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NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS

The Editor of this paper is glad to receive contributions from all persons who are interested in the progress of the colored people.

Contributors should send their names and addresses to the Editor, and if possible, send them by registered mail.

G. W. CLINTON

Editor of Star of Zion.

Ministers who are pastors in charge of A. M. E. Zion churches are hereby authorized to act as agents for the Star of Zion.

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According to a law passed by our general conference every church and Sunday school in the A. M. E. Zion connection is required to raise a \$1000 fund for the purchase of a Bible for every child in the congregation.

Day-school daily attendance and contributions to this department reports of receipts will be published.

Tax Collectors have been notified that the Income Tax on rents and investments in state and municipal bonds is invalid and therefore cannot be collected.

Tax Democrats have made such a complete and disastrous failure in their work of Tariff Reform that they are now casting about for some issue that will bring together the scattered forces and afford them a tax for the next national campaign.

The following spring conference meet on the dates and at the places herein named: the New Jersey 4th Wednesday in April, Newark, N. J.

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COL. DARGAN AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA SITUATION

On our first page we give our readers the benefits of Col. Dargan's position respecting the forthcoming Fillman-Hay constitutional convention which has as its prime objects the disfranchisement of the Negro and the abolition of the present free school system and like plans for the destruction of good government in South Carolina.

It is no longer doubted that the Negro's vote is and will continue to be an important factor in American politics.

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VAIN APPEAL

In the last issue of THE STAR we published the amount which had been sent to Bishop Lomax toward paying the \$1,000 due on the Variok Publishing house.

Keep these figures constantly in your mind and remember that these dates refer to the organization and first centennial of the A. M. E. Zion church.

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CHATS AND DOINGS IN AND AROUND LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE

Prof. Goler is highly elated over the reception of a large and splendidly executed oil painting of Mrs. Martha Henry, sent by Mr. George Henry of Providence, R. I.

Mr. G. F. Richings, whose illustrated lectures have been opening the eyes of the English people concerning the progress of the American Negro, has returned to this country.

THE SAME HERE

How long shall we be vexed with bill collectors? How long must we change corners and balance off in another direction to dodge the men that the Vanguard owes? If our subscribers dodge us we must dodge our creditors.

Few young men in our church have labored more zealously and made greater sacrifices than Presiding Elder L. G. Hemphill of the North Georgia Conference.

Bi-hop I. C. Clinton has appointed Rev. D. M. Pinkard of Lafayette, Ga., to the presiding eldership of the Summerville, Ga. district, vice Elder Hearne deceased.

The revival recently conducted by Rev. F. A. Clinton in John Wesley church, Pittsburgh, Pa., is said to have been the greatest witnessed since the congregation moved into the new church.

News comes from Louisville that the great revival is still in progress at Jacob-street Tabernacle.

We congratulate our enterprising and successful colleague in the gospel, Rev. W. H. Chambers, on having completed the medical course in the Louisville (Ky.) National Medical College.

The members of the Price Memorial church, Concord, N. C., gave their pastor, Rev. W. J. Sides and wife a most agreeable surprise one evening last week in the way of a storm party.

Rev. J. P. Meacham, presiding elder of Coffeeville, Miss., is one of Zion's truly loyal and solid men, whose life and labors have long since combined to the upbuilding of the church and the elevation of our people.

Rev. L. W. Oldfield, presiding elder of the Louisiana conference, never tires in his endeavors to strengthen the stakes and lengthen the cords of Zion in the Pelican State.

We owe Rev. T. W. Johnson of Sag Harbor, N. Y., an apology for failing to mention the victory achieved by him against a paper which published a libel about him some time ago.

The death of Prof. Hamilton, manual instructor of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, is a sore loss to that great school.

The Price Memorial Concert Company received an ovation at Rock Hill and Chester, S. C., from both colored and white.

One of the most interesting features of Bishop Hood's great history of Zion Methodism is the biographical section.

AMERICAN PREJUDICE GOING

In a report of the great funeral services of the late Frederick Douglass, given to the Daily New York Advertiser, the distinguished orator and lecturer Kate Foote has spoken of the effort of Dr. W. B. Derrick on that occasion.

As I sat in that densely crowded church and gazed upon white and black men and women, as I saw United States Senators and Judges pass by as pall bearers to an ex slave; as I heard the eulogies of two races bestowed upon him who lay so quietly at their feet, I felt that the eloquent Negro was right when he thrilled the congregation by stating that the letters to be inscribed on the church wall for that blessed occasion were A. P. G.—American Prejudice Going.

That the colored race possesses gifts of oratory and song was fully illustrated during the funeral ceremony. I have never heard a more beautiful speaking voice than that of Mr. Nicholas, secretary of the Haytian Legation, who, the evidently unused to addressing large audiences, expressed the condolence of his country in melodious French.

The Africa of the Bible had conferred blessings on the world, and the transplanted Africa of the future would prove that Frederick Douglass had worthy disciples.

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THE STATE'S SUPREME COURT GIVES IT MORE FAVORABLE CONSTRUCTION

RALEIGH, N. C., April 5.—The Supreme Court of North Carolina has construed the preference law as only restricting the right to execute assignments, mortgages and deeds in trust, or to make conditional sales to secure pre-existing debts.

Farmers will be greatly embarrassed, however, by the fact that balances due for last year cannot still be carried by their commission merchants and secured with their notes for current advancements.

This decision will have the effect of putting a stop to the withdrawal of northern capital, which had begun upon the passage of the bill just construed.

Mortgages will be valid as under the old law, except as to pre-existing debts. This decision puts an end to total prostration of the credit of the State, threatened by the act.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Ministers and Sunday-school superintendents are hereby notified that the Board of Bishops have ordered all collections for the Sunday-school department raised on Easter Sunday to be sent to the superintendent at the Variok Memorial Building, 206 College street, Charlotte, N. C.

The condition of the department as it is at this time, and the changes which have been ordered by the Board of Bishops necessitate us to urge upon our brethren to put forth an earnest effort to make the collection as large as possible and to send it promptly. Remit all moneys collected on Easter Sunday or other moneys raised for the Sunday-school Union to Rev. R. B. Morris, superintendent Sunday-school Union, 206 College street, Charlotte, N. C.

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. Hereafter we have issued 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 best wood cut if not convenient to do so, and your photograph one five dollars and I will have the wood cut made. All officials of the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and of the Sons and Daughters of Comfort, or any other bodies permanently organized in churches, etc.

As the publishers of our centennial sketch promise to send the same to all who send in their names, I have no objection to their doing so.

Yours for the cause,
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NORMAL SCHOOL CLOSING

The closing exercises of the Philosophical Lyceum of the State Normal School will take place at Mercury Opera House, Wednesday evening April 17th, 1896.

The exercises will consist of a literary program, including a debate, interspersed with songs and recitations.

The annual oration will be delivered by Dr. S. P. Wright, of Salisbury, N. C. The public is respectfully invited to be present. Doors open at 7:30 p. m.

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RIVERHEAD, N. Y. NOTES

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