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There is a difference between a cold blooded murderer and a gentleman. A cold blooded murderer can not be a gentleman, nor can a gentleman be a cold blooded murderer. We should very much dislike to belong to a civilization which regards the two as synonymous terms. What think you, reader, of a civilization which tolerates the belief that a person can be both?

We can't help thinking a lot of those who'd fight in aiding us in extending the circulation of the STAR. Hence we can't resist thanking men like Revs. J. W. Alstork, R. S. Rives, H. W. Barrett, W. C. Vesta, J. W. Thomas, G. H. S. Bell, Dr. J. H. Manly, E. Geo. Biddle, and others for their continued efforts in seeking to help us. Messrs. G. C. Sourlock, S. J. Brown, N. D. Latham, Miss Potter and others of the laity, have also rendered us good service. We

thank all who thus seek to help us and themselves at the same time.

Do you like this issue of the STAR? If so let your neighbors see it, and try to get him or her to subscribe for it. You can aid us much in this way.

We wish to say to our readers, that our subscribers are renewing fairly well, which shows that they like the STAR. All who are still behind will please oblige us by settling at once. We are giving considerable attention to our books just now.

The New York Age holds its own against all comers, as about the newest, brightest and most vigorous of all colored journals. Fortune and Peter son certainly know how to conduct a great and successful Negro journal.

We are pleased to know that Bennett Seminary, under the Presidency of our old and brilliant friend, C. W. Grandison, is meeting with marked success under his management. We believe he credits us with starting him out as a Temperance advocate, and now he is one of the best in the field.

We would remind those dear friends who agreed to settle for the STAR in a few days, that unless they do so before the next issue, that we will discontinue the paper to their address. This refers more particularly to those Alabama friends who agreed to forward their subscriptions within ten days.

BISHOP JONES' ADDRESS.

We commend to the careful consideration of our readers the very excellent Episcopal address of Bishop S. T. Jones to the South Carolina conference. Beside the ponderous and valuable suggestions it contains, after reviewing the very creditable work of the year, it gives a resume of history, which it would be well for all of our membership to read, in order to be prepared to dispose of claims that others might set up, which would run counter to the bit of history herein set forth.

We for one thank Bishop Jones for this small, but valuable contribution to our already well written history. We would like to hear of Bishop Jones writing Zion's history as he knows it, including extended biographical sketches of all our Bishops. The Church at large would take pride in circulating such a work.

BUTLER SPEAKS AND IS ANSWERED.

SENATOR M. C. BUTLER made his speech last Thursday in favor of his bill to expatriate the Negroes to Africa, and to appropriate five million dollars for that purpose. It was not as vehement and ultra as was expected, and fell flat—not a single new idea, or good reason being given why such a thing should be done.

Senator Hoar disposed of Senator Butler in short order, and in a manner that wholly disarmed him of every weapon of further defense. Senator Hoar's tribute to the Negro was masterly and grand—and was in happy contrast to the bitter and unreasoning criticism of the man who owes all he has and is to the race he dared stand in that august presence and vility. Senator Hoar's tribute to Senator Bruce and all the colored men who had held seats in congress was complete, and an unanswerable refutation of all that Senator Butler had said. Senator Blair followed him and heartily endorsed Senator Hoar's remarks, and pointed out his Educational Bill as a panacea for existing ills.

AGITATE THE MONUMENT IDEA.

We were in dead earnest when we proposed that a monument be erected to the memory of Bishops Rish and Clinton Zion's pioneer bishops. Their work was immense when considered in the light of the present. One was necessitated to confine his labors within a certain prescribed territory, while the other, following the advancing column of a conquering army, planted Zion's banner from the point where the line divides the two sections to the tepid waters of the Gulf.

Shall Zion even now in the hey day of her glory and prosperity, exhibit a spirit of ingratitude to those grand men who sacrificed so much to extend her borders? We think not. Let us then begin in all the conferences the agitation of a fund for such a monument.

Wouldn't the grounds of Livingstone College be a splendid spot for the erection of such a monument or monuments? It would show what proportions their work is assuming in so few years.

FOR BY THE WAY, the Star's Free Office. Physicians recommend it. All dealers keep it. \$1.00 per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and crossed red lines on wrapper.

THE LEADER IS CHOSEN.

We declared, in our last issue, that leaders are born, and that the crisis develops them. We had in mind at that time the Afro-American League and its work. We recognize it as a new departure, and confess that we were fearful lest it should commit some blunder which would greatly impair its usefulness as an instrument to right many of the wrongs we are forced to suffer. We wondered if the proper leader—possessed of all the elements of leadership, namely, courage, high character; a well balanced mind, of tact, judgment and discretion and of strong intellectual force,—would come to the front. As God would have it, out of the stormy debates and contentions for principles which several delegates do med wise and just, the man did rise supremely above his fellows, and in a moment, by voicing their sentiments in a speech of rare wisdom, moderation, and eloquence became their rightful leader. The moment, the hour, the crisis, the occasion developed him—and he is no less a man than the polished, astute and eloquent gentleman Dr. J. C. Price, the President of Livingston College. He was almost unanimously chosen Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The convention could have certainly gone farther and done worse. Confidence in the League is no doubt increased everywhere. Respect for it North and South alike will grow with the months and years. Under him it will not do a silly thing—certainly not a thing that will either compromise or jeopardize the common welfare of the race.

The race has been declaring that it had no real leader whom all alike could follow. We think the League has selected a leader and him we should not hesitate to follow, as he is one of us, who thinks, acts, moves and has his continual being with us.

T. Thomas Fortune is the Secretary and here again is a man of sterling worth, the best journalist of the race, who loves his race above all things; who is courageous, self-sacrificing and untiring in his efforts to advance the race. We conclude that after all the League did nobly, and will prove a very great power for good. We heartily congratulate them on the final outcome of their week's work.

THE AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE.

IT ORGANIZES AND OUTLINES ITS PLANS AND PURPOSES.—REASONABLE DEMANDS.

The Afro-American League met in Chicago, on Wednesday of last week, about 200 delegates being present.

T. Thos. Fortune was elected Temporary Chairman and he made a vigorous and brilliant speech on calling the convention to order.

W. A. Pledger, of Georgia, was afterwards elected Permanent Chairman, who also made a most pertinent address. H. C. Smith, of Ohio, and J. H. Pelham of Missouri were elected secretaries.

Ex. Consul H. C. C. Astwood introduced a resolution asking the Government to appropriate fifty million dollars to deport the white people from the States, in which the Negroes are in the majority to a more congenial climate—that the Negroes may not be further disturbed by them. This was a happy offset to Senator Butler's bill, and is far more reasonable and quite as much of a huge joke.

Mr. Astwood, as chairman of the committee, also reported the resolutions which we outline as follows:

To protest against taxation without representation, to secure a more equal distribution of school funds where separate schools exist; to insist upon fair and impartial trial wherein their race is a party; to resist by legal and reasonable means all mob and lynch law whereof we are the victims, and to insist upon the arrest and conviction of all such offenders against our legal rights; to resist the tyrannical usages of railroads, steamboats, and other corporations, and the unlawful conduct of their employes in all cases in which we are concerned, by the proposition of such corporations, and their employes in State and Federal Courts.

To labor for the reformation of all penal institutions, whereby barbarous treatment of convicts is practiced, and to assist emigrants from terror ridden sections to other and more law abiding sections. The object of the league shall be attained by the education of a healthy public sentiment through the medium of the press and pulpit, public meetings and addresses, and by appealing to the courts for redress of all denials of legal and constitutional rights, the purpose of the league being to attain the ends desired through peaceful and lawful methods.

Other articles were adopted which provide for the establishment of local and State leagues, and the holding of State conventions.

An Executive Committee was

chosen as follows: Rev. J. C. Price, D. D., President; T. Thos. Fortune, Secretary; George H. Jackson, of Cincinnati, Treasurer; and Edward H. Morris, of Chicago, Attorney. All this committee are able, educated men, and it is expected that their work will soon tell to the good and glory of the entire race.

Upon the whole, the League was quite a success, which we are glad to announce.

PERSONAL

Dr. Talmage, after visiting the chief cities of Bible history abroad, is on his way back home.

Senator Ingalls will reply to the speech of Senator Butler to day, touching the expatriation of the Negro. We expect it to be a great effort.

Rev. G. C. Carter is still doing well at Rochester N. Y. Recent attempts to proselyte him and his church we do not think will avail anything.

Rev. B. F. Wheeler, by whose motion to elect two more Bishops, our last General Conference had such a lively session, is at Somerville N. J. meeting with great success.

Rev. F. Smith, of Paterson, N. J., is still meeting with his wonted success, and we gather the pleasing information that his church is prospering.

Rev. W. H. Ferguson with whom we keep us posted with the work in Tennessee, is one of the strong men of that conference, and a most excellent and sustaining contributor.

In secret session Monday evening the Senate confirmed among others the nomination of Robert Smalls as Collector of customs at Beaufort, S. C., and of Carter B. Harrison as Mar shall for the middle district of Tennessee.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbot has been formally installed as Pastor of Plymouth Church, to succeed the late great Henry Ward Beecher. He is not so great as his illustrious predecessor but he is scholarly and able.

In speaking of the churches which raised \$200 and upward, we omitted to mention State Street church, Mobile, Ala., of which Rev. Edward Hunter is pastor. It raised over \$200. Rev. Hunter is a thoroughgoing man.

Rev. G. W. Clinton, gives notice through the Afro-American "Spokesman" that he will issue the first number of his proposed Quarterly Magazine on or about the first of April. It will no doubt be interesting, and all who can should subscribe for it.

BISHOP HOOD CLAIMS VIRGINIA AS THE BANNER CONFERENCE.

The Virginia conference makes an increase of \$135. She takes the banner for this year on General Fund by an average of \$645 for each presiding elders district. The West Ala makes an average of \$645. The quota for each presiding elders' district is \$700. When all of the fifty districts will have reached it, we will have the money we need to run the connection. J. W. Hood.

THE PILGRIM SPIRIT.

Here, then, is our duty plainly before us not to eulogize this spirit, but to incorporate it and make it a part of our personal life; not to put it away from us as something which belongs to the past, but to set it forth anew in our modern conditions. We may present it in gentler exhibition than it found in the old time. We may combine with it, as we ought, an ampler love of love and beauty. We may rise, as we ought, to higher levels of spiritual sympathy with different opinion than were familiar to our fathers.

We may be more tender toward doubting minds, and more eager to minister to those who are walking with overshadowed and saddened souls amid the great problems of life and of the universe. But we must retain the spirit into ourselves, and make it, so far as our influence goes, generally controlling, organic in the nation, if we would do our work aright. For it is true now, as true in the midst of all the beauty and all the wealth with which commerce and invention and art surround us, as it was when Paul wrote to the poor, despoiled disciples in Ephesus, under the shadow of that Temple of Diana whose renown was in all the world: "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil hour, and having done all, to stand."

We want the same temper, amid the changed world in which our personal lot has been cast, which has been in those who have stood, in all their ages, against corruption in Church or in State, with hearts that no more failed and brows that no more blanched, than does the rock before the rush of the storm; the same temper which was in our fathers two hundred and seventy years ago, when they left whatever was beautiful at home, in obedience to conscience, and faced, finching, the sea and the savage; when they sought not high things for themselves, and were joyfully ready to be stepping-stones for others, if they might advance the kingdom of God. But when they gave to this New England a life which has molded its rugged strength from

that day to this, has made it a monument surpassing all others, and has made it a seminary of character and of power for all the land; a life, please God, which shall never be extinct, among the stronger sons of men till the earth itself shall have vanished like a dream.—Dr. J. S. Storr

POUGHKEEPSIE NOTES.

BY MISS W. POTTER.

We are thankful to say that our pastor, Rev. Adam Jackson, who has been confined to his home on account of sickness for the last week, was able to be at his post last Sabbath to conduct the services. Sabbath School was conducted by Miss Blainie Potter, the secretary, Miss W. Potter, the superintendent being confined to her home on account of illness. Notwith standing many of the Sabbath School members have been attacked by the "la grippe" we have a good congregation. None of our people have as yet been fatally attacked by this dreaded disease. Providence has willed otherwise. Rev. Isaac Deyo was recently attacked. We pray for his immediate recovery.—Deaths. In this city Jan 12 Mrs. Jane Reiley died in the full triumph of a christian's faith. The deceased was 80 years of age. The funeral services took place at her daughter's residence, Mrs. Emilina Gantt, 44 Jay St., on Wednesday at 2:30, p.m. Rev. Seekore officiated.

We are glad to hear of the successful revival being conducted at Rev. J. W. Brown's church. We were hoping to have successful meetings here, but the attendance was so poor that the meeting was suspended.—On last Sabbath quarterly meeting was held at Baxter Tower at Rev. W. H. Decker's church. We are glad to learn that his Sabbath School is in progressive condition.—Mrs. Chas. Lockwood of Morristown, N. J. has come home to her mother.—Sick list. Mrs. Sarah Chen, Mrs. Sarah Vandorbit, Mrs. Ross Nelson, of Hempstead, L. I. is confined at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Adam Jackson.

We feel that we should say something about our young choir. It is making marked progress under the excellent management of Miss Sarah Rhodes, the organist.

HOOKEKERTON NOTES.

BY REV. A. F. MOORE.

EDITOR STAR: The present excitement of the colored people in the counties of Lenoir, Greene and Pitt, is getting worse. We see no way to hold our members, and fear that we shall be compelled to give up our charge. The statistics show a membership of 150 for this circuit, the average, but now I don't suppose there are 60 members on the entire circuit. And they are still going. We offered a resolution in conference to throw the circuits and stations in together as common stock and equally divided among the ministers of the said conference, which would have been more beneficial to the ministry and church. The conference refused to entertain said resolution for some cause we know not of. We are pleased to state that Mr. Enoch Hart, one of our noble hearted men, has donated a fine house and lot to the A. M. E. Zion church of Hookerton, N. C. Through the STAR we tender to the gentleman our heart felt thanks, and hope that he and his wife may live long and be blessed with good health to enjoy the rich things of earth, and afterward a home in the fair regions of undying bliss.

Our Sabbath School of this place is in a flourishing condition under the skillful management of its superintendent, Rev. Jos. Moore who is moving every thing before him with his efficient corps of teachers.

It pains us to state that one of our teachers, Mr. William Moore, is confined to his bed of affliction with the pneumonia in one lung. The case is a serious one. He solicits the prayers of the connection.

A WORD FROM FAYETTE.

Dear Editor: I have served this people two years, and have (comparatively speaking) met with much success. I firmly believe that, these people have done every thing in their power to promote the happiness of my family and myself. I can say the progress of our Zion here is very remarkable, and that a prosperous future awaits her. There is a noble class of young people here, that are trying to work to such end as will do honor to themselves as well as our race. Messrs. L. Frank (North Carolina) Perry Vanhose, Melvin Mc Connell, Della Carr, Melvin Brint, R. J. Maddox and others are among the number who are aspiring to noble ends in life. And little Jonnie Vanhose, about 12 years old, is the shining star of the community. My many friends of sister churches have proved their friendship beyond doubt. They not only stood by me when the thunder rolled the clouds of trouble hung thickly over head and darts were coming from many sources. It was then that they proved their steadfastness in helping me to hold up the banner of Christ and preach the gos-

pel unto the sons of men. My family and I leave to day for my new field of labor. I regret to leave Mr. W. O. Smyer our worthy school teacher. Mr. Smyer is a young man of marked ability. He is of North Carolina and a student of Livingston College. He is falling into the way of his father, the able pulpit orator and Presiding Elder of the Birmingham District, Rev. A. B. Smyer. One of the many things that makes Mr. Smyer the pride of the Fayetteites is, that he represents our great College in Salisbury and is a hard worker in the Zion Connection. Mr. Smyer is going to work to organize a grand literary and it will be named the J. C. Price Literary Society in honor of Dr. Price the President of our noble College in Salisbury. Mr. Smyer is the only Zimite of Livingstone that has ever taught here, and he is doing such a noble work that the people say "the ball is yet to be told." I honestly trust that the people of Fayette will continue their grand work, lay aside their present folly build school houses edify their churches and work to such effect that it will startle the eye of the world and build up the christian institution of the cloudy South. May our little curly headed boys and girls who see countless feet are plodding their way through the grouped darkness to and from the school rooms every day live to do a great work for God and struggling mankind in establishing a unity upon the great rock of ages that will live when ages cease to roll and shall be no more. Be hopeful. Although the future looks dark and dismal, the road is rough, but we believe that by the aid of the One who holds the great power in the hollow of his hand, and whigives all men justice either sooner or later, we can reach the desired point. We can see through the bloody and misty clouds, a glorious future, a righteous reward and a recognition among the many millions of fallen humanity.

Fayette, Ala. H Washington. OUR WASHINGTON LETTER. TOPICAL TALK ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS I HAVE SEEN. SOME BEEEZY COMMENTS. BY REV. J. W. SMITH. It has been quite awhile since I penned anything to the STAR. I have been down with "La Grippe," but I rallied strength and gripped it, and am again on my feet, fat and as jubilant as ever, and ready to wield my pen for God and Zion. I went down to Congress this week to hear Senator Morgan of Alabama and Butler of South Carolina shoot off their mouths on "Negro Emigration to Africa." If these two enemies of the Negro had disappeared during "Sherman's march to the sea" when Ben Butler destroyed Charleston, it would have been better for the country, for they are at present occupying the valuable time of Congress, trying to embarrass legislation and worry the Republican administration so that it will be defeated in 1892. Old one-legged Butler of S. C. in his bill, wants Congress to appropriate 5,000,000 to remove the colored people from this country to the wilds of Africa among the lizards and snakes and frogs, while old man Morgan wants them sent to the Congo regions. I will say to these loose-headed fellows who call themselves "Statesmen," and to all other cranks who are with them, that there isn't human power enough in this Nation to send us to any country it we don't want to go; and the sooner pot-house politicians learn this cold fact the better for all concerned. The colored man doesn't care any more about the passage of that bill than they do about Senators Butler and Morgan passing around the corner. Put this in your pipe and smoke it.

The republicans who have entire control of Congress, with a Republican President sitting in the White House, can not afford to waste precious time with men who are too ignorant or rather lazy, to offer measures that will benefit the country. If they do the next Congress will be democratic. There are other great questions more interesting to the country than the one about sending us to Africa. The republicans, if they wish to continue in power, had better take them up and settle them. The great mass of colored people are not studying about Africa. We don't know any more about that dark Continent than these fools who are continually harping on the Negro. We are American citizens born here and we expect to live and die here. When Gabriel's trumpet sounds the colored people will go to Heaven from the United States. As President Harrison said we did not intrude ourselves here or come voluntarily. While our people were enjoying themselves in Africa, sneaking white villains stole them by the hundreds and brought them here in chains and held us as long as they could—

250 years—in bondage. In those days—before the war, I mean—when our people wanted to leave the whites and get back to Africa they were brought back with shot guns and blood hounds and bull whips. Now, since they haven't the power to re-enslave us, and our progress in all the walks of life are unparalleled in the history of the world, a gang of ignoramuses want us to trot off to Africa. We are not going. That settles it.

If Congress will appropriate several millions of dollars and send to Africa or to the bottom of the sea, every Negro hating white person, it will do something that the Lord and Angels will give them credit for, and which will cause the Devil to jump up, pop his heels together and shout for joy. If Butler and Morgan will get Congress to pass a bill and appropriate \$5,000,000 to send out of this country the rat-eating Chinese and the outcast slums of Europe who are here stealing, killing, trampling our laws under foot, waving red flags and throwing dynamite, destroying lives and property, they will do something that will win the approval of every honest citizen of the country. But to try to drive out the Negro who has made this the greatest and wealthiest country on earth is the sheerest nonsense. It cannot be done. Senator Hoar of Massachusetts and Blair of New Hampshire who savagely replied to Messrs Butler and Morgan said it was an impossibility and that the bill was an insult to humanity. Senator John J. Ingalls of Kansas, the most eloquent and sarcastic speaker in Congress, will defend the Negro and reply to Butler and Morgan next week. Ingalls has a tongue which "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." When it is announced on any occasion that he will speak, the galleries of Congress are densely crowded hours before Congress convenes. He is called the "fire-eater." He will crush and chew up Butler and Morgan in a few minutes. He is a dangerous gun to handle.

Before I close I wish to give notice that if that bill passes and Congress appropriates the money, I shall immediately buy me two Winchester rifles, and the man or woman that pokes his head in my door saying "Africa" will get an introduction to the business end of that rifle which they will in nowise appreciate. This is authentic. Editor Dancy in the STAR of Zion of Jan. 16th, calls Zion's attention to a book on Methodism, which is fulsome in its praise and commendation of all denominations except Zion church. He says it has pictures of the Bishops of other denominations, including all the present A. M. E. Bishops, and not a single cut of a Zion Bishop. He says let it severely alone. This is the same book that I called Zion's attention to last September. I would not have one for a present. I would take it to kindle fire with in the morning. This is the same book that an agent is going around the country saying that one of our Zion Bishops endorsed. That is a—well, I won't say, but you know what I mean. Buy no history that leaves out or misrepresents Zion.

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