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### [For the Star.] A HYMN.

BY REV. JOHN E. PRICE.

Saints and sinners, hear the message,  
Which the Gospel heralds bring,  
That we all must go to judgment;  
When the roll is called again.

Jesus robed in glorious splendor,  
Tended by a dazzling train,  
Every eye shall then behold him,  
When the roll is called again.

Hear the great arch angel's trumpet,  
Sound of ocean, hill and dale,  
Waking all the sleeping nation's  
When the roll is called again.

See the universe assembled,  
On the wide extended plain,  
Facing there the great tribunal  
When the roll is called again.

See the righteous, once despised,  
Called to honor, called to reign,  
Called to enter into glory,  
When the roll is called again.

See poor sinners now lamenting,  
Filled with terror, filled with shame,  
Sink beneath God's wrath forever,  
When the roll is called again.

Brother, sister, grow not weary,  
Through you have much toil and pain,  
You shall have a crown of glory  
When the roll is called again.

—From the *Harp of Zion*, now being  
compiled by Rev. B. F. Wheeler, A. M.,  
B. D., Somerville, N. J.

### INCREASING INTEREST CHILDREN'S DAY BOOMING.

BY T. H. STEVENSON.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me to say something about Children's Day. We had the pleasure of having with us Miss G. C. Hood and Prof. E. Moore, and were highly entertained by the addresses delivered by Prof. Moore, one in the morning and one in the evening. Prof. Moore is an able scholar and an eloquent speaker, all who failed to hear him missed a fine treat. We are glad to note the great increase of interest this year in Children's Day—over previous years last year we only raised about \$4.00, but this year we have the pleasure of offering to Livingstone College \$12.45. We are rising. I think there has been more good done on our circuit since Rev. K. A. Morrissey has had charge of it than any previous pastor. The people are being worked up to a more intelligent standard, and we even hope to do more in the future. Pray for us.

### OBITUARY AND RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

The committee appointed by the Asheville Ministerial Union to prepare a program and a suitable expression of the high esteem in which their beloved friend, Elder Commodore Perry Letcher, was held, who departed this life April 4th 1890, in the 72 years, 2 months and 15 days of his age. He was highly respected by those who knew him, and the sense of the loss sustained by the church of which he was a member. The committee recommends that the following minutes be entered upon the records of the church book:

In the demise of our dear brother, the Rev. Commodore Perry Letcher, who was in the ministry over 40 years and principally in the A. M. E. Zion connection, and had filled the office of Elder with marked acceptance and untiring assiduity, we recognize another act of the impressive Providence which so constantly reminds us that in the midst of life we are in death. While in the happy assurance with which we follow to the rest above, fresh inspiration is given for all the zeal we can manifest in making known the blessed Gospel of peace and hope.

Resolved, That we tender his afflicted wife and friends an assurance of our heartfelt sympathy, with the hope that they may richly reap the consolation so often ministered to others and commending them to Him who is the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.

Elder E. J. Carter moved that these resolutions be sent to the Star of Zion for publication, and that the Editor be requested to send an extra copy containing these proceedings to the committee for the benefit of Mrs. Jane Letcher, the wife of the deceased.

Rev. E. J. Carter,  
Committee.  
Rev. W. W. Pore,  
Prof. J. P. WINGATE

### NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT.

#### "ZIONITE" WRITES ABOUT CHILDREN'S DAY IN BOSTON.

Children's Day had the enthusiasm of a "golden jubilee" in Boston, Rev. Samuel D. Birchmore, our pastor, preached a sermon to the parents and children at the afternoon service, ringing with loyalty to Zion's connection and rich with suggestion as to preparing need of parental instruction, to lay broad and deep the spiritual foundations upon which the young in our church are to build. Taking as his text, the words,—"By faith, Moses' mother; when he was born, hid him three months, because she saw he was a goodly child."—Bro. Birchmore urged the mothers in Zion to-day to appreciate the good qualities in their children and cherish and care for them as did the mother of the sainted Leader of Israel many ages ago. The lack of such parental care was a terrible hindrance, and the pastor, to the maintenance of Zion's position among the religious organizations of the day; and the church could only prosper through the earnest prayers of the parents for the salvation of their children. The reverend paid his "filial respects" to the too prevailing habit of Zion's warriors who allow their children to imbibe the religious tenets of every other "ism" except their own; and declared it to be one of the most injurious tendencies manifest in our church to-day. Without condemning any denomination which labors for the upbuilding of the glorious cause of Christ, he yet roundly did condemn the "mixing" of tenets which must of necessity result from children receiving Methodist Doctrine at one hour of the day, and at a later hour on the same day, taking in the doctrines of Calvin or Knox,—Baptist, Episcopalian or Presbyterian instruction—from the disciples of those different sects. It leads to unbelief, said Bro. Birchmore, in as much as, (among so many different and continually differing opinions), the child hardly knows which to believe. It was the opinion of the speaker, that "Zion's champions should bring their children in the faith of parents." What was good enough for the parents should be good enough for the children; certainly, it is the best that the parents can offer: they should be as zealous as Moses' mother in imparting proper spiritual instruction to their children, and seeing to it that their home instruction is supplemented by the instruction of their own Sunday School teachers who, having received the same "grace," and studied the same catechism, are thus enabled to build upon the sure foundation which they themselves have laid. To send their children to other schools, or even to allow them to go, simply means the demolition of the foundation which they have laid, and renders their own care and toil for the spiritualizing of their children a "casting of pearls before swine," because of which, the children themselves will, as they often have, turn and rend the hearts of those parents who are so short-sighted, as to consider such a course an action on the children's part.

"Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King," was the motto on the Sunday School banner just in front of the pulpit at the evening service, when the old and young children who study God's word on succeeding Sabbath marched up to take possession of the church service and all pertaining thereto. The officers and teachers had tacitly deposed the front of the altar and stage with banners, pretty dainties and bouquets, while a handsome engineering of "Our Saviour" in his Great Templeton" expressed the central thought of all Sabbath School work and teaching. Our Superintendent, Mr. Philip J. Allist, greeted the friends assembled, in a very appropriate address, and prayer was offered by Rev. B. C. Birchmore, Miss Maria O. Simmons, rendered pleasing organ music, so general, accompanying Mrs. Annie Allist, our pastor's wife, soloist of whom the church is proud.

Mrs. M. George Powell's class of young "Zionites" recited their pledges with usual excellence, and Miss King's class, joined them in singing to carry all the honors in the evening. Mrs. R. Walker, class leader, since Bishop Harris' visit here some weeks ago, and named "Harris' Class" in honor of him, recited prettily, and added to the interest of the service. For what may be termed "Our High School Department" Miss Hattie L. Smith, Miss Rosa Saunders, and Miss Lena Simmons' selections which were excellent for the literary taste of the readers, displayed, and still more valuable because of the grains of divine truth which they contained. The collections amounted to something over twenty seven dollars for the grand purpose of helping out Livingstone College, and while we regret that it was not a larger amount, yet we feel thankful that the spirit of giving was upon the people, and that those who did give, gave willingly as unto the Lord, being that, in such a cause as that of aiding our boy and our girl, we give to a more blessed than to ourselves.

SHALL THE GOSPEL DISPENSATION BE SUBSEQUENT IN CONVERTING THE WORLD TO CHRIST?

BY REV. G. GEORGE BIDDLE.

No. IV.

As we turn to the Bible, the fountain revealed truth, we not only fail to find any promise that the world will be converted to Christ through the Gospel dispensation, but we find that the declared purpose of this "Gospel of the kingdom" shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto all nations, "and then shall the end come."

The great commission of Christ to his disciples was, that they were to preach the Gospel to every creature, but with the commission was the reminder that some would not believe, and consequently would be condemned. The condition of the world at the end of this dispensation as revealed in the word of God, (which we shall call attention to in our next article) is sufficient to prove that the original plan was that of gathering an elect number from a corrupt mass. "This is the dispensation of election, and not of universal conversion." While the elect individual, and the elect number is well known to God, the proclamation of the Gospel as universal, and all that will be, may be said, but that many will not believe, and that from age to age, and on till the end men will reject Christ and treasure up wrath against the day of wrath.

### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

#### TOPICAL TALK ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS.

BY REV. J. W. SMITH.

I was again in Washington, Sunday June 22, having been called there by telegram to preach the funeral of brother Martin Perry, an aged and respected member of John Wesley church. He was only sick three weeks. Born in Maryland. He left there at the age of 14 and settled in Harrisburg, Pa., and was a useful member of Zion church in said city until his departure for Washington. Nearly all our Bishops and several of our ministers know him, having met him at his place of business at the 6th and 14th street depot. He was a close reader of THE STAR OF ZION, having handed me his subscription some weeks ago. Having died at the age of 70. He is at rest. "Peace to his ashes." The following ministers were at the funeral, viz: Revs. J. B. Small, D. D. J. S. Cowles, George Bosley, G. W. Kincaid, and L. D. Blackson.

Bro. Dancy, although I sent a complete list of conference appointments, the following were left out of the paper. In order to give satisfaction, please insert them: John Wesley church, Rev. J. B. Small; Union Wesley church, Rev. R. J. Dunham; Galbraith Zion church, Rev. S. Cowles. The above three are in Washington. Salisbury, Md., Rev. J. W. Martin; Rose Point, Md., Rev. H. B. Wales; Rockville and Oak Grove, Md., Rev. Logan Johnson; Burville and Laurel, Md., Rev. I. B. Johnson; and Union Wesley and Gibson Grove, Md., Rev. W. H. Wright.

Children's Day was a big day in our church. It was the greatest day of all the year for the Sabbath School children. It was exclusively their day, and the big children had as good a time as the little ones. Never was the church so handsomely decorated, the display of flowers and plants being elaborate and beautiful. I know of no church in Zion that makes such elaborate preparation. After the opening chorus in the afternoon and evening, ex-supt. J. B. Pople and Rev. James Stokes led in prayer. Mr. Editor, as you specially asked all the schools not to send you a long report and the programme, I will heed your request and only send a short clipping from one of the leading white daily papers of this city, called "The Morning Call." It says: "Wesley Union church, South Street, yesterday held the most successful Children's Day exercises that it has ever witnessed, and the church was crowded to the streets with an enthusiastic audience. The program was conducted by the superintendent, J. P. Scott, and each number marked attention. Over the pulpit platform a double arch, extending diagonally, was erected and from this emanated a bell of rose buds and other flowers was suspended. A number of appropriate designs and great quantities of tropical plants among which singing birds were placed, completed the beauty of the scene.

Never before has this school been more happy in the selection or more successful in the rendition of the choruses, and this result is due to Geo. Thomas, the musical director, and N. J. Butler, and to Mrs. Mary Thomas, and to Miss Lillie Stuart and Hattie Scott who presided at the organ. It was expected that the singing would be far superior to any previous efforts of this school, and this expectation was more than realized. The address of Rev. W. M. H. Lorton, on Children's Day" and W. H. Marshall on "Compulsory Education," received favorable comment. The speech of Miss J. H. Stinson, on "The Children's Hour," and H. H. W. Gammon, on "I Will Try," received the attention and acclamations they so richly merited. The singing of the Scott brothers, Mrs. E. Dandridge and Miss Mary John son, Inez Cole, Hattie and Mamie Stewart, Mary Williams, Lizzie Jones and Mrs. Dorton, Miss Caroline

God knowing these facts would He start out to do that which He knew would not be accomplished? Thus those teachers, who maintain in the face of plain scripture, the contrary that the present gospel instrumentalities are to secure the complete conversion of the world.

GENERAL STEWARD'S REPORT FOR JUNE.

My report on General Fund for June 1890 is as follows:

J. W. Astor, Ala. con.	\$34.10
J. P. Thompson, Phila. con.	618.65
A. Walters, N. Y. con.	265.00
T. H. Darley, Fla. con.	25.00
J. B. Small, N. C.	28.55
E. Killingsworth, S. C. con.	50.00
J. B. Johnson, Ky. con.	18.75
W. H. Ferguson, Tenn. con.	29.00
J. J. Moore, Ark. con.	15.30
S. E. Francisco, Cal. con.	8.25

J. C. CLARSON,  
General Steward.

### BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS.

JUNE: Sunday 22nd, Norfolk, Va.; Sunday 29th, New York City.

JULY: Sunday 6th, Fleet St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Tuesday 8th, Oryster Bay, L. I., N. Y.; Thursday 10th, Hempstead, L. I., N. Y.; Sunday 13th, Port Chester, N. Y.; Thursday 17th, New Rochelle, N. Y.; Sunday 20th, Tarrytown, N. Y.; Tuesday 22nd, Peekskill, N. Y.; Wednesday 23rd, Newburgh, N. Y.; Sunday 27th, Troy, N. Y.; Thursday 31st, New Paltz, N. Y.

AUGUST: Sunday 3rd, Kingston, N. Y.; Tuesday 5th, Middletown, N. Y.; Wednesday 6th, Havenstraw, N. Y.; Sunday 10th, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Wednesday 13th, Bridgeport, Conn.; Sunday 17th, New Haven, Conn.; Tuesday 19th, Middletown, Conn.; Thursday 21st, Waterbury, Conn.; Sunday 24th, Derby, Conn.

NOTICE: Subscribers for the Sunday School lesson helps, Lesson Leaves, and Teachers Assistant are requested to forward their orders with the money before the 15th June for the third quarter, quarterly, which are 3 cts. per copy. Lesson Leaves 1 half ct. per copy. Teacher Assistant 5 cts. single copy two or more 50 cts. per year.

NOTICE: The Rev. Jacob Thomas having tendered his resignation as General Agent of the Book Concern, to the Board of Bishops at their recent meeting at Louisville Ky. the following has been ordered by the Executive Board of Book Concern: that until further notice is given, all monies due Book Concern; and all orders for Disciples and other church literature, with the exception of Hymnals, and Sunday School matter, be sent to Rev. A. Walters 66 Grove St. New York City. Orders for new church Hymnals to be sent direct to the Bishop of the Episcopal District, from whence the order comes.

By order of Book Committee of Book Concern,  
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Rev. A. WALTERS, Treasurer.  
Rev. J. H. WHITE, Secretary.

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Send two silver dimes for two kinds of fine capital, fresh from my pen. Will give lessons by mail. Begin at once. Address:  
REV. H. W. SMITH, B. D.,  
Box 30, Clarksville, Tenn.

NOTICE: The Lesson Helps and Lesson Leaves for the second quarter will be forwarded to pastors and Sunday School superintendents as you order with the cash. Remember the money must come with the orders.  
Rsv. R. R. MORRIS, Editor & Gen'l Supt.  
Rev. T. A. WEATHERINGTON, Financial Sec'y.

A Card.

This is to certify that the faculty of Livingstone College has appointed Prof. S. G. Atkins and D. C. Suggs as Agents to lay before the general public the work of this College by lectures, addresses, &c., and by every proper means to present and urge the claims of the College on the patronage of the people.  
J. C. PATON, President.  
F. MOORE, Secretary.

NOTICE: The Teachers' Assistant will not appear until August, after which it shall be regularly issued. The Lesson Helps and Lesson Leaves will be ready by the 25th inst. We will publish 20,000 copies of the Quarterlies. Brethren send the money with the orders and ask not credit, as we must pay the printer in advance.  
R. R. MORRIS, Gen'l Supt.  
T. A. WEATHERINGTON, Financial Sec'y.

A CHANCE TO MAKE MONEY.

Mr. Editor:  
I bought one of Griffith's machines for plating with gold, silver or nickle, and it works to perfection. No sooner did people hear of it than I had more spoons, knives, forks and jewelry than I could plate in a month. The first week I cleared \$31.30, the first month \$167.85, and I think by July first I will have \$1,000 cash and give my farm considerable attention too. My daughter made \$47.40 in four days. Any person can get one of these machines by sending \$3.00 to W. H. Griffin & Co., Zanesville, Ohio, or can obtain circulars by addressing them. You can learn to use the machine in one hour. As this is my first lucky streak, I give my experience, hoping others may be benefited as much as I have been.  
Yours truly,  
M. O. MORRHEAD.

### MANLY PERSONS AND THINGS.

BY REV. J. W. SMITH.

Rev. J. H. White of the New Jersey conference is a progressive man. Not only is he teaching Phonography, but he has tastefully arranged a Ritual Service for the use of the congregations of Zion; which he is selling very cheap. I was always opposed to this form of worship until I saw it used in Dr. Manly's church in Petersburg, Va.; last fall. When I saw the whole congregation taking part in the scripture lesson and singing, and saw the grand spiritual impression produced, making it much easier for the minister to preach, when I saw the tears and heard the shouts and amens going up before the sermon was commenced, my prejudice was instantly gone, and from that moment to this I say, give me Ritual Service all the time! Brethren, you will find it a great help to you in conducting public worship. You must keep it in the afternoon of this 10th inst. to the music of progress. Churches are calling for strong men and an intelligent form of worship. If you are too lazy to make your self strong, intellectually and spiritually, by hard study and the grace of God, and are too narrow-minded and prejudiced to conduct services agreeably yet intelligently, the churches that know you now will soon know you no more, forever. You keep "hanging back," and you will wake up some morning and find your self on either the supernumerary or superannuated list. Keep looked up with the times and trust God, and you are safe. This Ritual Service is fast finding its way in all the denominations of Jesus Christ. A great many Zion churches are using it now. I am preparing to use it. I believe the next general conference will adopt it. Bro. White is selling them in interest of our Book Concern. Write to him and see what they cost a hundred and lift a public collection and get as many as you want.

Here is his address:  
Rev. J. H. WHITE,  
58 Montgomery St.,  
Paterson, N. J.

NOTICE: The pastors and Sabbath School Superintendents are requested to send in their orders with cash as early as possible. Letters containing money must be addressed to Rev. T. A. Weatherington financial Secretary Montgomery Ala.

R. R. MORRIS

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