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**READER, DO YOU OWE THE STAR?** If so, you ought to examine yourself and see if you have any conscience left. We are sure if you have a good conscience and any means of procuring what you owe THE STAR you will not longer delay paying a debt for which you have received more than its value.

**WHAT** are you doing toward the forthcoming Centennial of Zion Church? If you have not done anything as yet, begin at once and talk it up. Organize centennial clubs which shall include every member in your church and Sunday-school. Endeavor to devise a plan to raise an average of One Dollar per member.

VOLUME 1, No. 1, of *The Daily Globe*, published at Washington, D. C., has reached our sanctorium. It is a seven-column folio and is edited by H. C. C. Astwood, who has had considerable experience in the newspaper line. It has for its motto: "An independent political journal devoted to equal rights." To our knowledge, *The Globe* is the only daily paper in this country published by Negroes. Long may it live.

**EVERY** A. M. E. Zion church should have its local name accompanied by the connectional title printed in bold letters on the front of the building. The day may come when some tricky rascal and disloyal religious would-be leader will endeavor to wrest the church from the connection as did J. W. Gordon, and that writing over the door, on the wall or corner stone will prove a powerful witness against Zion's enemies.

In Zion preachers will only heed the circular requesting each one to raise a collection or donate a sum of money toward paying for the Variak Memorial Building House, Zion will have the largest and best equipped publication house owned by any colored denomination in the country. The Variak Memorial Building has already served Zion an inestimable purpose by furnishing the temporary headquarters of members of Clinton Chapel and their faithful pastor, Dr. R. H. Simmons, a refuge while their church is locked against them at the instigation of Gordon and his crew. Let Zion's ministers and members rise up and with one united effort pay for this building to perpetuate the name of the great and sainted man for whom it is named; for the good it has already done and for the great purpose it is destined to serve.

The Board Air Line Railroad has cut its rate from Southern points to Northern cities and thereby deposed one of the great Southern lines. The Board Air Line has also had a great success in closing over its station routes.

"For White People," "For Colored People." We are not surprised to see such notices placed up in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, and other retrograding Southern States, but when these signs are placed over waiting rooms in States where no Jim Crow Car laws prevail, whether at the instance of the managers of the Sea Board Air Line or any other railroad they ought to be disregarded by all decent people. People holding first class tickets should be allowed to go where their tickets entitle them to go. Southern prejudice and proscription are becoming intolerable and some forms of it cannot be borne by self-respecting colored people regardless of the cost.

The colored citizens of South Carolina under the leadership of the leading ministers of the different denominations, Congressman Murray and other leaders are making a strong and determined fight against the scheme of Tillman, Irby, and poor white company to disfranchise the majority of the citizens of the Palmetto State. The State has suffered at the hands of these noxious and disgruntled Democrats who sailing under the false color of Reformers, captured the State government four years ago and wrested it from the hands of the aristocratic class. After two terms of the most high-handed tyranny by Tillman, who was sent to the United States Senate by the last legislature, the governorship was transferred to Tillman's chief henchman, John Gary Evans. Tillman, Irby and Evans, backed up by a Tillmanite legislature passed a bill during the last session of the legislature providing for a Constitutional Convention having for its chief object the disfranchisement of the Negro voters of the State. The preachers and other leaders became aroused and began to intercept the plans of the Tillman cabal. When Negroes by the thousands presented themselves for registration the Tillmanites were amazed and refused to allow them to register on the plea that no blanks had been provided for them to register. Of course every one can see that this is a dodge to disfranchise the Negroes in advance and thereby carry out their diabolical scheme of so amending the constitution that they will be permanently disfranchised. Congressman Murray and others are contesting every inch of the ground and will leave no stone unturned to defeat the Tillman scheme. In their efforts they should have the hearty and substantial support of every Negro in the United States.

**THE CLINTON CHAPEL TRIAL.**

Following are the issues which were presented before the court and argued before the jury:

- 1.—Are the plaintiffs, Richard Martin, Cicero Smith, W. E. Moore, Simon Walker, A. B. North, Samuel Witherspoon, Oscar Crain, as of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, entitled to possession of this property?
- 2.—Is the plaintiff R. H. Simmons entitled to be let into possession of the office of pastor of the church known as Clinton Chapel and to exercise the rights, privileges and functions of said office?
- 3.—Have the defendants unlawfully entered upon and withheld the said premises from the plaintiff?
- 4.—Have the defendants unlawfully prevented the said R. H. Simmons from exercising the rights, privileges and functions of said office?
- 5.—What are plaintiffs' damages?

Messrs. Wilson, Walker, Cansler and Leary made arguments for the church and entreated the jury to answer yes to each issue. As stated in the heading of our editorial last week, these gentlemen are leaders of the Mecklenburg bar and stand among the foremost lawyers of the state. Their discussion of the issues was pointed, logical and convincing. Their treatment of the defendants was dignified and respectful. The arguments showed that each gentleman was in his best trim and endeavoring to impress the jury of the importance of the case, as well as of their earnestness in the advocacy of a great and right cause. Mr. Wilson's reference to the sainted spirit of the lamented elder Edward Hill, who organized the church, honoring over the jury, and his concluding remarks caused a stillness to pervade the courtroom that was almost death-like. Mr. Cansler took the mask from gentleman (?) Gordon and showed him up in his true light. By evidence, enforced by eloquent argument, he proved that the Zion fold had moved forward in peace and harmony for 28 years only as they were lashed to confusion by Gordon, who is a renegade from Bethel. Mr. Leary reviewed the important points in the case, presented some entirely new facts and enforced them with the most convincing speech, which held the court in closest attention. J. W. Gordon's conduct of the argument for Zion and every word was as a nail driven in a sure place.

The counsel for the "Gordonites" were Clarkson, Karens and Duls, the trio being a rather youthful looking set. However, during the preliminaries they showed up to considerable advantage, especially in finding and arguing technical points and in the cross-examination. We may say without extended comment that they seemed to have exhausted all their strength during the preliminaries and in the cross-examination, for there was no argument of the issues save the feeble effort of Mr. Duls. We have never heard such ranting and dodging as that employed by Karens and Clarkson. Clarkson spoke one hour and a quarter and four-fifths of that time was devoted to vituperation and abuse of the Negro in general and of Bishops Hood and Lomax, Dr. Simmons and the other witnesses on the Zion side. His appeals to the prejudices of the jury based on Bishop Hood's and Dr. Simmons' past political affiliations and Bishop Lomax's material possessions were sickening to every one who heard him. The judge was compelled once to call him to order. During the three and a half hours consumed by the lawyers for the defendants not three quarters of an hour was devoted to a direct discussion of the issues involved. "This truth they had a weak cause, but the plea was weaker still." The charge of the judge was clear and impartial, but based on the facts in the case.

We have arranged to get the charge and all the papers in the case for compilation as soon as the Supreme Court has decided the appeal which has been taken by the Gordonites. Despite the fact that public sentiment and twelve white men upon whom every device that prejudice, political intrigue and scandalous argument were brought to bear have decided against them, Gordon and his misguided followers are still piling up money in the pockets of their lawyers by appealing to the Supreme Court. We would like to review the evidence, but space forbids. Suffice it to say that the whole string of evidence by the chief witnesses was a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end, and this fact was made so glaring that no sane onlooker had any doubt of the result. The jury was out less than three quarters of an hour and answered "yes" to every issue, thereby forever settling Zion's title to the Clinton Chapel property.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Rev. R. Collins, whose earnest and powerful sermons rendered Rev. F. A. Clinton such timely aid at Pittsburgh, has gone to Louisville, Ky., to assist Rev. J. H. McMullen. The Star acquainted these brethren with Zion's great revivalist, and they at once sent for him. We bespeak success for every pastor who calls Elder Collins to his assistance.

Rev. M. R. Franklin is preparing to give the Ohio conference, a royal reception at Avery Chapel on the second Wednesday in June.

Editor Clinton has accepted an invitation to deliver the address at the closing exercises of Greenville College, Greenville, Tenn., on the fourth Tuesday in April. President R. A. Morrisey is meeting with encouraging success in the way of making collections.

Bishop Lomax informs the editor that Dr. J. W. Alston, our excellent general steward, rendered the connection invaluable service by his visits to the Florida conferences and other points in that state. Dr. Alston is one of the best stewards we have ever had.

Rev. J. H. White, the able and gentlemanly pastor of Zion Church at Red Bank, N. J., recently closed a revival which resulted in the conversion and accession of thirty-four persons to the church of which he is pastor. Elder White is a success wherever he is placed.

A note from Elder Mason of Newark, N. J., informs us that the work there continues to prosper and that Elder Wheeler's recent visit was very inspiring to the work.

We are greatly indebted to Bishop O. C. Pettey for a check for \$1375 in payment for several subscriptions secured in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas. We are sorry we could not reach these conferences and assure the brethren that nothing but the expense of travel prevented our being among them. We gain much both the bishop and the subscribers for the check which just came in. We shall hope to pay for a similar favor this week, without which we must have on this unpaid for the present issue.

The Board of Bishops is now in session at Clinton Chapel, Union, S. C. Dr. W. H. Goler, editors Dancy and Clinton are in attendance.

We appreciate every encouraging word sent the personal letters or in the contributed articles sent to THE STAR. We take this method to make acknowledgment to our brethren as we are too busy just now to answer by private letter.

We have received a copy of a sermon delivered by Dr. B. S. Rives, President of the Goldsboro State Normal School before the Odd Fellows on the 3d inst. Aside from being a most appropriate sermon for the occasion, it was a masterly exposition of the text selected.

Bishop T. H. Lomax informs us that Rev. J. T. McMillan of Tuskegee, Ala., is the first to report his collection toward meeting the March convention on the Varick Memorial Building. He sent in ten dollars and cents. This is a very creditable collection and if our other churches will do half as well the one thousand dollars needed will be forthcoming at the appointed time.

**A SPECIAL SESSION A-K-E-D FOR.**

100,000 NEGROES WANT TO QUALIFY THEMSELVES TO EXERCISE THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

Columbia, S. C., March 14.—Today the ten days' special registration allowed under the constitutional convention act expired and the result has been, from the many barriers thrown in the way of expeditious registration, that only about 10,000 Negro voters have been able to secure registration certificates. Today retiring Negro Congressman G. W. Murray and Revs. R. E. Hart and W. D. Chappelle, the two latter representing the Colored Preachers' Ministerial Union, appeared in the executive office and presented to Governor Evans a paper stating that on account of the law, 100,000 of their color had desired, but been unable to register, and asking in the name of these wronged and injured persons that he convene the legislature in extraordinary session to provide means whereby these more than 100,000 citizens may qualify themselves to exercise their constitutional rights. Governor Evans told them he would consider the matter. To-night the Negro clergy is to send an address setting apart the last Sunday in March to be utilized in raising funds to immediately test the constitutionality of the State registration laws in the Federal Courts.

**A YOUNG PEOPLE'S NATIONAL UNION.**

SHALL WE HAVE IT?—IF IT IS NEEDED.

BY REV. R. HAYWOOD SETTE.

Shall we organize the young people of Zion into one grand union and thus render it more easy to utilize and focus their energies to the best interest of the church and hereafter?

Is Zion to continue to occupy a rightful place in the vanguard of great Negro denominations?

What will be her relative standing tomorrow in consideration of her opportunities today?

We earnestly solicit some expression of opinion on this important subject, especially from the thoughtful of our great church.

The next General Conference will, no doubt, adopt the Christian Endeavor as the official society for the young people of our church, but since there are now many societies

throughout the connection, and new ones continually springing up, would it not be well to effect a national organization?

A movement of this kind would be in harmony with the spirit by which many other churches have been actuated in Christian Endeavor work. Such a confederacy or union would be of great mutual aid and an untold inspiration to our young people in all parts of the country.

A national convention of our young people, delegated from North, East, South and West, their coming into personal contact in the exchanging of ideas and the discussion of living subjects, would be very encouraging to all, the less favored sections of the church would be greatly helped and a fire of righteous enthusiasm kindled never to go out.

There are among us those who do not favor even the encouragement of the Christian Endeavor in our church and why? Is it because the Christian Endeavor does not promise the concentration of all its energies in an effort to make of our young people simply "Zion Methodists?"

Do they want our young people confined within the narrow limits of denominationalism in direct opposition to that more cosmopolitan spirit so characteristic of the times in which we live?

To those who are apprehensive that the Christian Endeavor will impair the usefulness of the young by gradually leading them from the doctrines and polity of our church to that of other churches, etc., the Christian Endeavor constitution enjoins the strictest adherence on the part of all its members, to the rules and doctrines of their own church.

Read the speech of the Rev. Dr. Wayland Hoyt on "Interdenominational Fellowship" delivered last July, at the Cleveland convention. (See official report of that convention.)

**A PLACE FOR ZION FOR THE FUTURE!**

Her exalted station today, was given her by the faithful and an selfish toil of the fathers who laid well her foundation and "built more wisely than they knew."

What place are we making for Zion? Make more room for Zion! and then when we want places and are needed, she will make room for us, and not leave us entirely to the mercy (?) of the wire-pulling, jealous hearted, self-exalted BROTHERS—A subsequent place for Zion.

Our plan has been encouraged by such gentlemen as the Revs. J. W. Smith, of Carlisle, Pa., J. H. McMullen, of Louisville, Ky., H. P. Thomas, of Augusta, Ga., Geo. W. Clinton, editor of THE STAR, J. S. Caldwell, of New York.

The editor has very generously promised space in THE STAR for "Christian Endeavor news." Brief comments on the proposed "Connectional Union" are solicited from clergy and laity, male and female, from all over the country.

The writer has just received from Mr. John Willis Baez, General Secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, a letter of special invitation to be present and preside at a "Joint Denominational Rally" to be held during the convention which convenes in Boston next July.

**MILTAKE WHAT FATHER TAKES.**

If all fathers could feel that the little lives that God intrusts to them are following in their footsteps, trustingly and closely, as in the case herein narrated, how often their plan of life and action would be entirely changed?

It is related of a young man who had never been out in the world a great deal, and had never attended a banquet, and who was invited with his father to attend a very fashionable one in a certain city. Many kinds of wines and liquors were served, as is customary at such places.

Seated at the table by the side of his father, the waiter approached the young man with liquors and wines, and asked him what he would have. Somewhat embarrassed, and not knowing what to say, he thought awhile, looked around, and at last said to the waiter: "I'll take what father does."

The waiter passed on to the father. He had heard the answer of his boy. Up to this time he had been a moderate drinker and was not a Prohibitionist. His boy's answer to the waiter woke him up to the fearful responsibility upon him as he was about to make choice, and brought him face to face with a question, upon the decision of which depended largely the future moral welfare of his son.

What should he do? "What would he take?"

Aroused fully to his responsible position, more than he had ever been

before, he said with emphasis: "I'll take water."

The battle was fought, the victory won, and the destiny of his boy as a man of temperate habits fixed so far as he had the power to do it by his example. The father became a total abstainer, and was ever afterward a strong Prohibitionist, and his son was saved to a sober life.—elected.

**TWO SIDES TO DYING.**

Let us not forget that there are two sides to dying—this earth side and the heaven side. The stars that go out when morning comes do not stop shining; only some other eyes in some other land are made glad by them.—Ex.

**LOSING TEMPER.**

Losing the temper takes all the sweet, pure feeling out of life. You may get up in the morning with a clean heart, full of song, and start out as happy as a bird, and the moment you are crossed and you give way to your temper, the clean feeling vanishes and a load as heavy as lead is rolled upon the heart, and you go through the rest of the day feeling like a culprit. And anyone who has experienced this feeling knows that it cannot be shaken off, but must be prayed off.—elected.

**WHAT THE STAR WANTS.**

We want one hundred Zion ministers to send us three subscribers each at one dollar apiece, accompanied by the cash. We want fifty Zion ministers to send us five subscribers each at one dollar apiece, accompanied 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. He will be the first to answer our wants notice? We shall report each one promptly.

**NOTICE.**

All general officers and other visitors who expect to attend the New Jersey conference which meets on the 24th prox. are requested to inform Rev. J. H. Mason, 21 Scott street, Newark, N. J.

**MEMORIAL SERVICES AT HAYNESVILLE, ALA.**

BY M. W. DACUS.

It is with pleasure that I write an article concerning the memorial services of Bishop J. P. Thompson, D. D. M. D., who died Friday, December 21, 1894, at his residence, 219 Washington street, Newburg, N. Y., attended by Rev. Workman. He stated that the aged and esteemed Bishop died of a lasting attack of rheumatism. Rev. L. D. Workman gave a sufficient account of his life and his active work as a pastor, bishop and doctor of medicine. He also told of his youth and how he had striven to make his mark as a leader. The church was filled with hearers promptly at 11 o'clock. By order of the pastor, the church was tastefully decorated suitable to the occasion. Sentences composed in mourning were hung on the wall. The front benches were occupied by the mourning daughters of Zion. Every true Zion Christian is mourning for the loss of their worthy bishop. We know that he did not come here to stay always, but we regret to give up such men as Bishop Thompson, Moore and Jones; Dr. Price, Green, Tyler and others. Zion is moving upwards. We are not grumbling, but grieving. We seldom hear such sermons as was delivered by Rev. Workman. He is the man for us. We love him more and more. He told us not to grieve because Bishop Thompson is now in heaven. We shall never forget him. We have not only heard him preach of sin but have seen him and heard him preach. We do not feel that we have lost a man only, but feel that Zion, universally, has lost one of her oldest and most substantial and earnest leaders. Our hearts are sore with sadness. Pray for us. We are Zion travelers marching on.

**DETROIT, MICH. NOTE.**

BY PRESIDENT ELDER J. E. ALLEN.

After a long and hard struggle we have succeeded in regaining our old Zion church that has been out of our district for several years and the members scattered to the four winds. Since October 23d we have been carefully watching every movement for the re-establishment of the A. M. E. Zion church in this city. On the 14th of February we took possession in the name of God. We have now come to stay. God forbid that her royal banner shall any more trail in the dust of inactivity and neglect. Our esteemed Bishop Walters desired that I take Detroit for Zion. As a

faithful shepherd I have been constantly on guard, and on Sunday afternoon, as you will see by the program, we unfurled her banner to the breeze. An appreciative congregation so filled the church that many had to be turned away. While waiting to reorganize Zion I have been invited to fill the pulpits of the city, which I hope to do with credit to our connection.

**CHATS AND DOINGS IN AND AROUND LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE.**

The students turned out in full on last Sabbath. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Smith, having had to officiate at the Odd Fellows exercise, the pulpit was filled by Rev. S. A. Chambers who preached a plain, practical sermon from the 13th verse of the 12th chapter of Ecclesiastes, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man." He insisted upon an unconditional decision of living a consistent Christian—In being and doing some thing for—(1) humanity; and to—(2) far God from a point of love. Such sermons are helpful to our race.

The Garrison Literary Society met on last Friday evening, but owing to the number of participants and lengthy papers they could not have the debate in full. There also seemed to be some misunderstanding about the question:

Resolved, That foreigners should not be allowed the right of suffrage until they are educated.

**NOTICE.**

To the Ministers of the A. M. E. Zion Connection:

DEAR BRETHREN:—I desire to publish a "Centennial Cyclopedia" of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Heretofore we have seen a few of Zion's great men published, but I wish to publish a work containing a short sketch of every active minister now traveling in the connection, with a few noted laymen and some great women.

Will every minister be kind enough to send me at once, a short sketch of his life and a bust wood cut; if not convenient to do so, send your photograph and five dollars and I will have the wood cut made. All officials of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Sons and Daughters of Conference or any other ladies prominently engaged in church work. Also the professors and teachers of our connectional schools please send the same. Address me at New Bern, N. C.

Yours for Zion,  
SARAH E. C. PETTEY.

**DOUGLASS' PICTURE FREE.**

We have arranged with a first-class Chicago engraving company to furnish all new cash subscribers or old subscribers, who pay up in full, the finest life-size picture of HON. FREDERICK DOUGLASS ever gotten out. Now is your chance to get a fine picture of the greatest Negro leader America has produced, for nothing, by paying what you owe THE STAR. This arrangement will only last for a short while. Act at once.

**NOTICE.**

To the ministers of the Allegheny Conference,

Dear Brethren:—As I was elected vice president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society at its last session, I wish to call your attention to the great importance of organizing said societies at once. I shall soon start out to give a series of lectures in behalf of the missionary work of our conference and, so far as possible, organize societies where there are none. Hoping to have the cooperation of all, I am

Very Respectfully Yours,  
HARRIET E. WATSON.

**BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS.**

MARCH.

Sunday, 31st, New Haven, Conn.

APRIL.

Monday, 1st, Meriden, Conn.  
Tuesday, 2nd, Norwich, Conn.  
Wednesday, 3rd, Worcester, Mass.  
Thursday, 4th, Portland, Me.  
Sunday, 7th, 11 a. m. Cambridge, Mass.  
" " " " " night, Boston, Mass.  
Tuesday, 9th, 1st church, Providence, R. I.  
Wednesday, 10th, 2nd church, Providence, R. I.  
Thursday, 11th, Willimantic.  
Friday, 12th, Bridgewater, Conn.  
Sunday, 14th, New York.  
" " " " " night, Yorkers, N. Y.  
Tuesday, 16th, Danbury, Conn.  
Wednesday, 17th, Waterbury, Conn.  
Thursday, 18th, Derby, Conn.