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LOVELINESS.

Once I knew a little girl, Very plain; You might try her hair to curl...

SELECTED.

LIKENESS TO GOD COMES BY PRAYER.

Prayer sets the soul particularly near to God in Jesus Christ. It is then in His presence, and being much with God in this way, it is powerfully assimilated to Him by converse with Him...

MISERY OR COMFORT.

In North Carolina recently an old colored man was lecturing, and this is one of the things he said: "When I see a man going home with a gallon of whiskey and a half...

BRIEFS.

The Pope's brother, Cardinal Pecci, is dead.

The Blair Educational bill is again before the Senate.

Make life a ministry of love, and it will always be worth living.

Andrew Carnegie has offered Pittsburgh \$1,000,000 for a public library.

Ten thousand colored people in Canada have sent the governor general a loyal address.

A noble part of every true life is to learn to undo what has been wrongly or thoughtlessly done.

The Supreme Court has decided that the Idaho test oath against polygamy is Constitutional.

Mr. Gladstone has declined an offer of \$6,000 yearly by a firm of American publishers for every thing he writes for the public.

Over 7,000 people welcomed Dr. Talmage in the Thirtieth Regiment Armory on his return from abroad.

Gen. Salamaña, Captain General of Cuba, is dead. Gen. I. Chinchilla, formerly Minister of War, succeeds him.

The Republican convention in the Fourth Pennsylvania district, nominated State Senator John E. Royburn to succeed the late Congressman Kelley.

Forty thousand farmers of central Illinois have organized in the Farm and Mutual Benefit Association. They are erecting elevators and co-operative farm stores.

The New York Presbytery voted for a revision of the creed leaving out the damnation of infants and the heathen. The New Jersey Committee reported against revision.

The returns issued by the English board of trade show that during the month of January the imports in excess of \$500,000, as compared with the corresponding month in 1889.

Philadelphia, Feb. 12.—The Presbytery of Philadelphia North, the last of the Philadelphia presbyteries to act on the question of the revision of the Westminster Confession, to-day decided against any change, by a vote of 35 to 22.

Parliament was opened last week. The Queen's speech, while advocating the establishment of free education, proposes a bill as skillfully drawn in the interests of Tory parsons and denominational schools that it will receive the opposition of all Liberals.

Miss Ross A. Bower, one of Bishop Taylor's African missionaries, arrived from Liberia, Feb. 4, and is resting at Mrs. Osborn's in Brooklyn. It was a long and stormy voyage of six weeks, and considering her ill health she stood remarkably well. Her parents live in Delta, Pa., and she will go there to recruit.

Two Negro preachers, named Carey and Robinson, fell into the hands of some white ruffians on the Richmond and Danville road who made them dance the whole way between two stations. They have made the road for \$20,000. It was an "incredible outrage"—Wilmington Messenger.

Eight Democratic Senators, becoming incensed at the ruling of Lieutenant-Governor Richards, in counting them present when they refused to vote, have left the State, blocking all legislation. A resolution has been prepared providing heavy fines for the absentees, and orders have been issued to all the sheriffs to arrest the Democratic Senators.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

GEORGIA CONFERENCE NOTES.

THE MINISTERS AND THEIR WORK. BY REV. J. W. MILLS. Mr. Editor: Being elected by the Georgia conference as one of your correspondents, I made out my report of our last annual conference and forwarded the same to you in December. I notified you to send me fifty cents worth of them to me at Girard, Ga. I continued to look for them and had become a little sour, and was holding back my January report, hoping to hear from all of our field officers. This morning's mail brings news from Bishop Harris that you sent the papers to my old address at Augusta, Ga. I have been there but received no papers as yet.

SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES.

BY REV. A. E. WILSON. The very many readers of our most excellent paper are probably thinking that Zion's preachers in this State are asleep or lazy from the fact that they cannot learn anything about our work through the columns of the STAR. No, we are not asleep, neither are we lazy. In South Carolina there is probably as much territory yet to be occupied by Zion as there is in any of the other States. Our men seem determined from the effort which they are making to possess this territory. Our work must not be confined to any one portion of the State. Zion must be known in every county. Her preachers must be heard in all of the rural districts, villages, towns and cities. Yes, our Zion must be known and her power felt from the beautiful hills in the North to the washed shores of the South, and from the boisterous Atlantic on the East to Georgia on the West. Whereas we are trying to gain all the territory we can for our Zion we are also very busy gaining more souls for God and our church.

OUR CONFERENCE SCHOOL.

The Lancaster Female Seminary, under the very excellent management of Prof. W. E. Douglas is making a new start. A new building has just been completed and they are now able to accommodate two hundred students; the present enrollment is one hundred and fifty. Brethren, let us awake to the importance of educating the young, remembering that the ministry can be successful in its calling only in proportion as they succeed in bringing up the regenerated souls of vice, immorality and ignorance, and drawing suspicion out of religion by preaching the Gospel of Christ in its purity. To my mind, the future church is in the "church" which does the most for the intellectual advancement of the children of its day. Thank God that Zion is doing her part in this direction.

OBITUARY.

BY MRS. P. H. GREEN. The saddest of all ceremonies is that attendant upon the death of relatives and friends, and it becomes our duty to show in every possible way the utmost considerations for the feelings of the bereaved, and the deepest respect for the melancholy occasion. We may feel and because they are lost to us, but while we weep and wonder they are wrapped in garments

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of light, and warbling songs of celestial joy. Let us think of our deceased brother Alexander Smith, who departed this life January 23rd, '90. Knowing brother Smith for several years as one of those Christians not in word only, but in deed; he was one of the most active, liberal and untiring workers for Christ. He was always ready to perform his duty as a leader in the church and a member in the Sabbath school. He was intelligent but had not received the early advantages which he had labored hard to procure. Though he is with the silent dead, he rests beneath the ever shifting sands of time. Death is but a path that must be trod. He will return to us no more, but we shall go to him and share his pleasures in the home above. The city in which he abides, the sunlight of glory floods all its streets. Another songster from our hand has lately flown above the clouds. The song of angels mingling with their harps of heaven, now fall upon his ear; never has he heard such music. But now when he hears even the first notes of the ransomed throng, the thought of all earthly music is forgotten.

TUSCALOOSA, (ALA.) NOTES.

BY WITNESS. Mr. Editor: Please insert a few words in the columns of your paper concerning the work of Zion church here. We thank God that amidst the hard times and exodus fever, connected with other unfavorable circumstances, that He has placed his arm of protection around St. Augustine. During our late conference many good old fathers, and mothers were in silent prayer to God that something might be done by way of appointment that would help us to keep Zion's banner aloft. It is true we have lost many members by the exodus and other causes, but in the time of our greatest distress, the wisdom of the conference came to our rescue by sending us as pastor, Rev. J. S. Henderson. He is indisputably the right man in the right place. Since he has been with us, everything generally about the church has been well regulated and the people are satisfied. St. Augustine has the honor of being the leading church in the town and the people in general as well as members of denominations are not ignorant of the fact. Services are largely attended let the weather be as it may. Another fact we will speak of, viz: when visitors come to our church they take delight in contributing to the cause of Christ.

INDEPENDENT CLUB NO. 3.

Mr. Editor: Our little "City of Oaks" is interestingly alive, and work is on the increase every day. The city market is now completed and is operated on a grand scale. It is supplied with choice meats of all kind that can be provided for any city market, which is very acceptable to the customers. We have a very fine three story brick building in course of erection; the walls are up and the sleepers of the third story are laid. A large number of new buildings are going up at the same time in different parts of the city: one of them is the school building for the colored children; it will be completed by the 1st of April next. This school now numbers about about three hundred and eighty six scholars, divided into seven grades; the teachers are employed and controlled by the city authorities. Prof. A. C. Dayton is principal; Prof. Jeremiah Barnes, Miss S. E. Van house, Miss Mary B. Brown and Mrs. E. W. Carlyle are teachers. These are some of the best talented educators in our city. Our city will, ere long, have electric lights. The poles and wires are up, and the engine house also. All the equipments for the same are here. By the time our readers will be pondering over the few lines, our city will be lighted up by this machine.

THE SEXTON REFORM BILL.

Mr. Editor: The Sexton ballot reform bill was favorably reported in the New York senate. The bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal church, in conference at Charleston, S.C., selected Philadelphia as the place of meeting of the next general conference. The President last week, in a short and well-worded address, received the representatives of the new Republic of Brazil, expressing the gratification of the American people that the Republic had been established without bloodshed and without violence.

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There was a fine reception given by the members of Hunter's chapel A. M. E. Zion church the first Friday night in January, to welcome the pastor's return to them as their shepherd for another year. The leaders of the movement are Mrs. Harriet Washington, Mrs. Betty Thomas, Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Mrs. Carrie Goode, Mrs. Louisa Nelson, Mrs. G. J. Kenedy, Mrs. Francis Price, Mrs. Jennie Moore, Miss A. L. Murphy, Miss Lillie Steele, Miss Lillie Yancy, Mr. Joseph Johnson and others whose names we can not now remember. May the blessings of the all-wise and merciful Father rest and abide with them.

ON TUESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 23TH.

The rites of holy matrimony were celebrated between Mr. Harry Sherley and Mrs. Martha Allen; and on Wednesday night between Mr. J. A. S. Mitchell and Miss Minnie Bounds in the A. M. E. Zion church, Rev. J. C. Saunders officiating. The church was very beautifully decorated. There were four arches down the aisles and a much larger one than the four just in front of the rostrum. A very large congregation turned out to witness the ceremony. Your humble correspondent wishes for them a long and happy journey through life's rugged way, and at last obtain heaven for their eternal home.

REV. W. M. SPENCER.

Rev. W. M. Spencer was hastily called from his home and pastoral work in Selma, Ala., to the bedside of his father, Mr. Only Spencer, on the 26th of January, and there he remained until the day of his father's death, which occurred the 2nd day of February. He had fought a good fight, finished his course and was ready to go. Peace to his ashes.

INDEPENDENT CLUB NO. 3.

Independent Club No. 3 held a special meeting at the residence of Mr. S. D. Toggart on Wednesday night the 6th inst. It was good to be there. We had a fine time spiritually, temporally and socially. Mrs. Lizzie Spencer is president; Miss R. P. Baker, secretary, and Mrs. L. Taggett, treasurer. This club has a large circle of members, and it will, no doubt, do great good this year toward relieving the pecuniary necessities of life which will make glad the hearts of the pastor and family. There were short addresses and speeches made by Mr. S. D. Taggett, the pastor and Rev. W. M. Spencer. Afterwards refreshments were royally served by Miss Maria B. Edwards and Mrs. Laura Taggett.

QUITE A NUMBER OF OUR PEOPLE.

Quite a number of our people have been and are still sick with "La Grippe." Among those afflicted are Rev. A. B. Smyer, Presiding Elder of the Birmingham District of the West Alabama conference; Mrs. M. E. Smyer; Mr. W. H. Rourke, Mrs. Josephine Davis, Miss Fannie Weaver, A. L. Saunders. They are getting better.

LAST WEEK WAS QUARTERLY MEETING.

Last week was quarterly meeting week. We had one of the finest times we ever witnessed since we have had our new pastor and Presiding Elder. Everything passed off lovely.

MR. LAWRENCE WEAVER.

Mr. Lawrence Weaver ran one of his model entertainments on the night of the 7th inst., with good results. He is one of Zion's good workers. May he live long to work for God and Zion.

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FOR DYNASTY.

The Brown's Iron Biscuits. Physicians recommend it. All dealers keep it. \$1.00 per bottle. Genuine has trade-mark and crown testings on wrapper.