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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1896.

#### EDITORIAL.

'RAH for McKinley and Hobart!!

NEVER bite off more than you can chew-neither should you chew more than you can bite off.

Ir is the church "militant" and not "military," as some seem to suppose. The church is no place for contentions and conflicts.

FLATTERY works sometimes with women, but it is hard at all times to Bryan, the Boy Orator, been elected, convince your wife that she is handsome enough to do without a new dress or a winter hat.

BISHOP J. B. SMALL, D. D., on his way South to enter upon his episcopal work stopped in Charlotte a day and night with Bishop Lomax and and called at our sanctum.

A PERSON who will stab another person's character or reputation bears considerable watching. He will whole Bryan outfit out of sight. Mr stab yours when an opportunity presents itself. Beware of him.

MISS SALLIE M. RIVES, the talented and educated daughter of Dr. R. es, has been elected a member of the faculty of the State Normal school of Elizabeth City, N. C.

In Bishop G. W. Clinton's speech to Mr. McKinley the word "association" should have been "assertion. The Bishop says the printer butchered and got some of his statisfics

> conference will meet he Alabama, Novemhe Central Alabama Look in the Confor the places where

E. Zion Church to Mr. Geo. C. Charleston Enon, S. C. We shall m in the STAR soon.

who absents himself bath-school and Chrisor meeting is not only missing a rich blessing, but is failing to come into vital touch with his young people. He is a failure as a pastor.

WE are in receipt of a large sheet of music entitled "Ashamed of Jesus," dedicated to Bishop G. W. Clinton, D. D .- the words by Grigg and the music for soprano or tenor voices by Mrs. Perry G. Walker. It is a sweet piece of music, copyrighted, We handle all the articles; he handles all and will soon be for sale.

THE STAR acknowledges the receipt of an invitation from Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Smith of Newbern, N. C., to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Miss Annie Estella to Mr. James D. Barfield, November ilth at 6 p. m. Rev. J. E. Hussey and Dr. R. S. Rives will officiate.

THE next issue of the STAR will b red-hot. Bishop Walters will reply to Rev. J. M. Henderson of the A. M. E. Church who made an attack in the Christian Recorder two weeks ago on Zion; Rev, C. D. Hazel will reply to Rev. F. H. Hill, and Rev. Andrew Cartwright of Africa will state his spiri unity and you feed him temporally. grievances about his pay and his African work. No one can afford to miss the STAR now. Now is the time for every pastor to get his members to subscribe. The STAR is 60 cents for ix months; one dollar a year.

#### PUBLICAN TRIUMPH.

There is great rejoicing among the Republicans and gold Democrats this he gets and pay all his necessary bills? week throughout the country because litical lattle—the hottest since the needs it before conference. Possibly he late war-and a great victory for



HON. WM. MCKINLEY.

honest money and protective tariff. The party of Lincoln, Grant, Sumner, Sherman, Blaine and Harrison, which is the party of brain, intelligence, judgment and action, is once more on top, and will manage the affairs of this great Republic for the ext four years.

McKinley and Hobart, who are fitted in every way for the high offices to which they have been elected, have swept the country and broke up the solid South. We will doubtless

gress. McKinley is the ideal Repub champ ons of the principles and policies of the Republican party. Had and the free and unlimited coinage of sily r been put into practice, it would have destroyed the business and uprooted the credit of the United States. No patriotic citizen could afford o vote for a man and a par' whose platform is opposed to these interes s. The commom sense of the American people was quick to recognize trese facts, and the political mind of November 3rd gathered into a c clone of votes and blew the Bryan who has been illuminating his pilgrin age through the country with the splendor of his eloquence, can now retire from political gaze and take a needed rest. In the meantime Ifr. McKinley can take a few weeks' rest and then begin on his in and p epa e for the White House. 'Rah, Rah, 'Rah for McKinley

## Not Enough Papers.

In the last two issues Manager Black well his had some trouble in the publication of the STAR. Every week 3,000 copies are run off. Week before last there yeas a shortage of 75, and last week over 200. The pressman claims that the register on the press shows that each time 3,000 papers were printed. For the last two weeks the Manager because of a great rush for papers has not been able to supply all the subscribers and agents. Last week another great blunder which is certainly damaging to the STAR was Caroli 1a, because of this shortage, failed to get heir papers. The following towns were passed over : Kinston, Lincolnton, Madge, Marion, Maxton, Mocksville, Monroe, Morganton, Newbern, Old Fort, Oxford, Pineville, Raleigh, Rockingham, Salisb 1ry, Southpoint, Statesville, Suns bury, farboro, Washington, Wadesboro, Wash ngton, North Wilkesboro, Wilnington, Wilson and Winston.

If any of the agents have any of last veek' | STAR- October 29-unsold, they will confer a favor upon us by sending them here immediately so that we can, as far as possible, supply this single issue while we are running Centennial news. Agen's will take out the postage from papers sold and return the unsold copies. Several of these subscribers are writing scorching letters to the Editor about not getting their papers. Do not scorch us. You are barking up the the wrong tree. It is our duty to fill the STAR with reading matter; it is the duty of the Manager to publish and mail it. the money. The Editor is not responsible for any blunder in publishing and mailing, nor whether the paper comes out late or early. The Manager deeply regre's these two grave mistakes and will try to prevent them in the future.

## To the Members.

Dear Members: The time for convening of your Southern conferences has sprived. Some have already met, Some are in session now. The larger numl er of conferences will soon meet. Lend us your ears. The STAR wishes to have a few words with you.

Your minister has been faithful in his work. He was sent to you of God. He may have made some mistakes, and may have some defects; but if so, you have made mistakes, too, and you have your done their duty along these lines—it share of defects, also. He feeds you Every faithful laborer should have his full wages.

You do not like to work for nothing. h the gospel must five of the gospel when the bishops decide the ninth chapter of first Countril churches shall go to the be the gospel must lies of the go

ninth chapter of second Corinthians. How much salary has your minister re-ceived this year? Can he live on what Is his table as well spread as yours? If him this year? How much do you owe needs a new suit before he goes and has not the money to pay for it. He has

done his work; now give him his pay. Have you paid your 50 cents general tax to help run your great Zion? If not, why not? It is not a penny a week. How do you expect for the bishops, gen eral officers and the other departments to live? This is not "bishop money;" and whoever says so is an 18 karat liar. The pastor that hears you call it "bishop money" and fails to instruct you otherwise, is not fit to preach to you. When he joined the conference he promised to the hest of his ability to teach and give light both on the Bible and our Discipline. If he has failed to do so, he is-what? and has told-what? You may answer. It is not bishop money, but General Fund to run the general connection; to be divided, pro rata and paid to nine bishops. to six or seven general officers, to wornout preachers, to Livingstone College and the Book Concern. The bishops get but a very little of your 50 cents. In fact, the bishops and general officers and these departments have never since the enactment of this law received full sal-

It takes \$37,000 a year to run Zion. From the way the members pay and the ministers collect, we do not raise by the 50 cent system \$20,000 a year. We make these statements because the false cry is being circulated by members that do not know-their pastors are too ignorant or too devilish to inform them betterthat the bishops and general officers are getting rich. If we were, it would be no in; and if it were a sin, it would be a have a good working majority in Con- sin that these envious kickers would like to get acquainted with; but it is a runlican, and by far one of the strongest ning lie from start to finish; and every Zion pastor knows that this report is false; and the STAR has a very poor opinion of any pastor's loyalty to Zion who will allow his members to misrepresent and denounce his bishops, general officers and general departments thus. Having thrown this much light on the 50 cents general tax we again ask, have you paid yours? If not, will you pay it before your pastor goes to conference se at the passage of his character will not be stopped while he twists and turns and tries to make an excuse to get through? How much has the Lord talk around or write to the STAR that done for you this year? How much have you done for Him? Couldn't you do a little more? Think seriously. Pray over it. Go to your minister and pay him the 50 cents. It will make him happy and you will feel better for having

done your duty. Try it.

If he has collected all his conference claims, can you not, out of the liberality of your heart, give a little extra? Yes, there are deadheads in the church who are all mouth but little prayer. But conference is right here and there is no time to talk about them now. Help your pasaugur: 1 message and pack up and tor and after conference call a members' meeting and tell these dead-heads what is expected of them during the year, and if they will not do their duty, kindle a fire under them. But help your pastor now. It will take all the extras to make up somebody's deficiency. Somehow somebody is always behind. Did you ever get to the station after the train

had left? How did you feel? Yonder comes the train for glory Are you going to get on board? Are you at the station? Have you paid for your trip? There she stops, and you are a mile away. No time to wait: gone and you are left behind. What a pity You can never pay your minister after he has gone. Pay him now. Pay him in full. God bless our ministers and peo-We have had a of all our trials. One year nearer home! Another year is coming-most here With it, many of us may end our journey. Many of our ministers and members have gone home the past year.
Whose turn next? Keep your armor on.
Pray for each other. Pay each other.
Work for God and Zion. Work, for the ignt is coming.

"Stand the storm, it won't be long, We'll anchor by and by."

## Are You Ready For Conference

This is the season of the year when our large Southern conferences are meeting and preparing to meet. The eyes of the entire Connection are turned on this Southland to see what the harvest will be. The STAR desires to put a few nuestions to the ministers of this part of

Zion's army. Say, brother pastors, are you prepared for conference? Stop and scratch your head and think a moment. If not, are you getting prepared? Time is short, but you have all the time there is: so hustle and improve it. Have you lifted all your conference collections? If not, when are you going to lift the remainder! Open your Discipline and pull out your certificate of appointment which the bishop gave you and see what collections are required. Fill every blank in your

annual report to conference. Do not come up to conference with an excuse or a lie in your mouth-either word will suit-saying you did not know you had to raise this or that collection or you just couldn't collect it. Did you try as hard to get these collections as you did your salary? Excuses for neglect of duty will not be accepted as readily now as in the past. The pastor that can't raise these collections is a failure and ought not to be sent back to the church is for him. Pastors who have doesn't make any difference whether they have been to college or notwhether they are country circuit preach ers or city station pastors the best churches when

oon have money enough to run this

great denomination.

What are these collections for, did you ask? Lazy man, you know what they of the election of McKinley and the not, why not? How much have you paid are for. Let's see. Have you raised collections for widows and orphans of de Waterle o of Bryan. It was a hot poan Easter collection for the Sunday school Union, for conference this year for the Woman's Home and Foreign Mis sionary Society, for local missions, for Church Extension, for African Mission schools? Have you raised your Children's Day money and Centennial money and forwarded is to the proper authorities? Of course you have received your salary and several donations dur ing the year, and your church is quietly (you know all about it) getting you new hat, a pair of shoes and a fine suit of clothes. Have you paid all you owe to your presiding elder? By the way do not let us forget it; but have you raised your General Funds-50 cents for every member and probationer? You kicked against the general conference raising the tax to one dollar because you said you would go back home and raise every cent of the general funds due from your church. Do not suspend, hide any of your members, nor cut down your church roll to keep from raising this

Of course you have raised all your general tax to support the general church interests; and as you in this Centennial year are going to astonish your conference and Zion by the largely in creased amounts raised, the STAR OF Zion, in behalf of the bishops, general officers and the other departments, takes the liberty to thank you in advance for your noble efforts and to extend to each and every pastor the a of fellowship. God bless you, brethren. God will re ward you. Brethren, have you given a receipt to each member who gave you his or her general tax? You meant to, of course, and no doubt you did, but you know these things are so easily forgotten. Delay often gets us into trouble All of the Southern conferences, like the Northern conferences, ought to publish minutes and publish in them the names of all the members who have paid general tax. But we were showing the necessity of giving general fund receipts. Do everything on time, then nothing is neglected. Never trust money accounts to

memory. Are your church records all in shape to that they will be self-explanatory to your successor ? Be very particular about this, and then your successor cannot when he took charge he found everything in a bad condition, Drop no full member from the roll without trial and conviction unless they resign or withdraw, or unless you are sure they have moved away to remain. Have you made diligent search for them? Perhaps you can yet find them. Perhaps you may be able to hold them. Are your reports all ready to read at conference when the bishop calls for them? Be sure to sign your name to your report. Do not grunt nor laugh at this suggestion, for this very thing is often forgotten. Nothing that can be done at home in the quiet of your study should ever be left to be done in a noisy conference. How nice to have everything in readiness at conference, so that the committees never need be delayed on account of lagging reports. Be exact and prompt in all things you doeven the little things. Many a nice build-

ing falls because of a lack of attention to he underpinning. Brethren, you are shepherds. Have you fed your flocks well? You are a eacher. Have you studied diligently prayed much, so as to have given sufficient instruction? Are your converts all baptized and received into the church? Have you had any converts this year? struction have they worked! Ex-Did you try to start a revival? If you have had no converts, and are behind in our conference collections, you ought to ask the bishop not to send you back and if you are delicate about approach- ures, in every thing save unhappiness, ing him on the subject, then he ought not to think about sending you back. and population! In these they have You may think it is impertinent to ask all these questions. If you do not need these reminders, then pass them by. They may fit somewhere. If you have done all these things, then the STAR is a mighty necessify. But Oh! Ah! not talking to you, but to the pastor who

# THE TWO.

BY WILLIAM MCB. PROVINDER. The STAR OF ZION.

Seated where the fair ones late had sat, the two men for a while refrained from speech. Twill be more than drama. difficult to state even approximately, the multiplicity and abstruceness of they at length revealed the animated workings of their minds, while the lamp shone it brightest there; and the foot-falls as they walked. They felt strangely conscious of a sacredness which they had never known.

"There is a growing loneliness in this living alone, James," said Francis Verk with feeling and emphasis. of comfort and happiness. Our cares and molestations are few. 'Tis ours pleasing. We are verily thrice blesssame church, no matter how crazy that still wanting. Methinks that we may marriages? be thrice and again blessed! "Would not our sacred solitude-

our solitude made holy by righteousness and learning and wealth harmoniously blended;—would not this blissful solitude be more prolific of beatitudes were it traced and shared and sweetened by others? Does not most solitude beget a narrow selfish. You and the good Ethelstein, Francis, N. C.

not as woman can. "That an Ethelstein-such an one is talked and sang and charmed us

"Aglow with the fire of his thought fer you not to err." and utterance, the strong man awaited reply. He had been more than before approaching day, when these eloquent. For in his amic frenzy, he last masterly words fell. The two had poured forth the fiery words in left each other. The one to sleep rushing torrents. A less intelligent and dream of higher philosophies: listener than James Landor would the other to speed away far beyond have been much amazed. But he, the gates of slumber-up, up into the Afro-American to receive a diploma mind-reader, scientist and philoso- realm of undying day, where they pher, heard, unmoved the ardent who know not Love cannot enter; sayings of his life long friend, and and there till the earthly morn then said calmly: "You warmly love awoke, breathe out the unheard song Miss Ethelstein Arsty. She is a very of his new life, and commune with grace and accomplishment. But how stein. know you, or any one save God, that she or any other of her kind, can or shall bring to this our very happy home, all that you so vividly imagine and eloquently portray? Of what she is capable as a domestic mistress, you are indeed ignorant. The thousands now regretting and vainly sorrowing, once thought and spoke as you now think and grandly speak. But ask them how now? Where are fondest hopes and dazzling dreams? Where are rest and peace and quietness? True they have not ruthlessly departed from every one. But the many! Once happy and free, they are now most miserable and careworn slaves. Their nights are sleepless. Their heads and hearts and minds are gloomy receptacles of sorrow, and trouble and worry and life destroying cares! I do not discount the excellencies of the happy household. I cannot forget the place and significances of the family and the home in the upright social organization. But there are countless terrible problems connected with them. There are crushing burdens to be borne by those who enter the vale. Have you thought of the feminine temper, ofttimes violent and fiery, begetting consequences tragical and terrible? Leave that not out of your love-ladened calculation! Have you noted feminine treachery-feminine fickle-

Oh! I am not universe enough to overlook man's part in the mournful drama. "The masculine errors are many. The masculine "faults" are numerons. And man's is no small part in the bringing of matrimonial failures, ruin and destruction. But methinks his is the minor part in the horrible

ness-feminine inconstancy and femi-

nine unfaithfulness. Behold the dis-

mal wrecks and ruin wrought by

these alone! What death and de-

crime, increase of poverty, pauperism

been most successful-most fruitful.

But I advise not against the holy in-

stitution-marriage. It is, perchance,

"The brighter half of whom you ardently speak may bring all that you tial work. He is a great admirar, their thoughts. Tis enough that claim. But how many happy hus- and has been for a long time an enbands and 'athers know you? I would admonish you. Marital pleas- Zion. ures are outweighed by their oppo-Sohmer resounded untouched; and sites. Never shall I be burdened the vari-colored carpet hushed their with them. The wife of the present stirring lecture on "New York and the is little more than an artificial thingof cost-enormous cost. She is an opulent source of revenue for the pill man and the druggist, and every conceivable entity capable of gathering in the earnings of human hands. "Tis true that we have the necessaries Such indeed is the modern life-the superfine product of our celestial civilization. Do you wonder, then, again. to go and return where and when 'tis that a nation is threatened with extinction? Is it amazing that rewards ed. And yet to me a something is are offered to stimulate and multiply

> "But, the day is not far distant in itous performing of the marriage ceremony will be of little avail. The adverse causes are too deep-set for such futilities. The inevitable is inevita-

will be a speedy change, and we will ness? Does it not circumscribe one's and may you live throughout the conceptions of mankind and things? eternal summer day as one! These Why need we longer be thus semy happiest wishes, I give to you be-cluded? Behind what shall we take fore the fatal day—the day of your refuge in defense thereof? We are marriage-for then I shall be many, but half ourselves! Somewhere is many leagues away. Think not there a better half of each of us. strange of me, your devoted friend. Think you not so? A softer voice Remember that I have many times ber the twenty-eighth, at h than ours would add to the music of said that many men and women may eight c'clock, Evan's Metropa our dwelling-place. Hands more be "fit subjects" for holy matrimony delicate than ours would wring sweet but equally as many are not. And C., presented a scene of dazzli melodies from the thing of music fortunate for mankind and earth and hancy. Ere the ushering in there. And would not all be grander heaven, could the "fitter" ones be and brighter here? Verily man doth always joined together, and the unfit of the sinking sun on that wedding kept forever separate!

"I shall soon become an active worker in the Society for the Preven- the marriage of Miss Margrette Lotonight;-that she of the angel voice tion of Hereditary Diseases, and shall guen Hood to Mr. James Campbell and angel face, can fill the void-can strive with all my might to prevent Banks of Newbern, N. C. wring greater glories from the spirit marriages between consumptives, etc. of being-can teach us higher living, Frown not upon me for thus desert- and many hearty congratulations I am most fixedly persuaded. Shall ing you. The human species shall were showered upon them. Rev. W she not be empowered to thus adorn not become extinct. I can well be H. Goler, D. D., assisted by Rev. P. and glorify . Who shall preclude spared. Do as seemeth best to you. L. Cuyler, officiated. Many beauti-And may compassionate Divinity suf- ful, valuable and useful presents

That brilliant night was fast fleeing amiable woman. She has beauty and the stainless soul of innocent Ethel-

> (TO BE CONTINUED.) Salisbury, N. C.

## Majors and Minors

BY W. F. FONVIELLE

It is interesting to note that of all the verse-makers we have produced, none have touched the chord of responsivemost eminent of American writers and author of the pathetic "Pilot's Story." writes interestingly of Mr. Dunbar in a recent number of Harper's Weekly. The Bookman, published by Dodd, Meade & Co., of New York, not only black singer, but produces his cut and autograph.

The good people of Goldsboro rebeautiful Zion brick church which the energetic Rev. William Sutton, the pastor, is constructing there. Able sermons were delivered by Drs. Argus tells what the people and pas-

tor are doing : "The congregation of the A. M. E. Zion church of this city is making commendable progress and deserves the encouragement of all good people. The new pastor, Rev. William Sutton, is an carnest, aggressive and indefatigable worker in the vineyard. Since he came to this charge he has united the congrecation as never before and to-day with appropriate ceremonies, the corner stone ceptions? Verily all things work not of a new brick church was laid, the walls similarly. But the vast majority of of which are already under good headpleted the church will be one of the handsomest edifices in the city."

\* \* \* \* \* Warren C. Coleman, of Concord, and Isaac H. Smith of Newbern, N. C., are perhaps the most philanthropic Afro-Americans in the State. They are to their race what Carr and Duke are to the white race in North and no good cause appeals to them in vain. It is a significant fact that all four of them are Methodists.

\* \* \* \* Rev. W. A. Byrd, B. A., of Biddle University and Theological graduate of Princeton, known throughout the state as an able and learned divine, has done and is doing substaniastic supporter of the STAR OF

Dr. R. S. Rives recently delivered a Centennial" before an appreciative audience, at which time Bishop Petter, who is easily one of the most pleasing and instructive speakers of

Rev. A. Roberts, pastor of Trinity church, the third Zion church in this city, has done remarkably well since his short stay here. He has renovatwhich the giving of prizes and gratu- ed the building, increased the membership, and with money which he earned elsewhere, paid off a mortgage of long standing against the church. Such men we worthy laborers in the vineyard of the Lord and should

Woman's Co MRS. BISHOP C. C. PETTEY

Wedding Bells and Literary

Two happy hearts now one. On Wednesday even M. E. Zion church, Fayette twilight by the last reflective shadow even-tide, friends and anxious ones were wending their way to witness

The church was densely packed were received from various parts of the United States.

Mr. Banks is one of the rising young men of the State. He quite recently graduated from a Business College in Philadelphia, Pa., and enjoys the distinction of being the first from this institution. He is a stenographer and type writer of no mean ability.

Miss Margrette Loguen, his bride, is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Bishop and Mrs. J. W. Hood. · She is a classical graduate of Livingstone College, a young lady of rare attainments, and a brilliant society belle. She is thoroughly conver-ant with domestic economy and is fitted in every way to be the bride of the gallant knight who won her. During the Centennial Jubilee in New York City, Miss Maggie read a very fine paper which added fresh laurels ness in the hearts of the hard-hearted to her literary crown. Her subject critics as Paul Lawrence Dunbar has. was well selected and she treated it William Dean Howells, one of the in a manner becoming one of her great ability. She promises to rank foremost among Zion's great women.

The church of to-day needs educated women as well as men in every city to formulate, regulate and direct the trend of society; and where we criticises favorably the work of this have not this moral and intellectual force in the church, the society of the world does not scraple to bend the church to its every whim and fashion; hence the importance of educated soently laid the corner-stone of their ciety moulders in every church. It was with great reluctance that the elite of Fayetteville parted with Miss Maggie, for her importance there as a social factor cannot be over esti-Wm. J. Moore and R. S. Rives; and mated; and we heartily congratulate the collection amounted to \$200. The the society of Winston for this charmfollowing from the Goldsboro Daily ing addition to the social circle of the Twin-City. Mr. Banks was born and reared in Newbern, N. C., and comes of one of the best families in the State. He is still his mamma's pride and joy. He has always been a dutiful son and, we believe he will be an affectionate and faithful husband We welcome them into the order of double blessedness, hoping that they may live long to enjoy the fruit of their labors and that prosperity may ever attend them.

The Centennial programme was not only neatly and tastily gotten up, bu it brought together the leading men and women of the race who astonished the world with their renditions Their expressions as a whole will doubtless give new impetus to church work, regardless of denominations and formulate a sentiment broad enough to bridge the chasms and swallow the bickerings of minor sectional differences. History will re-Carolina. They are men of wealth; cord the Centennial and its doings as and as the greatest occasion of the race. We believe it will stimulate Afre-Americans of every class to greater strides and possibilities. The Centennial will ever stand as a monument of our ability, progress and sterling manhood. For a century yet to come it will be referred to as a signal light behind us, along the shores of American achievements by the new-born race.

Secondly, the programme if properly distributed will serve as a medium to introduce to the reading public a cluster of the brightest intellectual stars of the race.

\* \* \* The Editor of the STAR once again graces his sanctum after an extensive Northern tour taking in the Centennial and visiting many cities. Zion is truly proud of her able Editor, Dr. J. W. Smith. He is scholerly, brave the race, made a magnificent speech and outspoken. He is giving entire -the first since his recent severe ill- satisfaction to the church, and is fully ness. It will be gratifying to the able to defend her against onslanging church to know that he is himself of the outer world. The STAR shines brighter than ever before and no

or Editor has long since been classed among the ablest writers of the age; and should he live long man of the race will be more wil known. His editorials are versat and valuable, and no Afro-America family should fail to read them. would urge the ministers to sol would urge the minimum members as subscribers among their members as a subscribers among their members as