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Editorial Note

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

Persons desiring to subscribe are requested to collect from such persons and remit to this office, making out the cost of forwarding the same to the publisher.

More people are easier to lay down good precepts than to obey them. Things which many condemn in others they indulge in themselves.

The Wisconsin legislature has passed a law guaranteeing to colored people the same privileges in hotels and places of amusement as are accorded to white people.

This man who has the consciousness that he has never wronged any of his fellows, either secretly or openly, is not afraid for the light to be turned upon his sayings and doings.

Practicing that fails to feed the soul and edify the mind in the things of God may be ever so eloquent, but it is lacking in one thing, needful, and will fail to build up the church spiritually.

From the way things look now it will cost almost as much to carry on lawsuits with the opponents of the income tax as there will be proceeds since the Supreme Court has decided against certain features of it.

This almost universal condemnation which has been administered to Dr. Lansing for his unwarranted assertion against President Cleveland shows that right thinking people are opposed to the wholesale and unbecoming slander which is too often published concerning persons in high places.

Do not send orders to Rev. G. W. Clinton for Sunday school literature, but send them to Mr. E. B. Morris and they will be promptly looked after. Rev. G. W. Clinton is only assistant to Dr. Morris, and will give his assistance as readily when orders come directed to Dr. Morris as when they are sent to him.

and will prove the greatest affair of the kind ever inaugurated by our race in America.

CHRISTIANS, whose lives are shadowed by questions of race and associations, take heed to the words which grow in the soil. They are always destitute of that healthy appearance and strong growth which characterize the plant that takes in the sunshine and the rain.

As ex United States Senator M. C. Butler of South Carolina lingers around Washington ashamed of his State and waiting for something to turn up that will land him in another office out of which he can eke an existence during his remaining days, we must present to him pictures of those days when he was engaged in the high handed and bloody crime of killing Negroes to prevent them from enjoying their rights and citizens' rights.

THE ATLANTA EXPOSITION.

We are pleased to know that the projects of this great Southern enterprise are being encouraged in the most substantial way, even beyond their most sanguine expectations. Besides most of the states of the Union, many foreign governments have agreed to make exhibits and participate largely in the Exposition.

The Woman's Loyal League of Salisbury, is making strenuous efforts to aid Livingstone College to make a creditable exhibit. Let all the Negro schools and every organization having anything worthy of exhibition become interested and get ready to contribute his part toward the Negro exhibit. We must have a successful exhibit.

STRONG DRINK DID IT.

We regret to learn that Dr. C. N. Grandison, a prominent minister of the M. E. Church and at one time president of Bennett College at Greensboro, N. C., has been excluded from the ministry on account of becoming a victim to strong drink. According to what we have heard of his case he began to use strong drink as a medicine under the direction of a physician, but when the appetite for it was fastened upon him it continued to grow until it affected his mind and now he, who was once one of its most bitter foes and most uncompromising temperance orators, has been thrown from a lofty height to a position which makes him an object for sympathy and pity.

HARD ON SOUTH CAROLINA.

In the Columbia State of recent date the following editorial appeared: In a talk the other day with Mr. H. H. Edwards, the editor of the Manufacturer's Record, at Salisbury, N. C., he had to say some things which he regarded as very wise. Two or three years ago, he said, he spent some time in Polk county, North Carolina, near Tryon, on the border of this state, and during his stay hundreds of people from the North came in the neighborhood to prospect for homes. He observed that also a great many Negroes had settled in Polk county, some located on the South Carolina side of the line, others on the

North Carolina side. When he inquired the reason for this discrimination, he was told the numbers of them that they would not sell in South Carolina because in this state the law was enforced. The number of Negroes in South Carolina had increased in North Carolina and it was feared, he said, they would lead to trouble for the State if they could lead gratis, for they feared that they would not be protected by the government.

In the face of the above hard lines the governor of North Carolina, the two United States senators and the controlling party are in league to add further disabilities to the State by robbing a majority of its citizens of the right of suffrage and turn the hands of the dial of progress back innumerable degrees by crippling or abolishing the already inadequate free school system. How long will South Carolina who once saw the State in its wide and glory, and who now know what it could be in wiser, safer, just and impartial hands, suffer these things to continue? If the people whose privilege it is, do not rise up and right these gross wrongs, surely the God, who has said, vengeance is mine, I will repay, will ere long, bring a curse upon the State that will grind its doors between the millstones.

We are proud for the good things that can be said about North Carolina. It has always been ahead of its sister, when it came to principles of right, justice and progress, and it is destined to go yet farther ahead unless South Carolina lays aside her idols, sins, crimes and iniquity and takes up those principles of justice and wisdom which alone are calculated to make a State and its people respected, great and strong. Let us hope that the few good men who are struggling for the right may yet succeed in erasing the State from its disgrace.

A WORKMAN THAT NEEDETH NOT BE ASHAMED.

We received a letter last week from Rev. James Henry Jackson, of Blacksburg, S. C., informing us that he is now preparing to build a new church at Gaffney City, an important and progressive town between Charlotte and Spartanburg, on the great Southern railway. Elder Jackson says, if he can get some help from the ministers, members and friends of Zion abroad, he will be able to build a fine church and have it ready for occupancy by the first or middle of August. Should Elder Jackson be able to carry out his plans in building this church it will make the nineteenth century church he has built since he has entered the ministry, all of which are respectable buildings and some of which stand among the best wood churches in the South. Carolina conference. Elder Jackson is not yet an old man, scarcely more than fifty, if that, but as a builder he stands almost without a peer in the connection. He is one of the most pious, exemplary ministers we ever knew. He never refuses to go where he is sent or fails on any charge. He is a power in the pulpit, believes in and preaches a full salvation in the present life. Such a man is a workman approved unto God, that feedeth not as ashame. He needs and deserves financial aid to erect a church at Gaffney City. Zion has struggled long for a foothold there and has now but seven members. We are sure that if any man can build a church there Elder Jackson is that man. We ask for his contributions to help in that important work. Zion has too long allowed herself to remain out of important towns in South Carolina. If we are to hold an important place among our sister churches and do great work for God we must go into the cities and towns and preach the preaching the Master bids us. Gaffney is an important town and our people are constantly moving there. The eyes of northern capitalists are turned toward it. Let us help brother Jackson. Any money sent him to Blacksburg, S. C., will be properly applied toward the building at Gaffney City. Every member in Zion, scores of her ministers and leading colored and white men throughout the State will testify to his integrity. We pledge him some assistance for our part.

PERSONAL MENTION.

The appointment of Rev. H. D. Shuford, recently of the East Alabama conference, to the presiding eldership of the Florida conference is a valuable accession to that conference. We are, indeed, very grateful to Presiding Elder T. J. Manson for having sent us a list of subscribers accompanied with his order for \$4.70. On account of being ready to go to press we were unable to publish his district notes in this issue. Who will send in the next list of our subscribers? CHARLOTTE NEWS. Grace church had a grand rally on Easter Sunday and special exercises Monday night. Clinton chapel stewardestes had an interesting entertainment Thursday afternoon and evening of last week and netted a creditable sum. The members and friends of Dr. E. H. Simmons "banded" him on the 8th inst., and left his pantry shelves laden with good things for the latter man. The 123 friends were no pains to give him evidence of their loyalty to Zion and their devotion to him. A large force has been busy for the past two weeks at the various

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Little Rock church continues to hold their own and carry one of the largest congregations in the city. Rev. G. W. Clinton, the pastor, left Sunday night, after preaching for Tuskegee, Ala., where he goes to deliver a course of lectures. Mr. Wm. Headwick, one of the trustees of Little Rock church, died on Friday the 12th inst. His funeral was attended by the pastor. We are pleased to learn that Rev. A. T. White has been appointed to the pastorate of the West End (Pittsburg) church and is succeeding nicely. The writer having organized that church and licensed its first pastor (Rev. John T. Moore) feels a deep interest in its success. Rev. T. H. Staten is proving to be the right man in the right place at Franklin, Pa. Home Wood A. M. E. Zion church is flourishing as never before under Rev. W. J. Holland. It is now the most popular colored church in the east section of Pittsburg. It was built by Rev. Adam Jackson. Professor Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., recently delivered a lecture before the Fisk University Lecture Bureau. We are sure it will pain every minister and member of our church to learn that Father A. Hannon of Montgomery, Ala., is so seriously ill that grave doubts of his recovery are entertained. He is, one of, if not the oldest, and was once one of the foremost ministers in the East Alabama conference. He has always sustained a most exemplary character, stood high as a citizen and is a man of large means who has done much for his church and people. LATER—Since writing the above, elder Hannon has passed away. He died Saturday, the 13th inst., at his home in Montgomery, Ala., and was buried Monday from the Old Ship. Rev. A. J. Rogers is conducting a very successful revival in the Old Ship. Since beginning the revival he has called to his assistance Zion's successful revivalist, Rev. R. C. Collins, who recently assisted Revs. F. A. Clinton at Pittsburg, Pa. and J. H. McMullen at Louisville, Ky. Few men are making greater sacrifices of laboring more zealously to build up Zion than is Rev. D. J. Donohoo to establish permanently and prominently our church in Chicago. His amiable and cultured wife is assisting nobly. We need no better evidence of the good results of the preaching and living up to the doctrine of full salvation than is clearly demonstrated in the work of Rev. E. Geo. Biddle at Jersey City, N. J. The church at that point is not only alive, it is flourishing and Brother Biddle preaches and lives the doctrine of full salvation. We are, indeed, very grateful to Presiding Elder T. J. Manson for having sent us a list of subscribers accompanied with his order for \$4.70. On account of being ready to go to press we were unable to publish his district notes in this issue. Who will send in the next list of our subscribers?

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THE BANNER CHURCH OF THE YEAR.

TWO ELOQUENT SERMONS BY BISHOP WALTERS.—NEW CHURCH—RECEPTION.—DR. MORELAND.

BY REV. W. H. MARSHALL.

When the Southern Express of Friday morning, March 29th, ended its long journey in the Harrisburg, station there stepped from the well crowded train two men whose very demeanor stamped them as men who were bearing grave responsibilities. They were Bishop A. Walters, D. D., and Rev. Dr. Wm. Howard Day, who were met by the writer and Dr. Moreland. Before escorting our distinguished visitors to their home, we led them to the newly built Wesley Union A. M. E. Zion church on South St. Halting, as we approached the edifice, gazing at its three imposing, slate covered gables, surmounted by five beautiful finials, and marking the harmony and uniqueness of design, the bishop exclaimed, "My most sanguine expectations have been far surpassed. It is wonderful, wonderful. That is easily one of the most imposing structures owned by Negroes."

THE NEW CHURCH.

Here, about as well as any place, I can give a brief picture of the "New Church." Imagine, if you can, a lot 80x52, the shape of which is an elongated hexagon, facing a street and an avenue. On this erect by imagination a brick building, brown stone base, blue stone trimmings and roof of three gables as above described. Place upon the six pilasters six beautifully designed galvanized iron finials. Let your windows be of the most recent design and of the largest dimensions extant. Have your door in front on the short arm of the elongated hexagon. Style of architecture, Gothic, cost, including site, material in old building and furnishing, \$20,000. Just a word concerning the interior. The first floor contains a lecture room, an infant department for school, two classrooms, a pastor's study and a kitchen. These are separated by glass partitions which can be elevated, throwing the whole first floor into one large lecture room, capable of accommodating about 800 persons. The second story, which is reached by two flights of winding stairs, has an elevated floor and the furniture, including a \$2,000 pipe organ, will be of the most modern design. The building is lighted by electric lights and gas and is heated by steam.

THE INVOLUNTARY ORIENT.

At the hour announced on Sabbath March 31st, the incomplete lecture room of this building was informally opened. After singing by the choir, Dr. Day read in his usual impressive manner the lessons from the scriptures. A prayer by myself followed. Then Dr. Moreland introduced the Bishop, who spoke from Numbers xliii:23, the text being, "What hath God wrought?" This sermon was an intellectual and a spiritual feast as the following analysis will show: 1. What hath God wrought in science. 2. In the church. 3. In literature and art. 4. In the world's history. 5. In Harrisburg Zion church. Under the last head he paid an eloquent and richly deserved tribute to the pastor, Rev. Dr. Moreland, of whom he said, "That I am indebted to God in the making of an appointment the sending of Dr.

Moreland to Harrisburg is indisputable evidence. He has proven the man of the hour. When the church thought it knew whom it wanted I sent to you a man who was a stranger to the whole conference. Like Bismarck, Gladstone and Lincoln, he came in the fullness of time. God always sends a man when and where he is needed. It was so in this appointment. Thus in ten short months the old church has been torn down and a new one has been built upon its site; thousands of dollars have been raised and your zeal is thoroughly aroused." Praise God for such men as Dr. Moreland. Collection \$50.

At 3 p. m. Rev. Dr. Johnson, editor of the Christian Recorder, delivered God's message in an impressive manner. His was, indeed a most excellent sermon. At 8:30, Bishop Walters preached again. Audience filled spacious room. The scene most inspiring and the bishop at his best, made the services memorable. The Bishop based his excellent sermon upon the word of God as recorded in I Timothy iii:16 "The mystery of godliness," being his theme. He shall not attempt any description of this remarkable effort. Such manifestation of the presence of the Holy Ghost are rarely witnessed. I was not in noisy hallelujah, not in violent shouting, not in contortions and other evidences of the paroxysms into which feeling meetings some times put the more nervous of our congregations. But 'twas in tears of sympathy and of joy, 'twas in the almost death like attention, which was broken by earnest amen's "I was—but who can describe the presence of the Holy Ghost? The best evidence of the efficacy of his sermon was that at its conclusion three persons professed faith and were received into the church. All who heard the bishop were charmed by the fire of his eloquence and the depth of his theology. Total collection \$225. It is only fair to add that the collection was not made a specialty, as all efforts are being reserved for the dedication which occurs in the near future. A short time ago this church raised over one thousand dollars in one day, and expects \$1,500 at the dedication.

RECEPTION TO BISHOP WALTERS.

On Monday, April 1, the bishop was tendered a public reception which lasted from eight to ten p. m., and which was attended by a vast and thoroughly representative gathering of Harrisburgers. After the rendition of a short program, the members of the Bishop Walters Club under the auspices of which the reception was rendered, escorted the guests of honor to the "Royal Table" where a sumptuous feast was enjoyed. The guests represented the elite of the city. On Tuesday, the Bishop, accompanied by Rev. J. W. Smith, Zion's leading correspondent, started on a trip thro the umbrland Valley.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

The members of the building committee are as follows: chairman, Dr. W. H. Day; financial secretary, Prof. J. P. Scott; corresponding secretary, George Galbraith, son of a lamented bishop; treasurer, A. W. Deane; E. B. Marshall, Jacob Allen, Samuel Hall, Nicholas Butler, Henry Bradley.

HIGHLY COMPLIMENTED.

BY REV. W. H. COLEMAN.

Jones' University, located in Lucales, Ala., has a president in the person of Prof. David Williams Parker, of whom your church and the race need not be ashamed. I have known the young man for some time, and I am favorably impressed with him. He has lectured several times in this city, one of which was in my church. He electrified his large audiences every time. Last February he lectured here in Zion church and there was not standing room. We were very sorry when this giant young man left our city. We bid him welcome at any time. Meridian, Miss.

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greatly in need of help. This young woman has a bright mind, but for want of means, has had to leave the institution for the balance of the year. The institution returns thanks to Mrs. Gardner for past favors and assures her that any further help will be greatly appreciated. The success of the entertainment was beyond the expectation of all concerned. The ladies of the League and the students return thanks to all friends for their liberal patronage and helpful donations.

Respectfully,
Mrs. M. A. LYNOX, Pres.
Secretary.

THE NORMAL'S CLOSING.

The State Normal School closed its fourteenth session on Wednesday, evening at the Opera House, under the auspices of the Philosophical Literary Society. A well arranged and carefully prepared program was presented by an appreciative audience. The debate was, as usual, an attractive feature and the music was far above the average, which reflected credit upon the energy and zeal of Prof. Blount, the efficient musical director. Dr. Wright delivered the annual address which was clear-cut, thoughtful, pointed and forcibly delivered. Prof. R. B. McCray delivered the annual address to the Alumni Association. Only a few persons heard his fine, scholarly production which was a great literary treat. Prof. McCray is one of Lincoln's bright graduates and is one of the foremost educators in the State. The inclemency of the weather prevented many from attending who otherwise would have attended.

The year's work for the school just ended has been far ahead of that of previous years. The attendance has been better and work of the students more satisfactory. The curriculum was raised this year which prevented the graduation of a class. Prof. Martin has labored earnestly and zealously to build up the school and his efforts are being crowned with success. He wields a powerful influence in the church of his choice and is highly respected by all classes of citizens. He deserves to succeed and if perseverance, hard work and efficiency count or anything, success is his.

THE QUARTERLY REVIEW.

The A. M. E. Zion Quarterly Review is quite up to any number yet published. It gives a history of Livingstone College with cuts of all the Presidents, Chairman Board of Trustees, and several teachers, by Prof. B. A. Johnson; a brief historical sketch of Zion church, by Rev. G. W. Clinton; Zion Literature, by Rev. J. W. Smith; an able sermon by Rev. J. A. G. Davis; a lengthy letter from H. N. Frederick Douglas, to Editor Daney; "Morality and Religion," by Lawyer E. A. Johnson; "Pro Patria," a splendid poem by Editor Geo. C. Rowe; Editorials on Frederick Douglass, the Centennial Jubilee, the Atlanta Exposition, changes in the South, and much other interesting matter that should be read in every home. Everybody who can should secure it. Price \$1.20 per year, single copy 30c. Address: JAMES C. DANAY, Salisbury, N. C.

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