not deny him.

We are certainly fond of Mr. Bibb, and we hope that he will be spared to finish up and come home and take a position in our school, or otherwise city.

May Zion Wesley send out a hundred more such young men as Mr. Bibb.

I am yours, Pro Christo A Humanitate.
No 112 Mildred st. Montgomery, Ala.

A GOOD SIGN.

One thing is noticeable about the colored press of the country and that is that it makes it a rule to publish all the religious intelligence it can gather. Most of the news in the leading newspapers from the different sections, is concerning the churches and their pastors. Indeed every thing else, except personal matter, is left out entirely, so that the colored press is above all a personal news gatherer. The church is benighted, the membership is made to feel proud, and interest in the worship is greatly heightened. While we do not approve of too much of the personal, we do admire the religious feature, and therefore compromise the difference, and wish all such papers a hearty God-speed. The church is certainly being as much, if not more, than any instrumentality to lift up the race.

NOTICE.

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

BISHOP JONES AGAIN.

Bishop Jones' letter in another column will no doubt be widely read. It is the same letter he sent to the *Africo-American Presbyterian* explaining what he really said in his sermon, but which was refused publication. In justice to the Bishop and his great connection we publish the letter and ask for it a careful perusal. We think he sets himself right before the public, who know him so well as a votary of higher education and race elevation. His intellectual eminence, though self trained, is unsurpassed by any ecclesiast who represents any great church connection in this country. As a preacher he has no superior in the race. As a writer, it was said at the centenary at Baltimore two years ago that his paper surpassed anything that was read there. He needs no encomium greater than this.

KENTUCKY JOTTINGS. HOW THE WORK IS PROGRESSING.

BY REV. E. H. CURRY.

EDITOR STAR OF ZION:

I ask space in the columns of your wide spread Organ to speak a few words respecting the St. Louis District which was assigned to one so humble as myself, and who feels sir, to have a common interest among many others who are engaged in the good work to wit: the spreading of the Redeemers Kingdom: though we feel to be the least among the number of ready writers whose pen dipped in ink while their spirits are wrapped in the immortal vision of inspiration and the whole man seems to be transformed into a vocabulary to produce a prolific exegesis of the hidden things of God, or future events, yet amid the flash of light, the adornment of intellect by ceaseless culture through which many have gone and others are going, knowing as we do the prolificity of your magnanimity, we venture to flatter ourselves that you will not disdain the contribution from under the pen of one so insignificant as that of myself.

Headquarters, Washington Chapel St. Louis Mo. This church received the new appointee and on last Sunday at 8:50 p. m. he preached his introductory sermon using these words, "I come to you in the name of the Lord." Using a short and appropriate prelude he opened his text and soon warmed up in red hot heat. Some sat breathless, others gave vent to their feelings, while the eyes of the dense audience were concentrated upon the speaker. Rev. David Bruce. He scanned the battle fields of the ancient saints attributing to them the victory, then leaping from mountain peak to mountain peak of Bible truths with suitable applications until his audience seemed to be in a profound reverie; we hope the providence of him that wings an angel and guides a sparrow, may preside over both pastor and church. St. Mark's Chapel, St. Louis Mo.—Rev. T. J. Manson, the newly appointed pastor, met with a warm reception and on the Sabbath, he likewise preached at 11 o'clock and at 8 o'clock. The house was filled to its utmost capacity, waiting in breathless silence to hear the flow of eloquence that betrays the logical mind of an orator in the pulpit. Subject was "Christian Warfare." He graphically portrayed the Roman soldier's habiliments of war, placing each piece in its own order, then spiritualizing the whole with telling effect upon his audience, and I am bold to hope for prosperity at that church,

this conference year.

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.
Rev. Noah Slaughter was sent to this church and entered into a protracted meeting, and the good work is going on with several converts, and quite a number of mourners at the anxious seat. The outlook is flattering, and may the Lord attend his labors.

WEBSTER GROVE STATION, MO.
The work is not what we would like to have it. The pastor and some of the members have dissolved that friendly relation that is so essential to prosperity in church work. The members broke the church open, took up all the carpet, removed all the portable furniture out of the church, the Bible not excepted. Other parts of the work has not been heard from as yet.

Now is the time for our subscribers to pay up their subscriptions. Owing to the tardiness in so many in making remittances, when notified, we will hereafter require all subscriptions to be paid strictly in advance. Pay up now while you have the money, and help us to meet pressing obligations.

RETURNING THANKS.

I hereby extend thanks to the pastor (Rev. J. B. Small), Superintendent, and Sunday school of Purvis Chapel, Beaufort, N. C., for a donation of \$3.04 which they gave me when I passed through enroute for Z. W. Colleg. The donation was certainly an unexpected one. It speaks well for the interest the colored citizens of Beaufort have in the education of their race. May the blessings of God ever attend the goodpeople of Beaufort. "God loveth a cheerful giver." Very gratefully yours,
W. B. FENDERSON,
Zion Wesley College, Nov. 3, '86.

Any minister who will send us his subscription, with that of another person between this and January 1st, '87, we will send the STAR to both one year for \$2.50. Here is the opportunity for you to show how much you love and appreciate your church organ.

BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS.

- NOVEMBER:
- 4th Thursday (at night) Shoe Heel, N. C.
 - 5th Friday " " Rockingham, N. C.
 - 7th Sunday at 11 am Marion N. C. at night Wadesboro N. C.
 - 8th Monday at 11 am Rock Mount N. C.
 - 14th Sunday Norfolk, Va. (Dedication of church.)
 - 17th Wednesday Sunbury, N. C. (Va., Conference.)
- DECEMBER:
- 1st Wednesday Lincolnton, N. C. (at C. N. C. Conference.)
- Address Nov. 1st to 10th Lock Box 160 Fayetteville, N. C.
10th to 20th Sunbury, N. C.
21st to 29th Fayetteville, N. C.

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 be raising \$800. You did well last year but I want us to do far better this year than ever.
J. M. BUTLER, P. E.