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as we will not have money THE STAR ON nothing?

Our attendance upon the Clinton chapel trial and the consequent absence from home and loss of rest have left us in bad shape for writing editorials or noting what is going on the world this work. in the world this week.

night with 41 conversions and ac with 41 conversions and action to the church. The evening stions are now so large that g room is scarcely obtainto president characteristics at

thout any new cash sub ers to extend our circulation. How can we be expected to publish su the only persons in their cities or states who are subscribers to the paper? Brethren pay us what you owe, send in some money with your long articles and assist in extending the circulation of THE STAR. We will do the rest.

During the Emancipation Con e body in the hall of the House esentatives. They gave the invitation to be present, and exessed shiding interest in our welfare. Editor J. C. Daney, who was Intions, responded to the addresses ances were warmly applauded. Edi-tor Clark Howell of the Atlanta Constitution arose at once and paid the speaker a very high compliment as a speaker, and declared that the interests of the young white men and young colored men were inse next morning spoke in highest terms of the meeting and paid Editor church until Tuesday night 1:30 ner church," but I think I say this, Dancy a high compliment.

Now THAT William Calvin Chas editor of the Washington (D. C.) Bee, has been found guilty of criminelly libeling Hon. C. H. J. Taylor, and remit the cash to this office after Columbia, the Negro press of the taking out the cost of forwarding the country can say amen! and, with a air from the direction of the Na tional Capital, devoid of its journalchair and palliate himself in the knowledge that he has rid himself and Negro journalism of one of the ers with which attorneys have served nony was given on both sides, to be hoped that the country

AMONG OUB EXCHANGES.

ion of the country has one Negro member. A Monroe correspondent to the Charlotte Observer, has

ed, but was on by accident, he ing been on the committee of property, and has succeeded in any note: for white people, but it be entirely in charge of colored it to go to hotels for colored people. Far route he buys his lunches i ests on the train. He seems to ow his place and does not want to and propriety."

CASE AND THE MOST ABLE

WEAK AND WHONG C USE AND WEAKER AND MOST DE GRACE-FUL PLEA.

thor squercess, zion's Pol THWARTED AND DR. B. H SIM-M INS VIBDICATED

AN IMPARTIAL JUDGE AND A PAIR

It is well knows to many of our dred dollars, and at a time when eaders that since Eept. 11th, 1894, of J. W. Gordon and some of his nisguided followers because they the rightful pastor, and filch the not want any credit myself for this property from the possession and great improvement, but I do want control of Zion connection. After being encouraged by the strange de- the mountains of Alabama to have pision of a judge who either did not credit. I believe that the ministers desire to render a fair decision, or in faithfulness of auty, intelligence, was lacking in courage to stand by and connectional pride, will equal such a decision when rendered the opponents of Zion have used subterfuge, technicality and falsehood to keep the door plosed and thereby prevent Zion from the use of the o'clock, when a jury of twelve white men decided that Zion is the rightful the steward last year \$355 each, claimant of the church and property and Dr. R H. Simmons the authorized and lawful paster of the same. Recorder of Deeds of the District of | The case began Friday afternoon and continued night and day, Eunday alone excepted, till the hour above named. Fifty seven witnesses were examined and 101 pages of legal cap istic pollution, while the much testimony were taken and arguments er may sit in his easy presented by seven lawyers. The deed for the property was drawn in favor the African Methodist Church instead of the A. M. E Zion Church which was intended. The defend street have a fine new church, and in be dispared of. The people are deants or opponents of Zion set up the fact the ministers and people through claim that the so called African church was an independent and disnever had any connection with Zion save to hire preachers to fill the pul. triot, I would simply have to call All, pit, provided they suited and obeyed the wishes of the congregation. Zion's representatives set up the counter claim that the said deed was intended to be made to the A. M. E. Zion Church, that no such organization as the African Methodist church ever existed in Charlotte or elsewhere, and therefore Zion's forces The Massachusetts Legislative should possess said property. The defendants in the case are now worto enquire into the causes of shipping under the ministry of Rev emoval of cotton mills to this sec. G. H. Haines, formerly of our church, the following comment:

don has made most strenuous efforts

"One member of the committee is and resorted to all kinds of schemes,

same. Rev E. Hunter is a safe man. He is doing a great work in Selma He is steward for the North Alabama conference. And I will just announce here that Rev. P. J McEntosh is steward for the West even to politics to obtain Zion's keeping the door shut up to the date lengthy ever tried in the State. The holding his first court, but the impartiality shown to both sides, the standing I nominated ten others, isistes like methods pursued, as which shows how they are esteemed well as his knowledge of the law and beloved by the brethren. I hope bearing on the case gave him opport to speak of the other conference later nity to show that he is destined to P. 5.-Brethren of the North Carolina, West Alabama and North Alabama Conferences please send in your minutes money to the proper he side of the church were the plest men of the Mecklenburg bai and gentlemen of the best type. They asily made out a strong case and heir arguments were said to be the inest ever heard at the bar, especial ly that of Lawyer Wilson, Hou in S. Leary, the only colored mem-

ber practicing before that bar, made fine speech and a good imp in his defense of the church

(To be continued)

A WORD FROM ALABAMA.

BY BEV. W. H. DAVENPORT.

will do nothing until he gets it.

rence by se ret ballot, notwith-

he race, if not the

raised his voice in denunciation of Monrovia, Sess Town and Grand renewed evidence of their the slave power and in behalf of his Sess. The shortest stopping time at

The A. M. E. Zion church is to the man who said, in the present Cameroon. The total stoppages nce of Ingersoll, Rankin, Judge Shellaporger, Belva Lockwood and fothers : "Fellow citizens. we want no black Ireland in Ameri-America Strong as we are without dare say a word just here about the the Negro, we are stronger with him.

The power and friendship of seven millions of people scattered all over the country are not to be despised."

us. And since it has been about

three years since I gave THE STAR

the last letter concerning my district, I hope no one will feel offended if I

In 1888 when I took charge of the

West Alabama Conference it had

three presiding elders and the whole

amount paid the three presiding el-

each getting from five to eight hun

bout twelve hundred dollars; the

Now, I do not wish to take any

part in the little war of words now

going on between State Street and

Big Zion churches, as to the "ban

they are the banner churches of the

onnection, the two having paid to

general fund, or \$670. I think Rev.

P. J. McEntosh and Rev. C. H.

Smith are on top in Zion as to gen

oney. There are a so a plenty of

State Street and Big Zion are both

preparing to remodel and beautify

tion all the great workers on my dis

Rev. H. J. Starks has built a very

fine, large new church at Scranton.

Miss, Rev. Green W. 2Johnson

builds either a new parsonage or

beautifies the church wherever he

goes. Rev. G. W. Gaines does the

the conference rolls.

ers that year was about \$800.

The Negroes in the eastern part of the State, notwithstanding they are as quiet and as inoffensive as able woe upon the editor of the Willmington Messenger. He is the laboring people of that section. The general fund for 1887 was ing hard. Somebody ought to put this ship two mouths and seventeen the old man to bed and give him an days. opiate. He is suffering. The Fu. I was about 147 days from the ionists did it.

general fund for 1894 was \$2247.74. The pastors' salaries have increased Isn't it about time for preachers to stop writing to THE STAR. telling the public about 'the bad condition' in which they found their work? the faithful ministers who have Nobody, out-ide of their immediate waded the swamps and climbed circle, cares to know anything about it. It is unjust to their predeces sors. There are a great many men who don't know any better than to think that that is the way to build those of any other conference in the themselves up.

Now that all the conferences are over, and the minutes are in press it cannot be said, without fear of personal offense, that the people who rchase the minutes are tired read ing about "Brother Jeremiah Simp kins" lifting us up to the heavenly mansion by his "fervent prayer If the conference opens with prayer it is understood that somebody prayed. Just what they prayed and how they prayed are matters of no eral fund and other connectional concern to the readers of the min utes. They want to know of the others who have fone just as well as these according to their small mem transactions of the conference That's all. Fimply that and nothing

Speaking of mid winter revivals reminds me to say that that particu reparatory to the reception of the neral conference, Rev S M. Gains lar feature of our church work has also at Hope chapel is doing well not been forgotten. We conducted and desires to beautify his church a seven day's meeting with very sat soon. The people on Virginia isfactory results. Carthage need not out the district are working hard, they can get, to bring it to the front beautifying and building churches May God speed them in their and parsonages. But I must not purpose.

> didate for the Bishopric should have me other commendable qual ties besides his aspirations. A great portion of the world's history is spent in aspiring men who were put in holes that they were not large enough to fill.

The Rev. A. Albertus Crooke and the good people of Monroe will arcely be forgotten for the kindess shown us while we were in their hospitable town.

Rev. C. S. SMITH IN AFRICA.

shipping under the ministry of Rev
G. H. Haines, formerly of our church, in a little structure once used as a Baptist church. Ringleader Gor don has made most strenuous efforts

Alabama conference. An the orest ren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. Rev. A. J.

Warner, D. D., is still helding the fort at Birmingham, as only an A.

J. Warner can ho d it. He is really a long cherished desire to see that country; second. him the more I love him. He is now to see what the European is doing to have the connection at heart more knowledge of the operations of misand more as he grows older The sionaary efforts; fifth, to study the presiding elders are Revs A B Smy effect of the climate upon the human er, H. R. Gaines, Wm Spencer, S. P. constitution; sixth, to see if there Collins and H C Banks. They were are any openings for the employent and industrious young

> ed me to visit Africa, and to make tour of observation along its west onthwest coast for a distant of 3,000 miles, from Sierra Leone on the northwest to St Paul Ce Loanile on the southwest. My observations extended to the territories uropean powers in Afri copt that of the Italians on the nest. Of points in the Br ions on the west coast, I

any one place was one hour and sire to protect true Method enty minutes at Banana, and the longest, four days and forty minutes

on the outward veyage from Si Leone to St. Paul I e Loando was nine een days, twenty hours and thirty minutes. The total time occa. We want no aggrieved class in cupied in going from Sierra Leone to St. Paul De Loanda was one month and three days-from September 18. to Cetober 21. The time occupied on the homeward voyage from St. one month, I left Loanda October 22nd and reached Monrovia November 22, where I disembarked and renained ten days. The voyage from Liverpool to St Paul De Loanda and from there to Monrovia, was continuous, and was made on the years only strengthened his tes steamship Benguela I lived aboard

> time I left Nashville until I re turned Of this time, I was 119 days at sea. I was on the west and outhwest coast of Africa two months and three weeks, including the stop at Monrovia of ten days and at Sierra Leone of six days. 1 carried with me my own scientific instruments for making meteorolog ical observations, and a umber of books on Africa, so that I could com pare the statements of other African travelers with the results of my own bservations.

I did not go into the interior a any point except as I ascended the Rio Del Ray, Cameroon and Congo rivers. I ascended the Congo for a distance of 110 miles, which is as far as ocean steamers can go, navigation aracts.

I give the foregoing details of my voyage in order that the intelligent mind may be able to judge as to the mount of credence to attach to whatever statements I may hereafter make in regard to Africa, either orally or in printed form. As to the inducing causes which led me to visit the west and southwest coasts of Africa, I do not hesitate to say that I had abundant opportunity to atmospheric conditions throughout the entire voyage were most favor-20,000 miles by land and sea was made without a mishap to myself, and the only inconvenience I experimade without a misnap to myself,
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WHAT THE STAR WANTS.

C. S. EMITH.

We want one hundred Zion minis ters to send us three subscribers each at one dollar apiece, accompanied by the cash. We want fifty Zion ministers to send us five sub scribers each at one dollar apiece, ccompanied by the cash. We want every Zion minister who is in arrears to pay up by the first of April if he wants his paper continued. W ho will be the first to answer our wants notice? We shall report each one promptly.

All general officers and other visitors who expect to attend the him the more I love him. He is now to see what the European is doing New Jersey conference which meets chairman of the Board of Trustees there; third, to see what the African on the 24th prox. are requested to himself is doing; fourth, to gain a inform Rev J. H. Mason, 21 Scott too, its many successful missions, its to have the council on the council of the operations of missions of missions. The council of New Jersey conference which meets street, Newark, N. J.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. W. A. Peggans who is pastor of our church at Greensboro and a lent at Bennett College, was in the ity on Wednesday consulting about he erection of a new curch in Greens oro He says Zion's prospects in Greensboro are very encouraging and speaks in highest terms of Bennett College and its efficient faculty.

Rev. W. J. Moore, D. D., presiding lder of the mother North Carolina inference and une of the greatest lving organisers, preachers and was a material witness in the great church trial in which Clinton chapel was involved. Although nearly three

the "brother in black" and their dehe peace of the J. W. Gordon type.

Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D., has vice to Zion or showed up to better dvantage as a well informed, even balanced and great man than when upon the witness stand during the Clinton chapel trial. His memory was almost perfect, his narration of circumstances was lucid and convinc-Paul De Loanda to Monrovia was ing and had more bearing than any ather witness placed on the stand The attempts of Gordon and his abusive counsel to represent his work, impugn his motives and make capital out of his work during the Rec struction period and in subsequent: of the best people of Charlotte.

> Our next issue will contain a com nunication from Rev. A. W. Rice of ummerville, Ga., announcing the leath of Presiding Elder N. T. Heave of the North Georgia Conference which occurred at his home in Sumperville or the 6th inst. We know Elder Hearn well and can testify that: ne was not only one of the leading. out one of the best and most carnest men Zion ever had in the State of Georgia. His death is a great loss, to our work in that State. See next,

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MIN-ISTERS.

Briefly it is this : to spend the month of April in Chicago, with the Bible Inute as headquarters, for a special ree in the English Bible, and a study being interrupted by a series of cat of the various methods of personal york, as applied in the ma ionary activities of that great city.

The month of April has ment thereto. In many country pla at that time of year, and little parish work can be done. For city ministers, work can be done. For city ministers, a change and season for Bible study, af-ter the special meetings of the wanter, satisfy myself relative thereto. The vigor into the entire summer campaign.

The inducements in the line of study able, and the trip, which covered are as follows : The regular work of the Institute will be carried on as usual. This will consist of

ienced at any time was due to the as a basis, under the direction of Prof.

b. A course in the Acts and Epistles c. An analytical study of the first Roistle of John, by Supt. R. A. Torrey, at 11 a. m. d. Prof. D. B. Towner, Superintendent

of the Musical Department, holds classes at 10 and 11 a. m.

Visitors will be welcome to all these sisce, They will be held daily, exday at the Institute.)

SPECIAL COURSE.

The special course will compy two hours in the afternoon from Tue speak at 2 o'dook on the great funda-mental dootrines of the Bible, such as will give a book study at 3 o'clock each prophetic literature of the Old Test and ten from the New Testament.

The evenings, so far as desired, may be spent in studying the various misistian workers, its large and ably officered Y. M. O. A., and the rapi extending operations of The Bible is tute, is unsurpassed as a place in which to study methods of Christian work, in all its varied forms.

If desired by those who attend, a series of Conferences may be arranged on subjects relating to church and postoral

A STREET

The total expense of this course, in-cluding room and board, has been placed at \$5.00 a week. This is, without ques-