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Editor of STAR OF ZION.

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Editor and Manager.

The Tariff matter still engages the attention of the United States Senators. Four hundred new amendments are the latest accessions to the already voluminous bill and the speech of Senator Quay which began on the 15th of April is still a part of the unfinished business of the Senate. No one seems to know how or when the Tariff question will be settled. The democrats are getting more and more complicated and the breach between the conflicting factions of the party on this question seems to be widening. The republicans are not doing anything to assist in settling the questions since they are committed to a policy directly opposite to that advocated by the democrats.

SEPARATE COACH LAW.

General Agent Mitchell of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad says he has received no orders from the directory of this thoroughfare relative to the matter of providing separate coaches for white and colored passengers on the road as required by the new car law of Kentucky. The Chesapeake and Ohio is patronized largely by colored as well as white people, and its management. If the report is credible, have decided to make no provision whatever for separate or partitioned coaches. This action of the road will doubtless precipitate an early action in the courts involving the constitutionality of the separate car law.—Ex.

BISHOP HOOD'S RECEPTION.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Pearl Street A. M. E. Zion church, Hartford, gave a reception to Bishop James W. Hood, D. D., L. L. D., the senior bishop of the A. M. E. Zion church in the United States, last evening. There was a large attendance at the entertainment. Following a piano by J. Randolph, the Rev. Louis H. Taylor, of the Pearl-st., church, made an address of welcome to the bishop. Mrs. J. Bell sang, a recitation was given by Miss Lou James, W. Fuller played a cornet solo, W. Conover sang, and there were songs by the Hickman Quartet. Another address was made by the Rev. Robert Wheeler and Bishop Hood made reply. He complimented the society on the excellent entertainment that had been given and spoke of the great advance made by the colored race since it had obtained liberty and freedom. Other speeches were made by the Rev. George W. Clinton, editor of the STAR OF ZION, the Rev. Dr. Kirk, of Boston, and the Rev. Robert Wheeler.

THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

We have spent four days in attendance upon the New England conference now in session at Derby, Conn. This conference is composed of about thirty-four members all of whom are men whose character and work are of the best quality. The younger element is largely in the majority. Dr. Jehu Holliday, Revs. John A. Evans and J. S. Johnson are the oldest men in the conference. Presiding Elder Birchmore is a middle aged man whose services in the New York, New England and Florida conferences are records that give him a place among Zion's leaders. Conference steward Rev. G. H. S. Bell another middle aged man is the business man and financier of the conference. During the past year he was bereft of his beloved consort, with whom he had lived more than thirty years. Rev. J. F. Waters is the sweet singer in the conference. His administration at Worcester, Mass., has been crowned with success. Revs. W. B. Fender, J. B. Colbert, C. Fairfax and E. George Biddle have attended the following institutions, Livingstone College, Boston University, Howard University, and Yale College respectively. They show the training received at these schools in their sermons and speeches.

Rev. W. B. Bowen who was greatly aided by the Daughters of conference at Boston years ago also attended and as a result he is one of the best informed men and ablest preachers in the conference. Rev. C. D. Hazel of Attleboro, Mass., is one of the most successful young men in the conference both as a preacher and pastor. He and wife as well as the Daughters of conference committees with his church placed THE STAR under lasting obligations to them by special favors bestowed upon it. Rev. T. H. Johnson of the North Russell street church Boston, Mass., has proven himself a worthy successor to Prof. G. L. Blackwell. He is a quiet, dignified and well-balanced man who impresses all who meet him that he is a man of more than ordinary ability. Revs. C. C. Ringgold, J. H. Young, G. M. Payne and W. P. Kins have done excellent work during the past year and are asked for by their congregations for the ensuing year. Rev. Ringgold has organized a new society which sent in a petition asking his appointment as their pastor. Rev. Young's delegate made a most urgent appeal to the bishop to have him returned.

Rev. Alfred Day is another of the strong men of the conference somewhat advanced in age. As a pastor, worker and financier in this and other conferences he stands first among his equals. His efforts in behalf of the Barber Memorial Home are earnest and will secure to Zion an institution that has long been needed.

Rev. S. E. Robinson has put in the past year at Portland, Maine, where he held the fort for Zion against great odds, and put the young society there in a situation which will enable Zion to soon have a strong and flourishing church if he is properly supported. We shall make mention of others in our next. The conference is favored with the presence and services of Rev. B. F. Wheeler of the New Jersey, Rev. J. S. Caldwell of the New York and Rev. A. A. Crooke of the Central North Carolina conferences, also Editors Dancy and Clinton.

The Ansonia Daily Sentinel is furnishing a reporter who gives his entire time to the conference. The Sentinel gives from one and a half to two columns to the conference proceedings. Rev. Bowen and his good people are entertaining the conference grandly.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. R. E. Wilson recently of Johnston, Pa., has taken charge of the George Street A. M. E. Zion church, Cincinnati, O. A grand reception was accorded him on his arrival and a large congregation greeted him the first Sunday he took charge. Two persons were added to the church and the pastor and his congregation seemed equally pleased.

Rev. L. H. Taylor, the progressive young pastor of Pearl Street A. M. E. Zion church, Hartford, Conn., has one of the finest congregations in the New England conference. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor connected with this church has in it some of the best talent of the city regardless of race. The past year has been one of marked success under Elder Taylor and a unanimous petition came to conference for his return.

Miss Lou James of Hartford, Conn., is an elocutionist of rare gifts. Her voice, gestures, beautiful form, self-possession and graceful movements on the stage hold her audience entranced from the beginning to the end of her recitations. She only needs to enter

the roll of public readers to claim a place among the foremost elocutionists of the race

The Massachusetts Legislature showed fitting honor to one of America's most distinguished citizens when upon motion of H. M. R. T. Teasdale, its only Afro-American member it adjourned to allow the members of that honorable and distinguished body to greet and shake hands with Hon. Frederick Douglass on the 10th inst. Mr. Teasdale seems to be making a record for himself and the race in the Bay State Legislature.

In the death of the late William E. Matthews of Washington, D. C., the race loses of its most worthy and enterprising men. His success as a real estate man and banker at the Capital of the nation showed him to be a man of sterling qualities, eminent ability and high character.

Rev. Jehu Holliday, D. D. General Agent of the Book Concern, is one of Zion's foremost, ablest and most exemplary men. Endowed with great natural ability, having acquired a vast amount of information by extensive reading and years of practical experience and being a man of fine physique, eloquent in speech and genial in manners he makes a lasting impression upon all who meet and hear him. He never murmurs or complains when duty is assigned whether it is a high or low sphere; but goes about it cheerfully and generally succeeds. He preaches the opening sermon at the New England conference and made an impression that will live when he has passed from labor to reward. His speeches are models of healthy suggestions and brilliant ideas so fittingly illustrated that one never forgets them. He may be fittingly called the old man eloquent of the Zion connection.

In the person of Miss Eliza Gardner the A. M. E. Zion church has one of the ablest woman representatives we know of to-day. She is well educated, possessed of a full share of New England culture and gifted with the power of excellent speech. She listens to all of the conference proceedings with an attentive ear, speaks whenever she sees a chance to make a happy hit and always carries the audience with her as she utters her rich thoughts clothed in chaste and beautiful English. As vice-president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society she has done a work which deserves the highest praise and places the New England conference in the lead of all in this important department of our church work.

Among the noble christian women who contribute toward the work of building up Zion in New England and gladdening the hearts of the noble ministers who compose that model conference none stand higher and do more work than Mrs. M. E. Anderson of Worcester, Mass. She is a loyal member, a zealous worker and a true leader of her sex in Zion. THE STAR can never forget her or the noble band of women of whom she is the able head.

Rev. S. C. Birchmore, P. E., of the New England conference is one of those grand men who succeeds in whatever sphere he is placed. His report as a presiding elder showed that he has been a painstaking, zealous and progressive worker, familiar with every part of the work. All the men of the conference love and honor him. Mrs. Birchmore is one of the best looking and most exemplary wives we have ever met. She contributes much to her husband's success.

Rev. N. J. Watson, the formerly efficient presiding elder of the Allegheny conference, has been appointed to Cambria chapel, Johnstown, Pa., to succeed Rev. R. E. Wilson. We saw a letter from a prominent member of the Allegheny conference urging Bishop J. W. Hood to appoint Rev. Smith Claiborne to fill the vacancy caused by Rev. Watson's appointment to the pastorate. We do not think the bishop could make a better choice for that position. The appointment of Rev. Claiborne will not only issue to the district an efficient and experienced presiding elder, but we believe it will do more to bring about harmony and good will among the congregations in Pittsburgh than any thing that could be done at this time. We hope the bishop may make the appointment and pray that the most gracious results may grow out of it. All is well that ends well, is an old saying, and if the outcome of this matter to which we have hitherto referred turns out as we believe it will, we shall believe the saying to be a proverb of truth.

We sympathize with Dr. Talmage and his congregation in the loss of their magnificent tabernacle last Sunday. This is the third time this congregation has sustained a like loss.

ANTHONY'S NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The question resolves itself into this: What do you consider, Bro. Smith, the qualifications for "D. D."? The fact that other denominations have their "degrees" men by the hundreds, doesn't argue the necessity of our making a lot of D. D.'s, just to be in the denominational "swim." Bro. Smith says "such talk means that Zion has a lot of ignorant jack leg preachers." Your statement is as false as your logic. It doesn't mean anything of the kind. But we will say this, that we have discovered that the brainiest men of our church are those who care the less about the degree, and have never indicated in any way that they would like to have it. We will say further that there are those who don't want it and some of these are men of good Theological training. The fact is Bro. Smith that all over the degree, for they know what it means to sustain it. Another reason is, that there are so many men in all the churches who are called "Doctors" who have such little claim to the title that the truly competent man feels that he is better off without it.

One other thing and we are through with the argument. That is this. That it is very much regretted that there is a class of ministers who want to make the college a "Degree Mill." That is the way it strikes us. The trustees and faculty of the Institution will do as they think best, we presume. We have simply expressed our personal convictions and we are unchangeable in them in regards to the wholesale and indiscriminate conferring of degrees.

It may be necessary to say once more that "Anthony" is the mouth-piece of no one but "Anthony" and what he says, he alone is responsible for. If he possesses information on certain facts and gives it in this column or expresses his views on certain points affecting the church, race or country, he speaks for himself and not the college or THE STAR.

The Weekly Sentinel of Mobile, Ala., is the paper we criticized in our comments of April 28th. We know that typographical errors will occur, but then for such mistakes as those we pointed out there is no excuse. The Sentinel makes the mistake that so many others make in thinking that Mr. Clinton is the writer of these articles. We would not reproduce the article in full and especially that which is so personal, but for the fact that Editor Washington asks us to pick out his mistakes and we cheerfully comply. If we have overlooked any places to inform us. Here is the Sentinel's reply—it speaks for itself:

THE "STAR OF ZION" SAYS A THING AND GETS LEFT.

"We note a frivolous comment in the 'Star of Zion' of the 26th ult., wherein the editor tried to find fault of an editorial which appeared in this paper some issues passed, relative to a horse race which was 'runned' (we say again) on the principal streets of this city. The article closed by saying the writer of the article should be 'runned' out of the country."

"Well mistakes are so visible we might ask what country should we be forced to leave as the writer of the country."

"Mistakes are liable to occur Bro. Clinton and you are most adapted to making them; your name is more than your acrobatic knowledge of language. Soap bubbles held up to the sun will display various colors, so also is it with some of our would-be prominent editors."

"To expose the supposed errors of our neighbors, when it comes to being 'runned' out of the country, the 'Star of Zion' nor its little state corps can not cause us to even choose the route by which we will travel. We are here to stay and my brother can not see the mote in his eye while the beam is in his own. It would be good to 'pick out' the 'Star' if its backers could whip the cotton from their eyes as they do of ours."

"They may try to sweep down on us, but we are aware of one stubborn fact: that a dog is 'privilege' to bark and growl, but he is innocent since he doesn't bite."

George F. Washington, Editor.
"N. B.—The winds blow and we know not from whence it comes, neither are we disturbed. Just so in the future will we regard the winds which blow against the breast of the 'Sentinel' coming from the point above mentioned."

"Now pick out our mistakes."

We have received a copy of the very excellently arranged program for Children's Day on Sunday, June 24th. Prof. Atkins has displayed his usual good taste in getting up this program. It is especially attractive and we might say desirable because it contains an excellent out of Dr. J. C. Price and also a miniature bird's eye view of Livingstone College and grounds. Prof. Atkins writes us that he is aiming to make the collections \$5,000 this year and we see no reason why they should not be. Last year the collections amounted to \$2,561.30

an increase of about \$1,200 over the year previous, and no one doubts the ability of the church to raise \$5,000 this year.

The truth is that the amount raised last year was \$500 more than reported if not \$1,000. We can give the names of several men who raised money and have never sent it in. Such men ought not to be allowed to go on in the ministry. But we hope to see the amount augmented this year and the deserving work of our very efficient educational secretary commended.

"ANTHONY."

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

OUR MINISTERS AND LAYMEN AS EDUCATORS.

S. G. ATKINS, CONTRIBUTOR.

In our previous communication we gave short notes on "Our Bishops as Educators." It is not our purpose to flatter or boast anybody. That is a kind of business in which we do not care to take any part. It is our effort only, as intimated in the last communication, to study our history and status in connection with what we have done and are doing for education to the end that we may take counsel and encouragement therefrom. Of course we must do more than we have ever done for education, not only because we can not afford to take any steps backward on this great subject, but also because we would, by any indifference or want of activity in reference to education, be false to our own history on the subject and false to the men living and dead who have made and are making this history.

Let it go forth to the world that we are an educational church, that we propose a higher standard of intelligence for the pulpit and pew, that we propose to relegate to the rear, and finally practically excommunicate, the opponents, or their abettors, of education and all educational efforts, and Zion stock will at once go up in the market of respect and good will throughout the civilized and christian world.

But now we are already sending out to the world such a pronouncement may be seen from the following:

OUR MINISTERS AND LAYMEN AS MINISTERS.

Our attention must first be given to two educators in Zion who have joined the great majority—the one a minister and the other a layman.

A hundred readers of THE STAR will guess at once that we mean Dr. J. C. PRICE and PROF. ROBT. HARRIS, these two men in Zion, while perhaps not the earliest of our effective educational workers, it will be granted without question, touched the high-water mark of our educational endeavor, and thus furnished a point of reckoning from which all the rest of us will calculate the efficiency of our own labors in this field. When we remember that we are one of the regular contributors who should keep within the column limit we are reminded that we must desist from anything like a full discussion of these two men. Enough has been said in numerous recent tributes to Dr. Price to have informed all concerning him an his work. Prof. Harris was a much rarer man, perhaps, than the church will ever know, and only in making some special study have we fairly found out the depth and breadth of his work for higher education among the colored people in North Carolina during the first decade and a half of our emancipation than any man in the State. He was not professedly, and we say "professedly" significantly, a man of eminent scholarship from a university point of view; but considering the work he did in Fayetteville as principal of the Howard school there and as the first normal school principal North Carolina ever had of any race, he did a work for academic education that was not overestimated during the same period by the labors of any man in the entire South working among the colored people.

Now, let it be remembered that Prof. Harris was a 'giant' man of the whole cloth, sitting in our church pews, attending our annual and general conferences and representing us wherever and whenever talent, education and sterling manhood were called for. There are others of our men who have passed to the great beyond that deserve a place in these notes as part proof of the loyalty and devotion of our connection to intelligence and education. We would not have it thought that we shall mention all of the men who have done some educational work in the church nor would we have it understood that these notes should include reference only to men who have sat in the same school room; for some of our most ardent advocates of education as well as ablest defenders and most prolific promoters of the cause were not teachers strictly speaking. Let us mention three such men, now dead, who were ministers in the church and two of them trustees of Livingstone College, viz: Rev. W. H. Thurber, Rev. N. J. Green, D. D., and Rev. J. A. Tyler, D. D. Think of Rev. Thurber, a plain blunt man of little education, who came down to us from the "dark days" before the war. Think of such a man being virtually the founder of a great college. But such is really the case in Rev. Thurber's relation to Livingstone College.

How well do we remember Dr. Green's ardent and concern for the welfare of the college and the interests of education as testified to during his annual visits to the college on commencement occasions.

Referring to Dr. Tyler we are brought to consider one of a large class of men who have taught the connection the ways of intelligence in other spheres than in the school-room; and we shall claim large admiration especially for those who did this by consecrating their pens to the cause of education and a cultivated christian manhood in the church and in the race. Dr. Tyler was the first editor of THE STAR OF ZION and according to Dr. R. H. Simmons, wrote its first salutatory. I should like very much to have that salutatory before me now. It would be an interesting piece of reading if that salutatory could be reproduced in THE STAR.

But the point is that Dr. Tyler always stood for intelligence, being himself a student; and, although the best years for training had passed, he still struggled for an education. We shall have to defer the mention of our living ministers and laymen who are giving our Zion an educational reputation until another contribution.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

BY A BROOKLYN ZIONITE.

Brooklyn is known as the City of Churches. The pulpits of these churches are filled by men of prominence in the religious world, among whom are Talmage, Abbott, Storrs, Behrends and others. The Afro-American churches are not a whit behind in the general make up of their pastors, in the list of which occur such names as W. T. Dixon, G. F. Watkins, J. Pelham Williams, W. T. Lawton and R. Haywood Stitt. A member of Zion, a keen observer of men and things, I desire to say a few words concerning the last named gentleman, and his work for the past three years in the Fleet-st., Zion church of this city.

It is a well known fact that Zion in Brooklyn was not occupying the position nor exerting the influence that it ought. With an eye to this, that far-seeing, level headed bishop, Rt. Rev. J. W. Hood, sent Rev. R. Haywood Stitt to lead the forces out of the wilderness, and place Fleet-st., in the front rank of churches. The wisdom of this selection has been clearly demonstrated in the success that has attended his efforts during the past three years.

A general enthusiasm has been awakened in every department of church work. The congregation has so increased that the church edifice is far too small for present exigencies. Every year has witnessed gracious revivals of religion which have increased the membership of his own and other churches.

The financial interests have been well looked after and much has been done in this line. Many long standing debts have been paid, the interest on the principal debt promptly met and the current expenses kept up. Much money has also been given by this church for charitable purposes. Believing in the theory that the success of the future church depends upon the proper care and training of our young people in methods of church work, and that no organization offers greater possibilities to christian youth than the "Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor" he organized one here about a year ago, which society is an important factor in the work of the church.

For the intellectual development of the people he organized the Progressive Literary Association which is composed of some of the best brain of the city, and which stands second to none in the line of literary achievements. These two societies together with the Sons and Daughters of Zion are composed of the younger element of the church. As a preacher Rev. Stitt stands in the front rank. Calm and deliberative at first, he sweeps along carrying his audience with him and holding them spell-bound by his eloquence.

The general verdict is that no better preacher in Brooklyn, in fact his fame has gone out far and near, people often coming far and near to hear at his able exponent of the gospel. He is to the Afro-American pulpit of this city, what Dr. Talmage is to the Anglo-Saxon.

He is also a singer of some note, and this fact coupled with his preaching ability adds to his popularity. In fact, one of the chief attractions at Fleet-st., is the singing of its pastor and choir.

Rev. Stitt is beyond doubt a man of the people, a true Zionite, yet his christianity is bounded by no sectarian lines, for the people of all denominations claim him as their own. No church gathering, no public demonstration is considered complete without his presence. A race man in every sense of the term, his voice is ever lifted in the defence of his people, in the advocacy of their rights, and in denunciation of the wrongs imposed upon them. From his pulpit the oppressed have been allowed to plead their cause when other avenues of obtaining a hearing were cut off, the

neely have found in him one always ready to lend a helping hand; and no worthy object, no matter how pressing other demands may be, ever fails of a hearing from him.

Stands to sum up, Fleet-st., church stands to-day the leading church in Brooklyn, her congregations the largest, and her pastor the most popular. What Bishop Hood intends to do for Fleet-st., at the coming conference we know not, but we are sure we voice the sentiment of all classes of persons in the City of Churches when we say "Send us Rev. Stitt" for the fourth year."

ZION IN PHILADELPHIA.

BY J. E. RODGERS.

Mr. Editor—Zion in Philadelphia, or as she is more commonly called "Big Wesley," is progressing notwithstanding the country's unsettled condition. She can boast of the neatest and brightest church in the city, and is noted for her cheerfulness and warmth, on the part of her members as well as her appointments. Our pastor, Dr. G. W. Offley is about concluding his sixth year as our minister and has done a great work for Zion in Philadelphia, for the connection at large, and for the community in which we live. He has certainly built up a large membership and placed Zion, with the assistance of his helpers in the foremost rank of our colored churches in the North, and particularly in this city. It is said we lead them all. We pray that wherever he may be assigned, at this coming conference, that his labors may continue to be blessed as in the past. As Philadelphia is a very large city, and we have but one church, and a weak mission, we some times think; that the conference makes a mistake in not sending some of the strong men to the missions in large cities, that they might be more quickly built up by their great experience and influence.

Easter Sunday was a memorable day with us. After an illness of several days the pastor occupied the pulpit at the morning service. The opening services of praise and Scripture reading was conducted by Bro. J. E. Rodgers followed by prayer by Rev. Webb, after which the pastor preached a practical, earnest and feeling sermon on the "Resurrection" from the 24th chapter of St. Luke. The hearts of the people were deeply moved as was manifested by their hearty attestation of the divine presence. Fully 1500 persons packed the church from pulpit to door at the evening service, at which time the Sabbath-school held their service. It was a wonderful sight. About 400 scholars took part in the service, which was conducted by the school. When Bro. J. E. Rodgers, who conducted the service, raised his baton for the opening hymn, it seemed that every heart had been inspired for the occasion, as the entire audience joined in singing "All hail the power of Jesus name." The selection of Easter music entitled "Christ Triumphant," was exceedingly fine and was the best ever rendered by the school. The renditions of solos, duets, etc., and recitations by the scholars were highly creditable. The grand pipe organ, the Sunday-school's two large cabinet organs, a cornet and violin accompanied the singing. The floral decorations were superb, over 100 plants of all descriptions being tastefully arranged around the church.

Rev. J. McH. Farley of Petersburg, and family are visiting in our city.

Rev. J. F. Thompson, D. D., of the West preached for us on the evening of April 1st, while en route to his home, having just returned from the funeral of his wife's mother.

MRS. SILLA JETER DEAD.

BY W. W. H. L.

Mr. Editor—I attended Saint Luke's church, Union, S. O., on Thursday 20th, ult., and I heard Elder S. T. Meeks preach one of the grandest sermons from Paul's Epistle to the Philippians, 1:21, it has been my privilege to hear; the subject was "Longing for heaven, and to die is gain or the christians reward after death." Bro. Meeks in less than 20 minutes became the master of the situation, for there was many hearty amen to be heard through the congregation. This was the second time that I had the pleasure to hear this good man in the pulpit, and without a shadow of a doubt I know what he was talking about. I am not prepared to give the details or testimony of Sister Silla Jeter. But Bro. Berry Tucker has a right to say "I am glad when it is said, let us go into the house of the Lord" when his mind is led to think about the property he has in heaven. It is enough to make him and this dear family say be "instant in season and out of season" when he and his good wife think about that good man, George B. Tucker, and the one that came to his death by the falling of a tree, and then comes Sister Silla Jeter who was soon laid away in her grave to await the judgment morning. She looked just like it when she was laid out for burial. Her dear family say be "instant in season and out of season" when he and his good wife think about that good man, George B. Tucker, and the one that came to his death by the falling of a tree, and then comes Sister Silla Jeter who was soon laid away in her grave to await the judgment morning. She looked just like it when she was laid out for burial. Her dear family say be "instant in season and out of season" when he and his good wife think about that good man, George B. 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