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SHARED.

I said it in the meadow path,
I say it on the mountain stairs—
The best things any mortal hath
Are those which every mortal shares.

The air we breathe, the sky, the breeze,
The light without us and within,
Life with its unlocked treasuries,
God's riches are for all to win.

The grass is softer to my tread,
For rest it yields unnumbered feet:
Sweeter to me he wild rose red,
Because she makes the whole world sweet.

Into your heavenly loneliness,
Ye welcome, O solemn peaks!
And me in every guest you bless
Who reverently your mystery seeks

And on the radiant peopled way
That opens into worlds unknown,
It will be life's delight to say,
'Heaven is not heaven for me alone."

Rich by my brethren's poverty!
Such wealth were hideous I am blest
Only in what they share with me,
In what I share with all the rest

—*Lucy Larcom.*

MAKING PROGRESS IN LOUISIANA.

BY REV L. W. OLDFIELD.

Mr. Editor:

I wish to inform the many readers of the STAR what is going on in this conference toward educating our children. The last annual conference, through its committee on education, passed resolutions to establish a high school at Amite City, La. A board of commissioners was elected by the conference to negotiate for a site. The commissioners met on the 13th of June at Amite City The meeting was called to order at 12 m, by the chairman, Rev J W Eason, P E, and the meeting was opened with prayer The roll was called. The commissioners reported what they had done The report was discussed pro and con The commissioners negotiated with Col Wm H Garland, of the town, for nine acres of land in Amite City. The meeting accepted the commissioners' work, and arrangements were made to make the first payment which is two hundred dollars. Mr Editor, the site is a fine one. The nine acres cost six hundred dollars. The people are interested in the matter. The board will meet again in July to make the first payment.

A SUCCESSFUL CONCERT AT SOMERVILLE, N. J.

BY EYE WITNESS.

The great Inter State Coronal Contest for the benefit of the Somerville A. M. E. Zion church closed last Wednesday night in one the largest halls in the town. 42 young ladies each representing one of the states of the union, and 7 young ladies, each representi g one of the territories, were supplied with votes a 10 cents a vote. For two weeks these young ladies were busy selling their votes And on the night above mentioned June 25th all met in the large Somerset hall to see who would be crowned queen of the contest. The hall was crowded. The music was sweet. The first congress of states and territories, when all these ladies marched on the stage wearing long beautiful sashes made up of the national colors, and carrying the banners of their respective states. Th 24 little maids of honor then filed, taking their places in front of the stage. Each of these little maids wore white dresses, a long sash of red, white and blue, and beautiful little maid's caps. All then sang the new "Hail Columbia," as taught by our talented school teacher, Miss Lizzie E. Lane.

The roll of states was called alphabetically, each state coming forward with her votes. Maryland had the crown, it was thought, until at last West Virginia was called and polled at least 35 votes more than any other state. She was crowned with a beautiful crown by Rev W O Jason, of Orange, N J. People in town say they never saw an entertainment like it, $115.15 was cleared.

THE WORK AT POPLAR BLUFF, ARK.

BY REV. J. C. WILLIAMS.

Dear Editor: I will now give you and the many readers of the STAR some details of my work. I reached my charge, known as Gum Ridge circuit, composed of three churches, I found the work in the following condition:

Mount Olive a very splendid church but no window shutters, sash without a deed, though out of debt. Zion Hill not in such good shape, it being without a deed and a little debt hanging over it Walnut Grove is a very nice and comfortable church but being one ($100) hundred dollars in debt. It is said that the reason the churches are in debt now is because the preachers all come in and take hold of the work not to build up and relieve the churches of whatever burden they may be under, but they mostly care for their own pockets. They work to get all the money they can from the people and don't seem to care what the churches shall do. Brother Dancy it may be true of some preachers but not of all. I could say a good deal more but I only wish to state here that if the leaders and members would attend the class meetings and prayer meetings more, and the trustees meet oftener and consult with each other and the pastor for the best interests of the church, and use their influence more among the people by inviting them to come out to church next Sunday, or such and such a day, and provide means and have regular meetings and ask the people to help, they would get it; but as every one stands and depends on the pastor, not considering that all have a duty to perform and should go at once and do it. See Discipline pages 89 and 141. If the officers would do as they have been instructed, and stand together in the work of the Lord and have less care of the world, and more of the mind of Christ within them, and attend to their duties there would be more good accomplished

Since being on my work I have taken in 12 members and 2 probationers and collected

For pastor,	$ 36 75
General fund,	8 75
Presiding Elder,	48 35
Easter,	1 90
Minutes,	3 00
Churches purposes	60
Total,	$97 35

There has been more collected but not as yet reported.

The 5th Sunday in this month, (June) is rally day at Walnut Grove A. M. E Zion church, to relieve that church as much as possible of its indebtedness. I trust we will have a good time and a big collection I am doing what I can to get the churches on my charge out of their present condition. I met Elder R H Bingham at the post office. He told me of his hardships though he was in good spirits. Well a good man must suffer for righteousness sake. May God be with him and his humble and pleasant wife. More anon.

TENNESSEE NEWS ITEMS.

PERSONALS, CHURCH WORK AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE RACE.

BY REV. W. H FERGUSON.

Editor Dancy:

Notwithstanding the oppressive heat and incessant travel we halt for a moment to give you a few lines from this part of the country. As the 7th of August is the day set apart to elect county officers throughout the State, politics seems to be the order of the day. As usual the Negro is made the most conspicuous character in the fray. Democrats and Republicans all over the State converse freely with the brother in black, without any fear of Negro phobia or color blindness In Middle and West Tennessee the colored vote is never counted unless it is in favor of the Democratic party But in loyal East Tennessee where we have a Republican majority of 25,000 it is passing strange that out of 30 odd counties with such Republican majorities all have failed to place a colored man on any of the county tickets except one, Hamilton County, of which Chattanooga is the county seat, did barely make out to nominate J. J. Irvin for circuit court clerk. Sixty five per cent of the Republican vote in Hamilton county is colored. Therefore Mr. Irvin's renomination can be easily accounted for. In other counties where the colored contingent makes a Republican victory possible we have been ignored. Some of our best men have been beaten in the county conventions who aspire for the smallest office in the county. Right you are, when you say, if the g. o. p. means to retain the Negro vote in this country she must treat the Negro with more consideration in politics Fairness in the hands of the American people in the race of life is all we ask, and we will solve the Negro question once and for always.

Among the colored men of wealth in East Tennessee, Mr John Lovel, of Chattanooga, represents $65,000, H N Willis, $10,000; Anderson Bryant, $15,000; Mr. Maze, $7,000; William Lewis, $6,000; J J Irvin, $20,000; Calvin Johnson, of Knoxville, $30,000; A Henry, $65,000; Ed Maple, $25,000.

The city of Chattanooga is blessed with beautiful churches 1st Baptist church of which Rev G D. Alden is pastor cost $41,000; M E church, colored, $20,000; A M E church now in course of erection, will cost $15,000; C. Street Baptist church, cost $9,000; preparations are being made to begin rebuilding the 1st A M E Zion church which will cost $25,000.

Rev Lewis S Baker of Kingston has had wonderful success during this conference year. He is one among the able ministers of our conference and deserves much credit for bridging our church to the front at Kingston. At the recent pic nic held on the 20th Rev. Baker cleared for the church $30.50 He will raise all of his Ganeral Fund this year. The people of Kingston are very kind and liberal. The best of feeling exists here among both races. Bishop Lomax is now visiting the Chattanooga district. Athens, Tenn.

FROM THE SOUTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

BY REV. JOSEPH SEXTON, P. E.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me to say a word about the South Florida conference. We have only nine elders, seven deacons and six preachers; whole number of ministers 22, 10 houses of worship; two of them the land has been paid for and the houses built since the last conference held in Pensacola last February '90. Rev. J. M. Sims who was appointed at Leesburgh, Fla., by Bishop T. H. Lomax, D. D., last February has done a grand work on his circuit this year. He has built a splendid little church at Center Hill, Fla., where I had the pleasure of holding my second quarterly meeting last Sunday, June 15th. He only has 2 members at this point; he is the right man in the right place. At this point he has an acre of land.

At Leesburgh he has finished paying for a lot and has the deed for it where he has only nine members; arrangements are also being made for the lumber to build there.

Brother H. E. Jones who was appointed by the Bishop to Gainsville, has done excellent work on his circuit. He has with the aid of brother Ross and others built a very nice little house of worship at a place called Evanston. So much has not been done at Gainsville. Our district Sunday School convention meets at his new church at Evanston on Friday before the 2nd Sunday in July.

Rev. G. W. Maize of Tampa, is still at work on his large edifice at that place, and hopes to have it completed by Christmas. I think the Bishop did a grand thing when he appointed Rev. Maize at Tampa He bids fair to become one of Zion's brightest sons. When he gets his chapel completed it will be the finest in the city of Tampa, it costing about $25,000.

Deacon Dudley at Yebo City is at work fixing to build a new church there; he says he will build it this year. Rev. W. J. Sanders at Orange Bend has bought an acre of land, on which he expects to build a fine chapel very soon. Rev. R. R. Frederick at Simmons Hammock, near Sefner, Fla., is doing very well on his work this year. He expects to build a new church on his work this year at a very important place called Plant City, Florida. Rev. David Thomas at Nassau, is doing very well over there, and getting the church together. He gave a church festival while I was over there in May, and cleared $25 in one night, with the aid of the following named ladies: Mrs. Knowles, A Enus, Ever Rehoe, Castranen; Misses S Bain, A. Foster, S Foster, M Gibson, M Wallace, R. Banely, E. Bale; Mrs. Sances, R. B. Lightburn and D. Thomas, pastor.

Rev. W. C. Yesta at Key West is doing better there than ever. J. B. Harris at Sanford is not doing so well there yet. We intend to double the amount on general funds this year compared with last. We are spreading ourselves this year. Send me 50 copies of the STAR.

Elder W. A. Bain at Kissimee has been very successful in his work, having got glass windows in his chapel and had it insured. His people like him very much; he is one of Zion's best preachers. He was raised in the Fla. conference, is a good man and Christian gentleman, and is now able to hold any appointment in the Florida conference. I would to God we had more such men as Maize, Bain, Sims, Frederick, W J Sanders and others.

THE WAY TO A CHILD'S MIND.

BY MISS MARY LYNCH.

Do we fully understand the art of taking young children and by means of skillful teaching, leading them up to worthy manhood and womanhood? It is wise to begin our work by a proper knowledge of the nature and powers of the being that we intend to teach and train. Mind and matter are so wonderfully blended in man, that we can't tell where the one begins and the other ends This we do know, that by careful training the two blend into one harmonious whole.

The way to a child's mind is one of the most difficult travels known to the teacher or parent By it is understood a knowledge of its working, its peculiarities, and how to deal with each so as to develop all the powers of which it is capable and to produce the best results in life to its possessor.

In order to develop the mental capacities of the child it is absolutely necessary first, to pay much attention to physical development. A sound mind in a sound body inspired by a good heart is the ideal man." A weak sickly, puny child cannot have a strong vigorous intellect.

It is too often the case that the mind of the young is overtaxed with study, and care and this taxation proves detrimental to health. First, develop the physical then at the proper time the mind will do its work. Says Rousseau, "The most critical interval of human life is between the hour of birth and twelve years of age." As is the action of the mind inseparable from that of the bodily organs, so are the mental and physical parts of education inseparable.

The earliest years of the child should filled with sunshine. A school superintendent recently related in a school room the following little story: "A little girl of five years was one day seated by her mother near a window with a piece of bread and a bowl of milk. The beautiful sunshine streaming into the window across the bowl and into the milk delighted the little girl who after looking at it intently for a few seconds, seemed all at once inspired with a new thought, and dipping a spoonful of milk, swallowed it quickly, then exclaimed in tones of delight, 'O mamma, I swallowed a whole spoonful of shine!" If we could administer to each child just one spoonful of sunshine each day, their little lives would be made better thereby. Children should be given pleasure, amusement and above all sympathy in their childish sports and amusements. There can be no doubt that this is the most effectual way of gaining their confidence, love, and that respect which is necessary if we would successfully direct their minds in channels of usefulness.

Should we not attend to the child's little pleasures? It is these that constitute his happiness. Great pleasures, to him and to us all (as a favorite author remarks) come but seldom, and are the exceptions and not the rule. We should enter into their amusements, join them in their play, and "be a child again." While we are thus filling their lives with merriment and leading them on from one innocent amusement to another, free from cares and perplexities, their minds are allowed to unfold and become bright and active. Pity the youth burdened with anxieties, overworked and deprived of childish enjoyments. Too, often we see a child whose countenance is warped, bearing marks of premature age all because of ill-treatment Usually, his mental capacities are stunned, and have become so dormant that we find it difficult to arouse them or even to find the way.

Froebel accepted those principles that were designed to bring instruction into harmony with nature, and he set about devising means by which such harmony could be fully realized He confined his methods largely to young children, and for their instruction he devised methods now known as the Kindergarten system. The word Kindergarten meaning place where children are cultivated.

When the child enters school he has new experiences and the most skillful teacher realizes that here is a mind to be reached, to be understood and developed. Can we think of a more responsible charge than that of the teacher, surrounded from day to day with young innocent receptive minds looking to her for direction?

We must not in our eagerness to advance our little beginner, forget that education requires time. Upon the manner in which we present the little things in the first few years depends our success in feeding and developing the mind later on. Should we not keep before us the words of Him who had said, "Salvation is in little things rightly done, that the river of eternal life springs from little fountains of purity and love, that all human greatness and success are the result of little deeds well done." And should we not remember the instruction of the Great Teacher,—"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."

If this work of mental training must be gradual and of slow growth it requires patience on the part of the trainer. It is important that the lessons assigned are not too long nor the subject matter too heavy to be grasped by the young mind. Instruction and explanation should be clear, and so simplified as to be understood An eager, anxious child with bright mind is often thought dull and stupid because he does not see clearly and readily some lesson which has been presented. But it is often found to be the fault of the teacher who has failed to simplify and illustrate in such a way that the teaching may be grasped by the young mind. Much attention should be paid to the questions of the youth. We notice in children an eagerness to exercise their opening faculties and to learn all they can about the world into which they are ushered. The child whose questions are answered shows decided intelligence over the one who is put off with, "Don't ask so many questions." Those who aid and sympathize with the in their childish feeling, they will love and reverence and the conduct of such who inspire such love and reverence they will adopt and imitate. Let us exercise patience with them and their many questions and try as far as possible to gratify their desire to find out more and more of this great, wide, beautiful and wonderful world which is to them full of mystery. We must remember that the little adventurer is in a continued state of curiosity and wonder, the disposition on his part to ask questions is an indication of his increasing mental activity; and to fail to answer him is to refuse him that food which is necessary to the growth and development of his young mind.

The little inquirer sometimes propounds such questions as are beyond the teacher's fund of information. In case we are really unable to give the desired information, what are we to do? Will the teacher be lowered in the respect and estimation of the child by confessing ignorance? No. Let the teacher in such case answer honestly and candidly, "I do not know," but let her diligently seek the desired information and impart it to the child as soon as possible. Let us strive to teach the child that the field of knowledge is boundless and that the wisest men have explored only a small portion of it.

Besides the work of opening up the young mind, preparing it to master arithmetic, geography, history etc, there is a work of discipline which must begin the moment the child enters school. Indeed it should begin at birth In many cases it is neglected in the child's home making it the more necessary that the unfortunate teacher should be acquainted with the best methods of reading the mind and impressing it with the importance of law and order. Children love order and subjection to authority, but unless they are brought under this subjection in the proper way it becomes repulsive to them.

It is wise to use gentle measures in securing obedience, for by them we will so gain that love and respect which are essential to good discipline.

(CONCLUDED IN OUR NEXT.)

NOTICE!

Mr. Editor:

You'll please allow me space in the STAR OF ZION to say to the preachers in the Fayetteville district that the Sabbath School convention will convene in Egypt, Chatham County, N. C., the 4th Tuesday in July 1890. Let us have a full attendance for the occasion.

Preachers will please remember to bring one cent per member. Come all. Come every one.

GEORGE W. GRANGE, P. E.,
Fayetteville, N. C.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Dear Sir:

Please give notice to the ministers and Presiding Elders to see that all the General Tax is collected as laid down by law.

Rev. J. B. Small, D. D., having resigned as conference steward, you will please forward all monies to the Rev. R H Simmons, St. Luke's church Wilmington, N. C. He has been appointed conference steward in place of Rev. Small until the setting of the annual conference which will assemble at Tarboro, N. C, the fourth Wednesday in November at 10 a m.

J. P. THOMPSON,
Presiding Bishop.

NOTICE.

The District conference and Sunday School convention of the Concord District will convene on the second Tuesday in September, the 9th, 1890, in Sandy Ridge A. M. E Zion church at China Grove, N. C. We hope to enjoy the most encouraging reports possible and that every interest of the church will be fully represented.

Let us have every cent of our General fund this year that is due. We want our Children Day report to compare favorably with any in the country The pastors will please come prepared to meet the expenses of our lay delegates to the annual conference. Each Sunday School Superintendent will send one cent per scholar to meet expenses. The ex committee will send out a circular affording more information on respecting the Sunday School department. Much preparation is being made for our comfort by the people of Sandy Ridge.

Yours truly,
R. A. MCKINNEY, Secretary. R. S. RUFFIN, P. E.

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.

REV. R. R. MORRIS,
Editor & Gen'l Sup't.
REV. T. A. WEATHINGTON,
Financial Sec'y

A Card.

This is to certify, that the faculty of Livingstone College has appointed Profs. S. G. Atkins and D. C. Suggs as Agents to lay before the general public the work of this College by lectures, addresses, etc., and by every proper means to present and urge the claims of the College on the patronage of the people.

J. C. PRICE,
President.
F. MOORE,
Secretary.

BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS.

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

JULY:
Sunday 6th, Fleet St., Brooklyn, New York; Tuesday 8th, Oyster 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, Haverstraw, 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 15 June, for the third quarter; quarterlies, which are 3 cts. per copy, Lesson Leaves 1 half cts. per copy Teacher Assistant 5 cts. single copy two or more 50cts. per year.

R. R. MORRIS,
Editor and Supt.
T. A. WEATHINGTON.
Financial Sect.

NOTICE.

To the ministers and members of the A. M. E. Zion church:—

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 moneys due Book Concern and any orders for Disciplines 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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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 $27.40 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 benfited as much as I have been.

Yours truly,
M. O. MOREHEAD.

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 the Quarterlies. Brethren send the money with the orders and ask not credit, as we must pay the printer in advance.

R. R. MORRIS,
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