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YORK, (PA.) NOTES.

BY REV. R. J. DANIEL.

Mr. Editor:—In accordance with your request I will not send you a long report of our exercise on Children's Day. Suffice it to say the day was appropriately observed by the Sabbath School of the A. M. E. Zion church York, Pa.

The church presented a beautiful appearance being decorated with pure white drapery, ferns and flowers. At the altar, the base of which appeared to be a solid bank of flowers, was erected, a pure white throne, which was decorated with beautiful flowers, the silent evidence of God's love, whose eloquence and grandeur preached sermons of warning to the blind, deaf and dumb. The exercises were opened at 10 a. m., with singing and reading the holy scriptures followed with a sermon to the parents, guardians and teachers by your humble servant, Subject, "Education" text, Prov. 22 6.

At 1:30 o'clock p. m., the exercise was opened with singing by the school and prayer by the pastor, after which Master Johnnie Jackson delivered in grand style the introductory address. The "Six steps to the throne" was a very interesting exercise, being admirably performed by seven little girls, who with scriptural selections followed the pilgrim from repentance to the saints rest. The whole exercise in the afternoon and evening it is said was the grandest ever witnessed in this church. The collection amounted to eleven dollars.

CHILDREN'S DAY AT HAMILTON, AND OTHER NOTES.

BY W. S. WILLIAMS.

Children's Day was held at the Methodist church here Sunday 24th inst. A few remarks concerning wandering boys and girls were made by the superintendent W. S. Williams, after which singing was conducted by W. M. Johnson, our singing school teacher and great solo singer.

In the next few minutes we were entertained by the reading of an essay on the bible by Miss M. A. Newbury, of Elizabeth City. Then came an essay on Temperance by Miss Annie Simms, one of our Sunday school teachers. An essay on Heathenism by Miss Lizzie Pugh, was very worthy of her.

Next in order was a speech by Mr. L. S. Andrews on the "Christianizing of Africa," which was warmly received. While the collection was being taken up the 120th No. in Gospel Hymns was sung by Miss Simmons and her class; amount of collection \$2.37. The brightness of the day combined with other causes made the meeting one of the most pleasant of its kind I ever attended, and I hope that they may continue to grow more and more interesting each year.

In conclusion I will mention the deaths of two of our prominent white friends of this town, Mrs. Linda Lawrence, wife of Rev. M. T. Lawrence, who departed this life Sunday the 17, of consumption.

Also Mr. R. E. Salisbury, one of the most respected citizens of Martin Co., died Monday the 18th inst. of consumption. I can say that although not without some faults, yet he was one of the best men I ever had the pleasure of knowing. He was a strict member of the Baptist church and always contributed very largely to all religious purposes regardless of sect or color. On Tuesday he was buried in the public cemetery at this place. His funeral was attended by a larger number of people than any other that ever was known in this place.

With good wishes for the future prosperity of yourself and the STAR, I remain its steadfast friend and supporter.

NOTICE.

Owing to the sickness at Gibson Station, the Sunday School Convention will be held in the town of Rockingham on the 3rd Wednesday in August, 1889.

Truly,
L. H. Wycbe,
G. G. Musgrave.

TUSCALOOSA NOTES.

BY REV. J. C. SAUNDERS.

Mr. Editor: A few lines from the City of Oaks, I hope, may interest you and our many readers.

Our Easter services were good every way, and everybody was well pleased with all. It was said that our Sunday School services were the best in the city, also our church choir is the same—city and State. Prof. Jeremiah Barnes is superintendent and faithful leader.

Mrs. Harriet Washington and the young ladies of our church, Miss Ada L. Murphey, Lula Ballard, Rebecca Burke and Mary Ballard have placed a new carpet in the church. They styled themselves as "Cheerful workers of Zion," and well they may—for they are. May the Allwise bless them, and his spiritual benediction rest upon them, and give them life ever-lasting.

There was a grand time in Zion Sunday, May the 26th. The Bishop, the Rt. Rev. O. C. Pettey preached a grand sermon from these words: "Godliness with contentment is great gain." The church was inadequate for the occasion. The Bishop, truly, is a grand man.

On Monday night the Bishop delivered a grand lecture at the Masonic Hall to a large audience. Afterwards Elder Smyer spoke a few words. Then refreshments were served.

It cannot be put a matter of general regret that so profound a thinker, so accomplished scholar and such an able preacher as Bishop Pettey is, to leave any city, community or country; for no man, surely is better fitted to grapple with great questions of the day, and mingle with great men in this country than he. It must not be considered that the orations and addresses of Bishop Pettey are ephemeral; on the contrary, his discourses are most elaborate in style, and most weighty in matter.

He treats of the relations of the soul to the Infinite, and the influence of the supernatural on character and civilization; to this end he traces the elements of the supernatural in history and literature, in poetry, painting, sculpture and architecture, and at length draws his mighty conclusions, swaying the minds of his congregations.

Mr. Editor: In the last article written by the Bishop of his travels and work on the Bigbee River, he said that he "had nine hundred pages of dots, which he would publish if requested." We think with many that the publishing of these dots would be of great addition to the strength of the connection and ministry. Print them Bishop.

Next Sunday is Children's Day, and expects to do what we can for Livingstone College, God be willing and give us a good bright day.

I have failed to send your money for May and June and part of April. I gave the Bishop my best works as subscribers, hence I have not sold the papers, but will do what I can for the cause. Don't give me out, for if there be any chance they will be sold and paid for.

GENERAL FUND REPORT.

The following is my report for June:

F. Killingsworth, S C confer,	\$ 30 00
J B Small, N C	80 00
J P Thompson, Phil & Balt conferences,	24 50
J P Mescham, Ark confer,	5 50
T H Darley, Fla	25 00
J W Alstork, Ala	41 75
J B Johnson, Ky	12 25
J M Hill, C N C	52 24
G H S Bell, N E	10 50
J M White, N J	21 00

L. C. CLINTON,
General Steward.

ALL persons having business with Bishop O. C. Pettey are requested to address him at
Partee, N. C.
Alexander Co.

"ALABAMA POINTERS—MANY THINGS TALKED ABOUT AND DISCUSSED."

BY REV. J. W. ALSTORK, P. E.

(Concluded.)

Cemetery Hill school, Prof. E. J. Lewis principal. This is also a city school, and is doing a lasting work. Prof. Lewis knows his business as an educator, and is discharging his full duty; as has Prof. Bibb.

The Montgomery Industrial school for girls, miss Alice L. White and H. Margaret Beard principal and they are doing untold good in the homes and otherwise. I fear that we don't appreciate this work as we should; it is an indispensable work among us. The homes must be bettered; this the Industrial school is endeavoring to do.

The Langrage High School for girls, Mrs. Langrage principal is doing a good work among our people. Last but not least, I will mention the work of the State Normal School at Montgomery, Prof. W. B. Paterson President. This is the school that has caused the law governing public schools in the State to be tested by the Supreme Court, which court declared the bill creating the school unconstitutional, and therefore the school had to be run on tuition and donations. But having a shrewd thrifty, indomitable, and wide awake president who knows no such thing as give up or fail, did not rest day nor night until he had accomplished the desired end; and seeing the good that had been done in the school, the legislature when it met in January, passed a bill creating the school, and made appropriations for building purposes and teachers salaries. The board of Trustees located the school near or at Montgomery. The plan for the main building has been drawn and the contract let to Messrs. Phillips and Watkins, and will be ready by Oct. 1st. The school is located in the Southern suburb of the city on a beautiful eminence, in a healthy locality.

Prof. W. B. Paterson with his splendid corps of teachers will doubtless do yet a grander work than heretofore, when once in the new building.

We have just finished our second round on our District as P. E.

The work is in good trim. There is an increase in finance, a'co. numerically, 110 members added this quarter. Getting along better on General Fund. Hope to get better towards the STAR. I think that it would be of great advantage to the paper if Bro. Dancy could go through the East Ala conference in its interest. We are preparing to make a pull altogether on Children's Day.

Rev. McDuffy Sharp is holding things in check on the Tallapoosa circuit; he is doing his full duty. God bless him.

Rev. J. Goode of Shorter circuit is doing very well, and a splendid people.

Verbena circuit, Rev. B. F. Freeman, pastor, is doing very well. He has just married a new wife and there fore will do better in the future.

St. Clair station, Rev. D. Wright pastor. He has a splendid people and is doing well with them; they love him and will do whatever he says.

Mt. Zion station, Elmore Co., Rev. T. Crenshaw pastor. He is doing very well and thinks that he will be able to make a good report on general funds.

Westmapka station, Rev. B. E. Stephens pastor. He seems to be carrying everything before him; he has an intelligent congregation of which we all are proud, and they know how to care for their preacher; and when the P. E. heads that way, the time has come when the chickens must die.

Mt. Zion station, Montgomery, Rev. T. A. Westinghouse pastor. He has a splendid people and they love him indeed and whatever he says must be done. He has torn down the old church and put up a new one 45x90—22 from floor to ceiling; when finished it will be one of the prettiest in town. This is a grand step in the minister and congregation; they have

a stewards board that work like bees. The Lord bless them in their labors.

Benton circuit, Rev. A. L. Trimble pastor. He is just the man for the place. This work has increased fifty per cent. He is about to build two new churches on his work. He is one of the coming sons of Zion and has a bright future before him.

Stone circuit, Rev. A. S. Watkins pastor. He has a splendid people and is getting along lovely with them. His circuit always comes up to the duty imposed upon it. He says that he intends to lead the way on general funds this year; I believe he can do it, so boys look out for him.

Clinton Chapel, Dr. R. R. Morris pastor. He is preparing to make some improvements on his church, which will add greatly to its beauty. He is getting along very nicely with his charge, and he is also taking up the general fund as he goes. He has been somewhat divided ever since conference—one half of himself being in Salisbury while the other half was in Montgomery; but the better half arrived last month and now he is prepared to work with renewed energy. Success to him in his work. He is succeeding nicely with the Sunday School department. I hope that the entire connection will encourage him by their prayers and with their money. I was very much surprised at some of the ministers in our best churches who paid no attention to the Easter offering as ordered by the board of Bishops. Come to time, brethren.

Zion Star station, Rev. J. Gomez pastor. He is doing much better with his charge than one could expect every thing considered. He has paid off some of the debt, and the last quarterly report showed improvement. His people, as a general thing love him. He is doing them a good service and will lift them up. God help and bless him, and family.

Hilliard chapel, Rev. C. C. Allison pastor.

He is not doing so well financially as his charge is a very small one and therefore is not able to support him and family; notwithstanding the few good members he has who are doing all that is in their power to take care of him. I hope that he will be able to stay until conference, but I am afraid that, as he has a family dependent upon him and therefore will have to look out for them, he may have to go.

Ebenezer circuit, Rev. S. Derry pastor. This is the best organized circuit in my work. The pastor is one of the old battle axes and is doing splendid work on his circuit. The people seem to love him and he is bound to succeed. He says that none shall do better than he with their work. God bless him.

Well, I have been trying to find a place to put a period for some time and here it is at last.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

TOPICAL TALK ABOUT FOREIGN AND THINGS—RED HOT SPOT AFTER A LONG SILENCE.

BY REV. J. W. SMITH.

More than three months have fitted away since I penned anything to the STAR. My last article upon "The lawless element of the church" was such a stinger until some places, and particularly here, commenced (so to speak) to spitfire. They felt that my article was a Nathan thunderously saying: "Thou art the man" (the woman). While they roared, shook their fists and carried the papers around for people to read the terrible truths I had uttered, I grinned. But I stopped grinning when I heard that certain Elders, high up in ecclesiastical councils in Zion, had stopped in Washington for a few hours while enroute for other points, and pretending (to some of these angry members who don't care two cents for Zion when they can't override Bishop, pastor, church and Discipline, and have their way, that they also were disgusted with some of my fiery writing, and especially that article, had proceeded

to express themselves freely and ungentlemanly. I took these brethren to be level-headed gentlemen with discretion and intelligence. In this instance they allowed their tongues to run away with them. Their criticisms of my style of writing are miscarriages unworthy of their pretended seriousness and seeming sanctity, because void of love and respect; and it proceeds from a spirit that will be better known to them in the day of God when their evil surmises of my design will be published upon the house tops. If I should also say, (as I can without lying), that several people have wished that these critical articles and sermons were "burnt" before they came to light, I guess they would feel disgusted again—at these people.

So far as my articles are concerned, criticize them; but do it publicly. Rip them to pieces, but don't sneak around among a lot of people who don't know what they are talking about and pour your hypocritical sympathy and devilish criticism into their ears. I don't care if they are your friends. Ministers can't afford to sit down among members and criticize their brother ministers. You will get no thanks for it in the long run. All good-hearted men agree that if you have anything to say, say it while arm voice and foot are competent for retort. Then, again, please don't interfere with my charge, for the Discipline forbids it. Those who do so again will receive an introduction from me which they will in no wise appreciate. The above is the cause of my long silence in the STAR. But since I have taken a second thought I will write what I please as long as I am a correspondent. No man shall boss my business. The thumb-screw and the gibbet shall not be fastened around my honest convictions. I belong to no one but J. W. Smith.

I have received a paper from the able presiding elder of the New England conference announcing the withdrawal from that conference and from Zion Revs. J. Francis Robinson and P. F. Mathews. I have been asked by several brethren of that conference to express an opinion. I will do so. Both of these ministers came to us a short while ago from other denominations, and it was their right to leave when they felt that their usefulness in Zion was gone. Zion is too progressive and powerful to miss them. Rev. Robinson has joined the Baptist church, and two or three Sundays ago was roused, head, neck and ears under the water. He came straightway out of the water saying: "Praise the Lord," while the congregation chorused, "Amen." His late presiding elder informs me that he has also been re-ordained. All this goes to show that Robinson did not regard his former baptism and former ordination as valid. If the Baptists do not regard the ordination of the Methodist as legal, neither ought we to regard theirs. While the Baptist holds such dividing sentiments and so rigidly maintain them, all their pretensions to union with other denominations are very inconsistent. From this time on I say let us according to Methodist usages ordain every Baptist minister that we see fit to take. What is fair for the goose is fair for the gander. We wish Rev. Robinson well. While he will go to heaven on the old "Ship of Zion" by the way of water, we will take a faster route and "get there" on the "Gospel train" by way of land.

In regards to Rev. Mathews, I did not think he would stay with us when he was brought to our conference. There were too many bishops and ministers of the A. M. E. church persuading him to go back. Then the Christian Recorder told him it would be a long time before he would have the standing and influence in Zion equal to what he had in their church. The two A. M. E. bishops told him that Zion did not pay salary enough; that he had better go back home. All this kept the young man "halting between two opinions." Now he is situated at Springfield, Mass. We should learn a lesson. We ought to

stop grabbing after these restless A. M. E. preachers. The majority of them only come to us for the "loaves and fishes." Just as soon as the bishop takes them out of our prominent churches they wheel and go back to Bethel. We are always glad to get good ministers from Bethel or any other denomination. I haven't an unkind word to say against them. Then, again, when these fellows come to us, put them in the woods. If they can work themselves up into the city, well and good. If not, then let them live and die in the woods. That is the way other connections treat any of our ministers who are foolish enough to leave us. They never stick them in their best churches over the heads of their ministers who have labored and suffered all their lives to build up their church. Brethren, in the future, let us not be so fast in grabbing after ministers, and particularly from Bethel, if their object in coming to us is to get our best churches. If we haven't enough itinerant ministers, let us ask our Bishops to fill our vacant pulpits (if we ever have any), with exhorters and local preachers. A lot of brethren in Zion are growing because our bishops give these preachers from other denominations some of our best churches. Stop receiving them into your conferences and the bishops can't get hold of them. I expect, hereafter, to make it warm for all who (coming from other churches) knock at the doors of my conference for admittance. I know they would make it warm for me. When I get crazy enough to leave Zion I will go to digging dirt. These are my opinions whether any one likes them or not, based upon the withdrawal of those two New England ministers.

Washington, D. C.

NOTICE.

The Branch Book Concern of the East Alabama conference of the A. M. E. Zion connection is to be established and located in the city of Montgomery, Ala., under the control and supervision of Dr. R. R. Morris and Rev. T. A. Westinghouse, by order of the presiding bishop of the fifth Episcopal District.

Rt Rev T. H. LOMAX,
Pay your dues to the STAR.

BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS.

JULY:

Fri 5, Moses Temple, " "

Sat 6, Rebecca Church " "

Sun 7, 11 o'clock, Whiteville " "

Grove, " "

" 7, night, Elizabeth City, " "

Tues 9, Genlites, " "

Wed 10, 11 o'clock, Mt. Zion " "

" 3 " Pitts Chapel, " "

Fri 12, Portsmouth, Va. " "

Sun 14, Zion, South Hampton, " "

County, " "

Mon 15, Millfield, " "

Tues 16, Mt. Moris, " "

Wed 17, Mt. Olive, " "

Fri 19, Suffolk, " "

Sat 20, Whaleyville, " "

Sun 21, 11 o'clock, Bosely, " "

" " night, St. John " "

Mon 22, Red Oak Grove, " "

Tues 23, Sycamore Hill, " "

Wed 25, Walton's Grove, " "

Sun 28, Piney Grove, Va. " "

Address: June 1st, to 20th, Lock Box, 160, Fayetteville, N. C.; 22 to 26, Jamesville, Martin County, N. C.; 27 to July 10th, Elizabeth City, N. C.; July 11 to 15th, Courland, South Hampton County, Va.; 16 to 20th, Samsbury, Gates County, N. C.; 21 to 27th, Wakefield, N. C.

NOTICE.

To the members of the North Georgia Conference—Rev. N. T. Hearn has been appointed annual conference Steward instead of B. H. Ware.

C. R. HARRIS,
Bishop.

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NOTICE.

The Sunday School Convention of the Charlotte Dist. will convene in Grace Church on the 30th day of July—at 10 o'clock A. M. Each School will be prompt in collecting and sending in the usual assessments. It is hoped that every School in the District will be represented.

J. A. TYLER, P. E.,
Chairman.

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Any person telling me where "Zion" first occurs in the bible and send 40 cts. with their answer, I will on July 1st give \$2 to the 1st correct answer and \$1 to the second person, 50 cts to the 3rd and the next 5 persons a copy free. You must tell Chapter and verse. To spread the book called "77" FACTS on the mode of baptism. Every person answering this adv. will get a copy. Send money by Postal Note. Address Rev. H. W. Smith, Box 30, Clarksville, Tenn. Successful names will be published in the STAR.

NOTICE.

To the Preachers of the Arkansas Conference: You will remember, brethren that by an act of the Abys conference at Poplar Bluff, I was honored with the reelection as Conference Steward, and therefore it becomes my duty to urge upon you to collect the general fund monthly, and forward the same as soon as collected. I warn you to begin now and do your whole duty the whole year, and your report will be good next fall at Little Rock, Ark. Let us resolve to raise \$500 general fund this conference year. We can and we must: the Lord being our helper.

J. P. MEACHAM,
Conference Steward.
Little Rock, 515 East 20 st., Ark

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T. H. LOMAX,
Bishop of the 5th E. District.

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