

Rev. M. P. Hawkins is holding Zion's for at Edenton, N. C.
Rev. W. D. Smith says the Atlanta district was never in better condition.
Rev. H. H. Whidbee, of Jamesville circuit, N. C., is an earnest worker.

Rev. E. Overton is pushing things on the new McVert circuit in Virginia.
Rev. S. Birchmore has removed from Providence, R. I., to New Haven, Conn.
Rev. W. H. Pringle, of Washington, Pa., intends to tear down the old Zion church and rebuild.

Rev. T. R. White, formerly pastor at Rogersville, Tenn., is now pastor of Logan Temple, Knoxville, Tenn.
Rev. J. R. B. Smith, the Grand Army orator, and pastor of our church, continues seriously ill at Troy, N. Y.
Rev. H. W. Richardson, of Davidson College, N. C., preached to 2,000 people at his camp-meeting last week and had three converts.

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John Wesley's pulpit is. Rev. J. H. McMullen is a pleasing and convincing orator. The outlook for John Wesley church is bright. As president of our trustees board and also superintendent of the Sunday-school, we have E. Victor Davis, attorney-at-law; and as his cabinet such efficient persons as G. L. Joy, secretary; J. Wilson, treasurer; J. M. Johnson, preacher's steward; Henry Dorsey, Albert Kyles, J. E. Brooks, Sunday-school officers; assistant superintendent, B. W. Jefferson; treasurer, Miss S. Burgay; secretary, your humble servant; librarian, Ralph Brent; organist, A. M. Broadie. Mr. Editor, as you know most of the persons mentioned, you can judge whether we will be successful or not.

Important Notice.
District conference and Sabbath-school convention notices still rain in on us weekly for insertion in the STAR. As space is valuable, and we desire to be impartial and give each presiding elder's district a show, we give notice that after another issue we will take out all the old notices to make way for the new ones. Ministers and members concerned will get out their lead pencils or pen and ink and jot down these conferences and conventions, and when and where they will meet. If that is too much trouble, clip them with the scissors and either paste them in your hats or put them under your comb and brush where you see them every morning. Hereafter we will, unless it is really necessary, only run these notices two or three weeks. Take due notice and govern yourselves accordingly.

Bishop Hood's Appeal.
The Editor and Manager of the STAR are making a heroic effort to keep the STAR shining during this dark period. In this praiseworthy effort they deserve the assistance of every minister and member in the connection. The general conference year is always a hard year on every connectional interest. More than three hundred ministrars taken from their work for about four weeks, or one-twelfth part of the year. More than five thousand dollars are expended in conveying them to and from the place of meeting. New officers are created and new enterprises started. These require an increase of expenditures without any corresponding increase in the collections. It will therefore be seen that every connectional interest depending upon the general fund will have a hard time. It takes about three thousand dollars a month to run the connection and yet for July and August about two hundred dollars is all we get. Some of us who have had long experience, and have known what to expect, have studied how to be prepared for this hard time. But those in charge of the STAR have not had the time, if they had been possessed of the foresight to prepare.

Every one, therefore, who wants to see the STAR succeed must come to its rescue now. I put down the first five dollars to start it nearly twenty years ago, and have put down twenty-five several times since, when I found it in a hard place. But it catches me now in an hard place. I don't see my own way out unless things take some turn not now in sight. In the crippled financial condition in which the latest legislation has left me, the best that I can do is to unite with those in charge of the STAR in an effort to kindle in the hearts of ministers and members a flame of interest in this important connectional institution. What you do, do quickly, for the king's business requires haste. The best of all means to help the STAR is to get cash subscriptions. If one hundred ministers will get five cash subscriptions each, and send the money to the manager within the next two weeks, success will be assured. Who will be the first? Fayetteville, N. C.

Shooting Stars.
The wisest man we ever knew was a Jew who remarked: "I tell you what it is, young man, I buy my experience vresh every day."
A man coming out of a Texas newspaper office and being in a bruised condition, replied to a policeman who interviewed him: "I didn't like an article that 'peared in the paper last week, an' I went in to see the man who writ it; he war there!"

DECEIVED BY SOUTH.
"I believe," said the candidate, "that my country calls me."
"If you are alludin' ter that noise you hearn jest now," said the old farmer, "you air somewhat mistook. Hit war nothing but the ole mule a-brayin' in the lot."

THE MINISTER'S SERMON.
Bacon—I see they've put a sounding board back of the minister's pulpit. What do you suppose that's for?
Egbert—Why, it is to throw out the sound.
"Gracious! If you throw out the sound there wouldn't be anything left in the sermon!"

HE WANDERED.
Little Clarence—"Pa!"
Mr. Calipers—"Well, my son?"
"I took a walk through the cemetery to-day and read the inscriptions on the tombstones."
"And what were your thoughts after you had done so?"
"Why, Pa, I wondered where all the wicked people were buried."

No matter what the state of the weather now is the time to subscribe for this paper.

I want to say something about the work in the West Tennessee and Mississippi conferences, especially the second district. I have been away from my work quite awhile attending the last general conference. I left this city on the morning of the 26th of May for Columbus, Miss., and here I stopped a few days with my mother, and left this city on the first night of June and arrived at Courtland, Miss., the next morning. This is where my family lives. Here I met several of the preachers of the first district. Rev. S. M. Metcalf is holding the fort at Courtland and is doing a great work, and his people all seem to love him. While here I visited Batesville and Chapeltown. Rev. W. L. Lee is in charge at Batesville and is doing a grand work. Rev. C. R. Anthony is in charge of Chapeltown and is doing fine. Prof. W. S. Cooper, of Courtland, will soon be in the school room again to carry the Summer term. He is a well prepared young man, and highly appreciated by white and black. This is all we will say about the first district. Rev. E. J. Carter is the Presiding Elder of this district. We don't know just now of his whereabouts. We left here for Dublin, Miss. The next thing in order was preparing for the quarterly conference which convened on the 13th of June, at 5 p. m., Rev. G. W. Rommage, presiding. Sunday morning we had a grand session. Our Presiding Elder is an old man, but he is a close observer in business. Mighty few things pass him that he doesn't see. At 11 a. m., Father Rommage mounted the stand and preached to a neat congregation and the "amens" were heard from all parts of the house. He handled his subject with power. Several of the brethren and sisters were filled with the Holy Spirit. At 8:30 p. m. the writer filled the sacred rostrum and chose for his text Revelation xxii:16. The Holy Spirit came in our midst and we had an old fashion meeting.

I am getting along splendidly at Dublin. Just now I have a good body of officers who are always willing to do something for the church of their choice, especially my stewardesses. This is in the Mississippi bottoms where but a few of our preachers want to come. They say they will die with chills and fevers. That is a mistake. Death has no respect of place to visit. You can rest assured of that. No, that is not it; they do not want to go out and organize and build churches for the good of Zion. Christ said to his disciples, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, teach them to observe: all things whatsoever I have commanded you, do! I am with you always even unto the end of the world." We ought to take our Saviour's sayings and digest them well, and see wherein we stand. Presiding Elder Rommage is now traveling through the district on his second round and he reports the work in fine condition. He reports Rev. E. P. Davis, of Jamestown to be doing a grand work in his mission field. Rev. J. R. Lumpkin and Rev. R. B. Poston are holding the fort on the lower end of the district; Rev. Lumpkin at Webb station and Rev. Poston at Block Byour, Miss. The men are carrying everything before them. Rev. J. R. Lumpkin, the Holy Ghost preacher, is in the midst of a loving people. Rev. Boston, commonly called the "Swamp Angel," is moving things at will. We want to make this district second to none. We have a new Bishop this year. The two districts felt somewhat at a loss to give up Bishop A. Walters, whom they all love so well; but Bishop G. W. Clinton is our bishop. The Connection has done credit to herself in making him Bishop. I chanced to hear him preach one sermon in the A. M. E. church in Mobile, Ala., and he satisfied me, and I brought the fraternal greetings back to both districts of the West Tennessee and Mississippi conferences and they all seemed to be satisfied and are awaiting his arrival the last of October or the first of November, 1896. Our annual conference will convene the 2nd Wednesday in December, 1896, at Coffeeville. We have very rich land in the Mississippi bottoms, and I say to emigrants, if Bishop Turner and Rev. A. J. Warner fail to get you to Africa, you can immigrate here, and prepare yourselves for the journey. Everything is in good shape in the Delta. I am the conference steward, and preachers, send in your general funds and save trouble even if some of you have said to your people, "Pay the man you see." Dublin, Miss.

Prizes!! Prizes!!!
A LIFE SIZE PICTURE OF JAMES VARNOR, First Bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Connection, will be given to the church which raises and sends to the treasurer the largest amount of money (according to membership) for the Centennial Fund. FIFTY DOLLARS IN GOLD will be given to the presiding elder who raises and sends to the treasurer the largest amount of money (according to membership) for the Centennial Fund. FIFTY DOLLARS IN GOLD will be given to the pastor who raises and sends to the treasurer the largest amount of money (according to membership) for the Centennial Fund. In addition to the above A BEAUTIFUL CERTIFICATE WITH PICTURE OF BISHOP VARNOR will be presented to every person who pays one dollar. A larger certificate with picture to the person who pays five dollars. A still larger certificate with picture to the person who pays ten dollars, and so on up to one hundred dollars. [Signed] Centennial Committee, A. WALTERS, Chairman, J. C. CLAYTON, Secretary, J. C. DANCY, General Manager

The Up-to-date Woman.
There has been a tendency for centuries remote to crush the aspirations of womanhood, if those aspirations rose above the level of the common household. It was thought that her mission was to prepare the food, sweep the house, mend the clothes and rock the cradle. Well this may have been the height of the Colonial dame's ambition; but the nineteenth century chronicles the advent of the new woman. She is a creature to be admired, for she is an all round woman. She is becoming versed in all the elements essential to man's happiness. She no longer goes up to the temple veiled as did the women of Greece, Athens, Sparta or Bohemia; but she is called unveiled to the front to act her own part in life's great drama. Yes, she realizes that there is a work to be done, and she must do her share or forever succumb to man's supremacy. Because the woman of to-day is progressive, some would laugh her to scorn; others would call her masculine; but it is not true, she is only up-to-date. Who would not pay a ransom for the invention of any modern appliance? Who would not bow at the shrine of the man whose capabilities and environments fitted him to be the foremost among men? Then who would not admire the charms, graces and genuine adjustability of the up-to-date woman? She is not trying to leap across the broad chasm of nature and change her sex; but she is striving to keep pace with modern civilization. She has been a student of domestic economy, and at home is truly domesticated; from garret to pantry she understands her business and performeth it well. Those persons who are disposed to criticise the advanced woman reason from the same analogy as that class of Anglo-Saxons who believe that Anglo-Africans ought to be educated only for manual labor. In other word, they would put a limit to the capabilities and possibilities of certain classes of humanity; while for the more favored sex or class they would bequeath them the unlimited territory of the universe as a field for adventurous exploits, and then offer as a reason for this sexual limitation "woman's inferiority and native inability to cope with man." Two things are requisite to prove true heroism and meritorious leadership, viz., innate ability and an opportunity. The up-to-date woman claims the ability and only asks the so-called lords of creation for the opportunity of clearly demonstrating her merits, and thus prove herself worthy of a place in the front rank of the thinkers of the age. Some would say that woman is good in her place. This reminds me of what some white people say of the Negro; that "He is good in his place"; and for two hundred and fifty years America has been trying to define our place; but the Afro-American seems never to be content in the position circumscribed for him by the more favored race. His manhood will not allow him to rest contented within the limits of sentimental boundary, and God forbid that he should. And as he struggles upward and onward toward the temple of fame and grandeur, renting the bands of prejudicial circumscription, the world stands watching and waiting to see if he will take his place on the top. So with woman. For nearly six thousand years the various races have differed as to woman's true position in society. Some have made her but a serf, while others have crowned her queen. Where is her place? It is acknowledged by the leading teachers of to-day that the influence of cultured, Christian motherhood has moulded modern civilization. If this be true, at what stage in man's life does woman become incapable as an associate, counselor or advisor among men? Political economy and civil government have at last found favor in her sight. She is no longer ignorant of the doings of her government; but is alive to all its workings. Should circumstances warrant it, she is qualified to legislate and arbitrate with statesmen of no mean ability. Some States recognize their stateswomen and allow them the right of suffrage; and they are not much in advance of to-day. Woman was destined to go side by side with man in all life's struggles. In this spurious era of irregular party lines and populist gerg with fusion as the unknown quantity, woman is a silent but potent factor in moulding sentiment for the approaching campaign. The new woman is a thoroughly conversant with the various platforms offered. She has the love of her country at heart and has a right to hoist a gold, silver or bimetallic standard, if she chooses, in her own community. Church polity has in her a staunch advocate. She is the backbone and sinew of the Christian Church; but notwithstanding this, some think that she is good enough to labor hard in building the temple but when it is completed that her work is finished. Such inhumanity to woman makes countless Christians mourn. Newbern, N. C.

BISHOP HARRIS' APPOINTMENTS.
AUGUST
23,.....Hendersonville, N. C.
25,.....South Asheville, "
27,.....Waynesville, "
30,.....Asheville, "
SEPTEMBER
1st,.....Greenville, Tenn.
3rd,.....Johnson City, "
6th,.....Bristol, "
8th,.....Abingdon, Va.
10th,.....Jonesboro, Tenn.
13th,.....Rogersville, "
14th,.....Morristown, "
17th,.....Newport, "
20th,.....Knoxville, "
22nd,.....Middleboro, Ky.
24th,.....Salisbury, N. C.
30th,.....New York, N. Y.

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RAM'S HORN BLASTS.
Warning Note Calling the Wicked to Repentance.
HAPPY Christian is always useful one. It is a waste of time to waste time to waste time. Believing has everything to do with it. It is not to have to war with the peace. Doing a day better in the end than digressing. Whenever you make a mistake it teach you something. People who worry forget that still at the head of things. It is as unpopular to be the God of to-day as it ever was. If you would be a good reader to the Lord of the harvest. The man who is willing to a little religion might as well as any. Be careful where you stand. The man who follows you will go with you. Showers of blessings can be had by bringing the last tithe to the storehouse. There are some preachers seem to take any interest in the of religion. If you would have God with the storm comes, begin to get it clean up. The pleasure of sin are only while we forget that the end is death. If we know what our sinners, our enemy would sudden death. The devil never thinks it to answer back when a talks in church. The man who wants to he has done may look to that he will do it. Mansions are being prepared only for those who let their ownership. Many troubles from them and turn against them. During the dark only the STAR which has twenty years ago.

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