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THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1897.

**EDITORIAL.**

BRETHREN, preach the old gospel with new power. Pray for a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost.

BECAUSE of a rush of important articles we have again surrendered considerable editorial space.

EVERY member that pays 50 cents general tax should exact from the pastor a receipt then and there. Make him write it before you pay him.

FROM trustworthy information, J. C. Dancy stands a fine chance of capturing either the position of Recorder of Deeds or of Minister to Hayti.

SAM JONES says Boston has 200,000 sinners. Perhaps this is why Sam Jones, Moody and Murphy—three evangelists—are there now trying to get them converted.

THOSE pastors who would like to know a plan for raising money on church debts can write to The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, Pa. State that you saw the announcement in this paper.

BISHOP G. W. CLINTON presents in this issue a very important article on the Methodist Centennial Commission which we ask our bishops and ministers to read carefully. Zion must come to the front at every opportunity.

THE pastors ought to have a rally on general fund every fifth Sunday. If they would do this they would have all their general fund and every other conference claim long before the meeting of their conference. Try it.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND and wife will invite the incoming President and wife to dine with them at the White House on the day preceding the inauguration. Ex-President Harrison extended a similar invitation to Mr. Cleveland four years ago.

WE acknowledge from Miss Dora M. Bell, the talented daughter of Rev. J. W. Bell, of the A. M. E. Church, the receipt of an excellently-arranged catalogue of Dickinson College, of the M. E. Church, located in Carlisle, Pa. It has just celebrated its 114th anniversary, and Miss Bell is the first and only colored girl to attend said college.

THE New York Sun, Washington Post and Pittsburg Press, three great white journals, devote a column of their Sunday issues to Afro-American news. T. Thomas Fortune, a layman of Zion, is the able correspondent of the Sunday column of the Sun. This is a splendid opportunity to lay the cause and progress of the Negro before the world.

A big revival has just swept over Livingstone College and all the students, except one, are converted. This speaks well for the moral and religious atmosphere prevailing in the college. Doubtless some of the young men will feel divinely called to preach. Since Jones' Theological Chair is defunct, they will have to go to other schools to learn theology. When will Zion wake up on this matter?

THE election of Senator Pritchard by the North Carolina Legislature to succeed himself in the United States Senate is still an occasion of great rejoicing among the Republicans in this State and Nation. It was brought

about by the Republicans and the middle-of-the-road Populists. His election renders absolutely certain the passage of a new tariff bill. The brilliant Senator is quite a friend to our people.

SINCE the death of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin, a movement has been on foot to erect a monument or statue to her memory. The children of Mrs. Stowe feel that if the movement is to be a private affair, that it is their duty to do this; but, if public, they prefer that it should take the form of a Harriet Beecher Stowe scholarship at Hampton, Fiske or Tuskegee Schools.

How many of our bishops and presiding elders in their travels urge upon our pastors organizing Varick Christian Endeavor Societies? Just a few words from them to the pastors would work wonders. Bishops and presiding elders, do wake up and take a deeper interest in this Society. While Zion is so indifferent in this matter, the other denominations are hustling and capturing our talented young people, the cream of our Church. Let us from now on be aggressive in lines for "Christ and the Church."

AMONG the large number of United States Senators elected this month were several brilliant young men, the most prominent being Penrose, of Pennsylvania; Pritchard, of North Carolina; Fairbanks, of Indiana; Mason, of Illinois; and Kenney of Delaware. Fools walking around in Church and Nation sneering at young men because they haven't had as much experience as the old men will not carry their points now. If a man, old or young, has brains, character and merit, nothing can keep him from coming to the front.

A COMMITTEE of ladies of the three churches—Clinton Chapel, Grace and Little Fock—of Charlotte, N. C., and also some of the best talent in and out of the city, will give a grand concert and leaf promenade in Varick Hill Friday evening for the purpose of purchasing a sewing machine for the ladies department in Livingstone College. It is a worthy object, and we are greatly pleased to see our great Church giving more attention to our chief college. Miss Mary Garland has charge of the girls' sewing room in the college.

Zion will regret to hear that Editor J. C. Dancy lost his little baby, Emma, last Friday night. Rev. R. C. Collins, associated by Bishop G. W. Clinton, preached the funeral last Sabbath at one o'clock. She was nine months old. She was for months quite frail, then developed wonderfully, and took pneumonia and passed rapidly to the purer and grander existence, where her little spirit wings its angelic flight with the saints in light. Though young, she was lovely, beautiful and almost idolized by all. Mr. and Mrs. Dancy have the sympathy of the entire Church.

WRITERS need not curse and swear if they find their articles condensed or cut down considerably. We are compelled to do this to give every one some say in the STAR. Because of long articles last year, we could not catch up, and at the New Year had to reluctantly destroy between 50 and 75 articles out of date. If those writers will write again, and write short, informing us that they haven't had a hearing since we have been in the editorial chair, we will give them an immediate hearing. Since some of our writers will not write short articles, we are doing it for them. Nobody cares to read a long article, unless it is unusually interesting. Write short, and then you can write again.

EVERY Zion pastor ought to organize at once a Varick Christian Endeavor Society in his church to meet every Sunday evening about 7 o'clock and hold religious services—singing, praying, reading the Bible, explaining and giving religious experiences on the C. E. topic which appears weekly in President Colbert's Column in the STAR—so as to hold the young people and build up his church. No minister should be allowed to preach in our pulpits another conference year who is not interested in the welfare of the young people. These pastors and churches which have no V. C. E. Societies are behind the time. If you do not know how to organize, write immediately for information to Rev. J. B. Colbert, A. M., 1114 6th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

WE feel proud of the fact that we have one of the best staff of

orded weeklies. Woman's Column, which charms both sexes, is unexcelled. Mrs. Bishop Pettie is one of the ablest writers of any race, and has been asked to contribute to other prominent journals. Fonville, who is a dandy with a pen, writes occasionally for the New York Age and Colored American. One of the best writers on the staff is Rev. W. H. Marshall, of Harrisburg, Pa., whom we licensed to preach and who is our pastor in Middleton, Pa., and principal of one of the public schools in his city. Like Adams, Fonville, Biddle, Johnson and others, he has editorial ability and will make a popular reputation before this year rolls out.

**COLONEL HENRY WATTERSON**, of Kentucky, the ablest Southern Democratic editor, who fought with the "Boys in Gray" in the civil war, in a lecture last week in Girard College in Philadelphia on the life of Abraham Lincoln said the Emancipator had been treated unfairly by the press of his time. "It is easy to call names," said Mr. Watterson, "and Lincoln was abused because he dared to think what few others had dared to think, and because he expressed his convictions openly. He was ahead of his time; men do not readily forgive what they cannot appreciate." After explaining the martyred President's difficulties with Seward, Chase and Stanton, he closed by saying that Lincoln's deeds were prompted by an inspiration from a higher Power. This is a glorious tribute paid to Mr. Lincoln by Mr. Watterson who, though opposed to him and to all that he represented in 1861, is now a warm admirer of his traits in his character.

**Dangerous Precedent.**

AMONG other things to be considered by the council of bishops of the A. M. E. Church now in session in New Orleans, La., is the importance and propriety of electing and ordaining a bishop for the work of Africa. They think that the situation and demands of Africa, and some sort of precedence found in similar emergency action of kindred bodies of a higher episcopal cast, will justify their proposed action. The *Christian Recorder* terms it "super-radical or unMethodistic," and says such an extreme action, independent of the wishes or instruction of the General Conference, would be bad precedence, and bring down upon the bishops impeachment at the bar of an orthodox public judgment. There is no danger of the bishops of the A. M. E. Zion Church attempting such a thing in the absence of General Conference.

**New Discipline Ready!**

Bishop Walters informs us that the new Discipline containing the new and revised laws of the last General Conference is ready. We will review it in our next. It is bound in two different styles—beautiful—60 cents, and 50 cents to ministers; plain style, 50 cents, and 45 cents to ministers. Let bishops, ministers, officials of the church send immediately for them. Send cash; *cannot credit*, as printers want their money and Bishop Walters must raise \$300 on them in 30 days. Just as soon as you finish reading the STAR step down to the post-office and send your money by post-office money order to Bishop A. Walters, D. D., A. M. E. Zion Book Concern, 853 Bleeker St., New York City, N. Y. Hurry up, for the ministers and people are so anxious to see the new and revised law until there will be a big rush for them. If you haven't the money, you need not send.

**Bishop Hood's Silver Anniversary.**

Bishop J. W. Hood, our Senior Bishop, has been a bishop for twenty-five years. We all know his great worth to our beloved Zion. The last General Conference decided that a sufficient number of elders from the nine episcopal districts be formed into a committee to enter into ways and means to celebrate his Silver Anniversary next June in Fayetteville, N. C. In addition to a literary and musical program lasting two or three days, the committee thinks, and thinks rightly, that Zion for which Bishop Hood has given untiringly the best part of his life should show its appreciation of him in a substantial way; therefore they have issued a unique little book accompanied with a circular in which each bishop, minister, member and friend is asked to put a piece of silver money, namely, 25, 50 cents, \$1.00 or more. The bishops ought to give \$5.00 apiece, the ministers, able members and friends, one dollar each, and those who cannot give that much can certainly before they give 25 or 50

cents. Bishop Hood is poor in this world's goods. He might have been a rich man, for in his palmy days he made money rapidly, but loving his Church and race, he spent it freely for their comfort and upbuilding. Age and physical weakness are beginning to tell on him now, and we ought to cheer him in his declining days and show our veneration for him by contributing liberally to this anniversary. To make it a success, let us put our amounts in the book, put the book in an addressed envelope, and send it by registered letter to Bishop Hood so that we may be sure he will get it. Send all money to Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D., L. L. D., Fayetteville, N. C. We will publish the circular in the next issue.

**"No Apology to Make"—"Sabbath-Breaking Bishops."**

BY BISHOP J. B. SMALL, D. D.

Mr. Editor: I do not think Rev. E. Geo. Biddle was very consistent in his pointed and personal criticism of me and others for having performed the duty assigned to us by the strength of our church connection, the injustice of which was quoted and commented upon by the STAR OR ZION; and the assignment of the duty having occurred during the celebration of our Centennial in the city of New York, and in the presence of Rev. Biddle. He said nothing to the contrary at the time of the assignment—at least he said nothing to the contrary of which I knew. But I think it more than unwise when he saw and maintained perfect silence, and after the subsidence of the warmth of the occurrence, used his *Trumpet* to express his rash and heady criticism.

I learned a lesson from the wisdom of Solomon, expressed in his proverbial sayings: therefore I answered him not. Now he goes to the STAR and repeats his attack—this time calling me by name. I have seen men using less than an ounce of judgment to express a pound of unreasonableness—I never thought it reasonable. It is an easy thing to look for and find a faulty person seeking to find fault. The good is easily known by his charity—if he sees fault in others, if not with "skin" to cover the shame he is willing to deprive himself of a portion of the lining of his overcoat to make batting for the wound—but when he seeks to open it to the air, wound or no wound, he shows only his "goody-goodness"; you need not search to find him a very faulty person.

Rev. Biddle is a pretender of abundance of grace—sufficient to hold up his innocent brethren to contempt, and make them guilty of an offense whether they are guilty or not. You will remember my experience at the Holiness Meeting during our Centennial. I said I believe in Christian perfection in all of its elevating tendencies, but I say less than I would in that direction, because persons whose professions were greatest, show more weakness than ordinary. Here is a case. If Rev. Biddle felt that he had more wisdom than the authorities of his church, the time to make it known was when the duty was assigned to his brethren to convey the approval and kind wishes of his church to the standard-bearer of the great Republican party; not wait until the duty was performed and then go around whining like an unbearably naughty boy who thinks he knows his business and everybody's else. He claims to be manly and to have his own opinion; he ought to have expressed it at the proper time.

Then, Rev. Biddle saw me after my return and said nothing to me. Does it not appear that he was waiting a chance to air his thoughts, to show his "purity," or to condemn others without a reasonable cause? In the unjust attack, Rev. Biddle declared that the delegates knew before that they would be on their journey on the Sabbath day, and that "one of these Sabbath-breaking bishops" stood up on the following Monday morning and read to us an essay on keeping the Sabbath. However smart this might appear to Rev. Biddle, however it might appear to the perfection of grace and character; how it might appear for the interest of the good cause which he loves so ardently—but not so wisely—however it might tickle his vanity to so express himself; I have my doubt of its raising himself in the eyes of God, angels, or men. Any man who can afford to make such an untrue statement, that these "Sabbath-breaking Bishops" knew they would be compelled to break the Sabbath in performing that duty before they left New York, can hardly claim the respect of his brethren. I am almost sure no member of the delegation

of fifty knew that we would be on our journey on the Sabbath. One thing of which I am perfectly sure, a thought never crossed my breast until we were on our return to New York. But Rev. Biddle made it as strong as possible.

He charges the delegation—with traveling "to and fro" on Sunday in the interest of partisan politics and the "spoils office." In the first place on account of missing connection at Pittsburgh, the Sabbath overtook us on our way to Philadelphia. Does Brother Biddle know the meaning of "to and fro" on Sunday? Truth is one of the graces of perfection. It takes a wise man to be a consistent critic—unfortunately all critics are not wise. If Rev. Biddle is mad because McKinley is elected, the thing at which he is mad, the whole country is glad—Republicans and Democrats. Do not be wise in your own conceit, Brother; other people know a thing or two besides yourself—keep your feet from your mouth or the latter will swell. It is true this is a free country, but freedom does not consist in one brother holding up another brother to ridicule without occasion. To learn the alphabet of charity, and returning, you will make an apology.

York, Pa.

**Majors and Minors.**

THESE RESOLUTIONS—SOUTH CAROLINA AND MASSACHUSETTS MET AGAIN.

BY W. F. FONVILLE.

The whole thing is delicate and intricate, to say the least. Rehobotham is not a minister, but his father is; Ezekiel Gehu is a minister in good standing, and not only preaches with power and effectiveness, but edits a paper, *Zion Trumpet*. He is not a McKinley man and the indications are that he never will be. In addition to this, he has a perfect horrow of trusts, pools, combines, monopolies and the single gold standard. He believes in the Free Coinage of Silver, Wm. J. Bryan and the keeping of the Sabbath day holy.

On the other hand Rehobotham Jonah believes in all of the things which Ezekiel Gehu does with the exception of Free Coinage of Silver and its most eloquent champion, and tells Ezekiel Gehu so in figurative resoluting rhetoric; and the South Carolina Conference backed Rehobotham Jonah up in the resoluting business.

Now the Rev. Ezekiel Gehu is at present a New York Presiding Elder, and is greatly beloved by all who know him, because of the beautiful life he lives. He believes in holiness unto the Lord, and that is the burden of his song. Rehobotham Jonah has many amiable qualities and is all right until he feels that some one has cast a reflection upon a bishop or a minister of the Church, and straightway he draws up resolutions and presents them. Both of the combatants are destined to be great men in Zion Church, if they are not already great.

Let not the Rev. Ezekiel Gehu Biddle forget that Massachusetts produced such men as Sumner, Lloyd Garrison, Webster and Wendell Phillips, and what Massachusetts has done she can do again. All Hall! And which ever wins I move now, that we vote him the rights of belligerents.

**Asleep in Jesus.**

BY HATTIE A. BIBB.

Our friend and associate, Sunday-school worker, Miss Paulina Louis, died January 2, 1897, between four and five o'clock a. m. By reason of her condition we expected this; but regret so much to think of it.

Her funeral occurred at her home on the third at 11 a. m., attended by Rev. L. D. Workman, who knows how to select a text and suit the occasion. Text, Matt. xxiii:42. She was a consistent Christian and an earnest Sunday-school worker. Her love for her church was marvellous. She was interested in its every department. She was loved by all who knew her. Her friendship was as firm as the rocks of the Alps. In the language of Longfellow:

"There is no flock however watch and tended,  
But one dead lamb is there;  
There is no fire-side how'er defended,  
But has one vacant chair."  
She was ready. Angels came down and took charge of her and bore her across the Jordan to the home in the skies. Sleep, Paulina, sleep.

**His Last Days.**

REV. S. A. CHAMBERS.

War is over, peace declared and victory achieved on Zion's side. To Dr. J. W. Smith and Bishop A. Walters belong the praise. Bethel will be a little more careful in attacking Zion hereafter.

Just before Dr. J. M. Henderson drew his last breath he tried to hurl an insult into Zion's face and a reflection on our great men, both living and dead, by saying "The election of Bishop G. W. Clinton is the highest and most progressive step Zion has ever taken." Thanks, Dr. Henderson, for your compliment on our George; but as these are your dying words I am sure the other Bishops of Zion will pardon you for the reflection. I dare say that none of them will reply to you, and no one will make a defense for them, for the success of their efforts in establishing Zion in 38 States, Canada, Africa and the Isles of the Sea, will testify to the wisdom of each of the general conferences wherein they were elected. Peace to your ashes. Sleep on now, and take your rest; for you shall not rise soon again to disturb Zion in her glory. Farewell!

**BISHOP G. W. CLINTON'S APPOINTMENTS.**

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

JANUARY

27, Athens, Tenn.  
28, Cleveland, Tenn.  
31, Kingston, "  
FEBRUARY  
4, 7:30 p. m., Fort Chester, Tenn.  
7, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
11 a. m., St. Elmo,

Men of Distinction.  
Rev. F. M. Jacobs, A. B., B. D., the talented and scholarly pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church in Knoxville, Tenn., will be presented by his many friends to the incoming President, Mr. McKinley, as a suitable person to represent this country as Minister Resident and Consul General to the Republic of Liberia, West Coast Africa. Rev. Jacobs is a graduate of Howard University and a gentleman of broad experience. He has done yeoman work for Republicanism, and especially is this true of him in the late campaign. Amid the luminous constellation of Afro-American intellectuality, it appears to me that there is no man better fitted for the position than our own inimitable Jacobs. Let the voice of the people be heard claiming for the right in support of our leaders until it becomes the will of the nation. Rev. Jacobs richly deserves recognition by the Government.

Rev. P. A. L. Hubert, D. D., the financial agent of Livingstone College, is the embodiment of culture, dignity, native ability and sterling qualities. Vivacious and quick-witted, he sways his hearers at will. He is a gentleman of classical attainments, with a well developed and powerful intellect. Livingstone College has cause to be proud of him as her financial agent. The church finds in him an able exponent, and the race a bold defender. Dr. Hubert could wear with honor the robe of diplomacy in some foreign port. He possesses the learning, the experience and the manhood essential. He is genial, liberal and spacious in thought, docile as a child, yet as brave as a Spartan.

Another star is rising in the Southwest that is already famous for its brilliant lustre. There are but few stars of the recently discovered clusters that shine with such great magnitude as the one which illumines Jones University. I refer to the President, Prof. David Williams Parker, A. B. God guiding him, this young man is destined to a seat among our chief counselors.

We have noted men by scores whose names are household words the States over. Their fame would be chanted in song were "The Blind Bard" living. We have them in every profession.

Many of our young men are coming to the front as lawyers, and we need to encourage no class of young men more than those in the legal profession. The Honorable C. H. J. Taylor, LL. D., Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, is one of the most illustrious men of the present century. His career as an educator, a lawyer, a statesman and diplomat evidences his ability and worth as a man. I care not for his politics but honor him for his intrinsic value to his race and mankind. I have seen many names mentioned for Cabinet positions, but in all candor, none of them in my opinion would grace Mr. McKinley's Cabinet with more honor than the honorable C. H. J. Taylor.

This confederated government of ours has indirectly recognized the new Cuban Republic by allowing new postage stamps from there to pass through our mails. The Cuban insurgents have fought long and fought well to bring the island peace, prosperity and happiness, coupled with liberty of conscience, freedom from exorbitant taxation and burdensome state laws. The Cubans are brave, patriotic, and breathe the true spirit of chivalry. Nothing but victory is their aim. We do not hope that this cruel war will soon end, and that our Congress will ere long cable congratulations to the new Republic of Cuba.

It is a lamentable fact that our banking institutions and trust companies are closing doors all over the United States. It is earnestly hoped that the incoming administration will change the present existing state of affairs by supplementing this present stringency with better times occasioned by good, sound money.

**BISHOP HARRIS' APPOINTMENTS.**

FEBRUARY

19-27, Key West, "  
8-29, Ft. Meade circuit, "  
30-Feb. 1, Seffner, "  
FEBRUARY  
2-4, Waverly, Fla., "  
4-6, Micanopy, "  
6-8, Bartow, "  
8-10, Kissimmee (South Fla.), "  
12 Annual C.