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EDITORIAL.

Rev. J. STANARD, of Cleveland, Ohio, and the wife of Rev. I. G. Hemphill, of Washington, Ga., are very ill. We hope for their recovery.

BISHOP J. B. SMALL is the first Zion bishop to wear a robe. He wore it at Tuscaloosa, Ala., last December when ordaining his men, and at communion services a few weeks ago in York, Pa. We are not opposed to robes.

THE Gleaner sent out last week by Editors Blackwell and Bruce is an up-to-date Sabbath-school monthly paper. It fills a long-felt want. It is Scriptural in its character, and of inestimable value to superintendents and scholars. The editors are learned. We hope it will at once find a welcome in every Sabbath-school in Zion.

EDITOR A. W. SCOTT, of the Wilmington (N. C.) Sentinel is an applicant for Inspector of Customs in that city. He has strong endorsements. We hope he will win; for he is able, representative, a splendid party worker, and worthy of the position. In the last campaign he did telling work for the Republican party.

PRESS AND PRINTER, one of our most valued exchanges, comes to our desk this week enlarged from an eight to a twelve page paper and generally improved in its typographical appearance. We congratulate its publishers upon their enterprise and wish for them the continued success in the management of this excellent journal which they so justly deserve.

Rev. J. FRANCIS ROBINSON, of Cambridge, Mass., who by invitation of Mr. Booker T. Washington is en route to Tuskegee, Ala., to lecture to the students on "The Origin and Accomplishments of the Negro," preached three thrilling sermons in Charlotte last Sabbath and delivered two fine lectures. He is one of our most talented young men, and we hope the Bishop will use him to help build up Zion.

PROF. R. A. MORRISSEY who has an interesting letter in the STAR, is North in the interest of Greenville (Tenn.) College of which he is president. That is really one of our best schools, ranking, we are told, next to Livingstone College; and Prof. Morrissey, who is a graduate of the Class of '91 of Livingstone College, is a brilliant English and classical scholar, a ready speaker and an erudite theologian. We hope the North will respond to his appeals.

BISHOP G. W. CLINTON has an encouraging letter this week concerning his men. We wish the other bishops would occasionally send us such letters concerning their men and not leave it entirely to the presiding elders to do. A few cheering words in print from the bishops would greatly stimulate the ministers and make them work with a will for every church interest. It pays for a general to ride down the line and encourage his soldiers.

BISHOP WALTERS informs us that the second edition of Hymnals, with music, is ready. Price \$1.00 each; by the half dozen or more, 80 cents each. It is useless to send for them without the cash. The Book Room and the Publication House, if they are to succeed, must, like the white Book Houses, run on cash basis. The "Credit System" will swamp any business. Let every pastor have his

choir raise sufficient money in an entertainment and send to Bishop Walters for our Hymnals. Let us use our own literature or stop blowing about our "beloved" Zion.

THE Editor is not alone in asking each pastor to raise general fund and remit it promptly to the conference steward, and in contending for fair play in the distribution of it under the new financial plan. Every General Officer is behind us. These words from Dr. W. H. Goler will have weight:

"Dear Bro. Smith: I am surprised that the bishops are attacking you. I cannot see why—for surely your cause is the cause of all of us—is just. There is no mistake, something must be done to help the other interests, or there will be, first, a revolution. I am with you for fair dealing."

The above words from Dr. Goler show that the situation relative to the General Departments is serious, and that our warning is timely. The danger can be averted if each pastor will set apart a Sabbath in the next two or three weeks and rally on the general tax and send it to the conference steward; and after that, raise this tax monthly and remit to the steward. If this is done, we all may be able to pull through until 1900. If it is not done, there will come a crash sooner than expected.

We have yielded considerable editorial space again this week. Why? To accommodate our writers. In order to give all a hearing, we ought to have a larger paper. The STAR is entirely too small. We need a press to run off an eight or twelve page paper. Bishop Small this week says he will be one of 200 to give \$5 towards purchasing such a press. We will be another. We now need 198 ministers and members. Can we get them? It so, the Manager and Editor will give Zion such a paper before Summer comes. The Colored M. E. Church with only half the members that we have will change this week from a four to an eight or a twelve page paper. The A. M. E. Bethel Church in the next few days will charge from an eight to a twelve or sixteen page paper. Shall Zion be content to drag along with a little four page paper? We shall see. We long to see the day when our ministers and members will be more on the alert, be ambitious, aggressive, and make the needed sacrifice to make Zion the equal of any other denomination. All who will give \$5 will please send us your names. Shall Zion march side by side with other denominations or follow behind?

Who Are Overpaid?

Our editorials on the new financial plan show that it does make a difference: whose ox is gored. Bishop Hood, a skilled master of controversial debate who doesn't lose his head nor hit below the belt, but who has a clear eye, a steady hand and a handy, frank and taking way of saying things, steps to the front this week with a Scriptural Damascus blade, which is as ornamental as it is keen, and gives us a jab because of our editorial on the December pro rata. He is an old fighter, and knows how to put up his fences so as to make it difficult to crawl through or climb over to get at him.

He thinks we are ought to name the bishops who are overpaid. Of course he knows them, but we will do so. Looking over the General Secretary's "Statement," Dr. Day says if he understands their reports that Bishop Small from June 1st, 1896, to January 1st, 1897, is overpaid five cents; Bishop G. W. Clinton \$70.14; and Bishop Holliday \$183.84. These are the three. We owe each old bishop \$74.18. After settling with the bishops, this left four hundred and forty-five (\$445) dollars to be divided among Livingstone College, STAR of Zion, Superannuated Ministers, Book Room, Sunday-school Union, General Steward and expense, General Secretary, Quarterly and the three estates of the recently departed bishops. When it is seen how many had to get a bite at the \$445.00, at a time, too, when the biggest pro rata comes in, is it a wonder that the General Officers cry out and warn the brethren that unless they raise general fund monthly and remit to the conference steward a crash will come?

Bishop Hood says the bishops, as a whole, have not received more than what was due them. Granted. What does it prove about the new financial plan? Why, that as we first said, it is a failure. The Bishop says had this money gone into the treasury it would simply have gone to square the accounts of the other bishops. That is not only further proof of failure, but shows that the General Officers wouldn't have received a cent that month. Since this admission, isn't it strange, as Dr. Goler says,

that any bishop should attack us for opening the eyes of the pastors to the true situation of affairs and suggesting a remedy which will give every man involved some show for salary?

Bishop Hood seems to think that a public criticism of the acts of the bishops will bring the office into contempt; that unless written charges are alleged, bishops' acts should not be criticized at all. We differ. There is no office on earth, in Church or Nation, that will shield a man from criticism. Men are no more infallible in high offices than in low. All Presidents from Washington to Cleveland have been under the fire of just and unjust criticism; yet they and this office are highly honored. The same is true of bishops in Zion and other denominations. The object of honest criticism is to put us on our guard, whistle down brakes on us, and make us do right.

Let every man have his say, if he will say it respectfully, and he will feel better. Let bishops and ministers have plenty of elbow room to approve or disapprove of each other's acts; and let us, without showing bad blood, or giving each other the cold shoulder, meet argument with argument; and if we are defeated, retire in graceful order. No man ought to be a bishop, and no one should try to get into that office, who, rather than take his argumentative gun and try to blow the boots off of a fellow, will because he has the power, resort to unfair methods to "down" him. We, like Bishop Hood, respect a manly foe. Like him, we detest a treacherous bushwhacker. When the time comes in Zion that a man will not respect our bishops, that man must put his "fixings" in his satchel and "get out of town" on the first wagon or train that comes along. This financial dilemma is a question of the highest importance to Zion, and should be speedily adjusted by the Bishops, General Officers and pastors without any red tape circumlocution.

Seventh Episcopal District.

BY BISHOP G. W. CLINTON, D. D.

Since leaving home I have visited the following points: Athens, Cleveland, Kingston, Loudon, Fort Cheatham, St. Elmo, Thompkin's Chapel, Chattanooga, Rockwood and Harriman in Tennessee; and I also spent two nights with Dr. R. E. Wilson at Cincinnati, Ohio, rendering him what assistance I could in his revival which is now progressing most encouragingly. After a week's effort he has had fourteen conversions, and his church is crowded every evening, and many are seeking and finding deliverance from sin. Zion must soon buy or build elsewhere to accommodate the people at Cincinnati who are anxious to enlist under her banner. Dr. Wilson is gaining popularity and success steadily.

At Athens, Tenn., Rev. H. L. McKinney, who graduated from the Theological Department of Livingstone College last year, is proving himself to be the man for the place in every respect. Quite \$100.00 worth of improvements has been made on the church since he took charge. When painted, it will be one of the neatest and best equipped churches in the conference. Mrs. McKinney is a help-meet indeed who has contributed little to his success and the general upbuilding of the church. The forces at Athens are better organized than in any church I have visited recently. Athens is the home of Presiding Elder Ferguson, and the headquarters of Presiding Elder Manson.

At Cleveland, Rev. J. L. Witten, an educated young man of many strong parts, is meeting with encouraging success. The people are all pleased with him as a preacher and a pastor. He has inaugurated some much needed and healthful reforms, and the outlook is very promising. His accomplished wife, a lady of culture and a teacher of high standing in the schools of West Virginia, has recently joined him and will doubtless prove a great help to him in his work.

Kingston is pastored by Rev. J. H. Branner, a graduate of Greenville College, a young man of moral strength, a studious and forceful preacher and a pastor who believes in training the people up to the highest standard on every line. He is much beloved by his church and popular among the citizens generally. The churches are in a prosperous condition and have recently organized a thriving Varick Christian Endeavor Society. All the leading people in Kingston, which is one of, if not the oldest, towns in Tennessee, belong to our church. Rev. Branner proposes to improve the church in several ways during the year. Rev. G. W. Christmas and his ex-

cellent wife are happily located at Loudon, one of the points composing the Loudon circuit. This is a splendid little town located on the Tennessee river and through which passes a branch of the great Southern railway. Elder Christmas who is one of our older preachers does not lose any of his popularity with the people. The people here and on this entire circuit are devoted to him, and he is much pleased with his work. He thinks the outlook is very encouraging. A large congregation greeted me on my visit here.

Rev. A. L. Cowan is successfully holding the fort at Fort Cheatham. He is one of the strong pastors and forceful preachers of Tennessee whose labors for several years have contributed much toward the upbuilding of the work in that conference. He is doing well as usual, despite the sickness prevailing in his family. Rev. W. H. Tucker, recently transferred from the Kentucky Conference and stationed at St. Elmo, is building up that work in many ways. I have seldom seen a finer or more intelligent congregation than that which I addressed at St. Elmo church. The Sunday-school is second to none. They need a Varick Christian Endeavor Society, and then St. Elmo will be fully in line with our most progressive churches.

Tompkin's Chapel, Chattanooga, over which the conference steward, Rev. B. J. Jones, presides as pastor, has not been so prosperous in many years as now. When Rev. Jones took charge a little more than fifteen months ago, pressing debts, one quite large, and many other embarrassing conditions, overshadowed the church, and general depression prevailed. But under his judicious and skillful management the debts have been liquidated to an amount less than \$50. Confidence has been restored, the congregation has been greatly built up, and accessions from the best class of people are constant. One of the strongest and best-manned Christian Endeavor Societies in the South is connected with this church. Zion owns a very valuable lot on East Eighth Street, the same Street on which the M. E., Baptist and Catholics have very fine and spacious churches located. The stone foundation for a new church was laid some years ago when Rev. Carter was pastor. Elder Jones will build a new brick church on the new site.

Rev. R. W. Ballard is doing well at Rockwood, and will make one of the best reports ever brought from that church, if his present success continues. He is esteemed by his people and the public generally. Rev. W. D. Scott who was recently appointed to Harriman, vice Rev. L. G. Brooks transferred to the South Florida Conference, has started off grandly, and has already begun a very hopeful movement to build a new church which is very much needed. Harriman, a splendid town of 3,000 inhabitants, with a wealthy population, is one of the most temperate towns in the Union. No whiskey is allowed in that town in drug stores or elsewhere. The man who votes for or sells whiskey forfeits property according to a specification in the charter. Zion leads there, as at all the points I have named; and when we get a new church, the leadership will be more significant.

Rev. A. Wakefield at Indianapolis, Indiana, is in the midst of a gracious revival. Sixty-five souls have been added to the church; and the good work moves on. Sister M. E. Taylor, a noted evangelist, is rendering strong aid.

Northern Zion Men and Churches.

BY REV. R. A. MORRISSEY, PRESIDENT OF GREENVILLE (TENN.) COLLEGE.

On my way to the North in the interest of Greenville College, I spent three days at the Nation's Capitol. I was the guest of Dr. G. S. Adams and his estimable wife. I need not add that in their pleasant and cheerful home I was royally entertained; for all ministers who have ever had the pleasure of stopping with them know that it is their delight to make it pleasant for the brethren. Mrs. Adams, the wife of Dr. Adams, is a charming woman, whose gentle refinement endears her to all with whom she may come in contact. Dr. Adams is one of our ablest and most popular pastors. He preaches on the Bishop Moore style; and we may expect him to write his name high up among those of Zion's greatest preachers. He is carrying every thing better here.

Rev. P. J. McEntosh, D. D., at the Metropolitan church, is one of Zion's foremost men in the pastorate. He knows no failure. He is congenial, polished and refined, and a man of great power in the pulpit. He is succeeding nicely with his people.

He entertained the last General Conference so magnificently at Mobile until it seems to be fortunate for the next General Conference to meet in the church of which he is now pastor.

I met Rev. J. B. Colbert, A. M., President of the Varick Christian Endeavor Society, and pastor of Galbraith church. We had quite a lengthy talk on church matters. But don't forget it; he did not leave out the subject of the V. C. E. S. in the South. No mistake was made in placing him at the head of the Society in our church. His highest ambition, it seems to me to have all the pastors to organize and thoroughly establish societies in all of our churches, both small and great. A laudable ambition, Brother Colbert. This is one of the long felt needs of Zion; and the sooner the pastors, North and South, adopt and put into operation their plans for the Varick Christian Endeavor work, the better it will be for themselves as well as for the Connection.

Zion has four churches in Washington, D. C., and the one located in the most popular part of the city is the Connecticut Avenue John Wesley church. It is pastored by that brilliant and irrepressible Rev. J. H. McMullen. He is holding his own in Washington, as he did in our big church in Louisville, Ky., which is now in charge of Rev. E. D. W. Jones, the son of the lamented Bishop Sones. With Revs. McMullen, Colbert, McEntosh and Adams to lead Zion's forces in Washington, we have nothing to fear.

We peeped in on Rev. J. S. Caldwell, pastor Wesley Zion in Philadelphia, and found him just closing a great revival meeting in which there had been more than a hundred conversions. He is carrying everything before him, as a Caldwell can do. His church was filled almost to an overflow; and as he made his concluding appeal, it had such great effect upon the people until a brother who sat near me said, "He is a great man, isn't he?" I replied, "He is." The two names Stitt and Caldwell, are so linked that you cannot think of one without the other. Zion has not many Stitts; neither will she have many Caldwells.

At Mother Zion in New York, we have as successor to a long line of Zion's illustrious leaders, such as Bishops Jones, Thompson, and Walters; Doctors Jacob Thomas, William H. Decker, Rev. J. S. Caldwell and others, Rev. M. R. Franklin. He is worthy to hold the pulpit held by these leading lights of Zion. He is a model pastor and a great preacher. Rev. Franklin has every interest of the church at heart. Only a few words with him on the question of our general Church reveals it: He wants to see our schools, our STAR of Zion, our Sunday-school Department and all of the different departments better supported. None of these interests of the church will suffer because of any failure on his part to discharge his whole duty. Give us more Franklins!

56 Grove Street, New York.

New York Age Wrong.

BY MEL. E. F. GRANT.

The New York Age said recently that the condition of the Negro in Washington, D. C., is wonderfully immoral; that the situation is growing worse, and with more wealth, education and refinement, the more immoral the race is becoming. We brand this as an infamous lie.

It went on to say that a few years ago when the colored people of Washington did not occupy the same sphere in life that they do now, the percentage of illegitimate births was much less. This assertion is made to support some infernal white men's devilish, low, contemptible, mean, diabolical scheme which is black as the hinges of night, and whose object is to assist them in driving the Negro out of Washington, D. C.

The Age says that 25 per cent of the Negroes born here were outside of the bonds of matrimony. What a falsehood! We have lived in Washington for over 35 years; taught school here for 20 years; been a superintendent of the Sunday-school for over 25 years; been the secretary of the Union Wesley A. M. E. Zion church for 20 years; and I am well acquainted with our people in Washington.

We know that there is a scheme on foot to drive the Negro out of this city. There have been some self-constituted committees waiting upon the Commissioners telling them what is best to do with the Negroes, where is the best place for them to live, and to keep all others out of the city. Such articles should not appear in a Negro paper. It is a burning shame on the race to assist white men to carry out this devilish scheme, and to degrade the poor Negro. We do not say all the people in Washington are angels, but they are above the average of other large cities as New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Richmond, Baltimore, Chicago, New Orleans and Cincinnati. While we have some bad colored people in Washington, we have some ladies and gentlemen of color.

The Trustees of Livingstone College are hereby called to meet at Charlotte, N. C., on Thursday, April 1st. Business of special importance.

Woman's Column.

Mrs. BISHOP C. C. PATTEN, Editor.

The Star Supplement.

THE STAR OF ZION Supplement is a unique and artistic compilation of scenes and some interesting historical data. It is indeed a rich and rare treat for the subscribers and friends of our luminous STAR.

Editor Smith is the personification of tact, energy, self-reliance, wit, wisdom and innate literary ability; and since his induction into the sanctum of our Connectional organ, he has never lost an opportunity for the betterment of the paper; but is ever on the alert to introduce some new feature or devise some plan for material improvement.

In the upper left hand corner of this beautiful chart we have the imposing structure of Washington Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, St. Louis, Mo. In the upper right hand corner is State Street A. M. E. Zion church and parsonage. This is one of the finest churches in the Connection. Having been recently rebuilt it now contains all the modern improvements and fixtures. Standing out in bold relief with its gilded spire towering heavenward, it is a monument more durable than a shaft of granite erected to the zeal and labors of the indefatigable and inimitable Rev. P. J. McEntosh, D. D., who so grandly entertained the last General Conference. He is now pastor of Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, Washington, D. C. Strange coincidence indeed, but these two churches are grouped together. This verifies the popularity as well as ability of our good friend, Dr. McEntosh; he goes from one magnificent church to another. Prior to his going to Mobile he successfully pastored Hunter's chapel, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Stockton Street A. M. E. Zion church, San Francisco, California. He is in great demand everywhere. I wish that a picture of Stockton St. church could have been obtained for the Supplement. Then we could have a glimpse of Zion's mammoth temples on the sands of two oceans.

The upper central view is a picture of Rt. Rev. James Varick, our first Bishop. Just below this venerable saint is the Mother Church, corner West Tenth and Bleeker Streets, New York City. To the left is the Book Room and to the right is the familiar face of the lamented Rev. J. C. Price, D. D., who was a scholar, an educator, theologian, an orator and a great race leader. His facial expression is very bright. He does not look like he has gone to sleep the long sleep, but appears to be active and ready to present the claims of Livingstone College or discuss the much agitated "Problem of the South." Below the Book Room is the Varick Memorial Building, our Publication House, Charlotte, N. C. To the left of the ladies of the Missionary Department we find the jovial and witty Temperance lecturer, Rev. J. H. Hector, who is also Collecting Agent for Livingstone College. He is now making a successful tour through England. To the right is the popular pastor of our church in Philadelphia, the Rev. J. S. Caldwell, B. D. He is also Editor of the Varick Christian Endeavor. Just here a bird's eye view of Livingstone College looms up before us.

In the lower left hand corner grouped together we find the pictures of Rev. J. H. Anderson, Editor of Zion's Year Book; Rev. J. W. Smith, D. D., Editor of the STAR; Hon. Jno. C. Dancy, A. M., Editor of the Quarterly Review; Rev. J. B. Colbert, A. M., President of the Varick Christian Endeavor Society, and Rev. A. J. Warner, D. D., Missionary and Church Extension Secretary. In the lower right hand corner we find the remainder of the General Officers, viz.: Rev. B. F. Wheeler, D. D., Secretary of Education; Rev. J. W. Alstork; D. D., General Steward; Rev. W. H. Goler, D. D., President of Livingstone College; Rev. William Howard Day, D. D., General Secretary; and Rev. G. L. Blackwell, A. M., D. D., General Manager of the Publication House and Superintendent of the Sunday-school Department. In the centre of the General Officers we have a beautiful group of the present Board of Bishops.

It would be fitting for every member and friend of Zion to have one of these beautiful souvenirs at home. Don't only frame it and hang it on the wall, but use it as a medium to introduce your children to some of the acknowledged leaders of Church and State. Teach them to respect, love and revere the heroes and heroines of the race, for no people can rise higher than their leaders; and those who do not honor their leaders can never attain leadership.

Washington, Webster, Calhoun and

Clay have moulded largely the sentiment of the generations following them. They were not only great within themselves, but honored as such, and their mantles have been transmitted to thousands of American boys. We must do this.

The Afro-American boy will never possess the manhood, aspiration and sense of honor essential to his highest possible development until he duly learns to honor the great men of his own race.

Newbern, N. C.

Live Topics.

"TIM TIMPKINS" DEFENSE OF THE COLLEGE—THE "GULPED" MINNOW MAY NOT BE SO DIGESTIBLE.

BY REV. W. A. BLACKWELL.

The Livingstone College journal—The Living-Stone—is before us, beautiful in appearance, excellent in arrangement. Editors, however, are not always responsible for the expressed opinions of contributors. But when we see an important article in a paper and it is not opposed, or, at least, criticized by the editor, we decide at once that it is likely to be the sentiment of the editor. Sometimes college students disagree very much on subjects, however; and for the sake of presenting a good face, criticisms and differences of opinion are left out.

In the last issue of the Stone, some "tattler" (as I suppose his profession must be), in a very gentle and playful manner gave me a scoring about our article in a recent issue of the STAR on the "carefulness" of the College in conferring honorary degrees in this manner:

"A good brother complained at the carefulness of Livingstone College in conferring those abundantly-sought honors. He thought that our school should not keep the standard so high; that men who had raised considerable moneys for the church, who had pastored a number of circuits and stations, or had kept a multiplicity of cross-road schools, or made inconspicuous vociferations upon the stump should have 'd. d.'s', 'a. m.'s' and 'll. d.'s' and 'p. q. z.'s' for the asking, or as numbers of them have come for the buying."

No such claim was ever made by us. Nor do we want the "boys" to get anxious about our ever saying so, or advocating such a thought. We said we thought the college was very "careful" about conferring degrees, and that it was not the best thing for Zion just now. We want this little fellow, "Tim Timpkins," to know we hold that opinion still. We will never say or do anything we think will injure the College nor do we intend to sit still and say nothing when we think the College does not subselve the interest for which its founders and constituents intended it.

A denominational school is not to be a "hobby" upon which every man who desires, without regard to qualification, must ride to recognition in the literary world. But it should be a safe-guard to the rights of such as have by dint of study, persistent effort, incessant labor and moral rectitude forged their way to the front. So you say the College is as far as is consistent doing its measurement of duty along this line? I claim it is not. To say so, means that Zion has a host of jack-legs filling her pulpits and only two or three score men who are fit to fulfil their mission out of the twenty-five or thirty hundred preachers. Such an allegation is false in the extreme. We can but say this in the face of facts and the utterances of men capable of judging. Besides, this very class of "men?" as you were pleased to use the word, are making support for the school, and are going out in the field doing yeoman work for the Master in shaping the moral, intellectual and spiritual manhood of our people.

Of course, we are going to keep on working; and no sentiment expressed by a flippant "prep" whose judgment is as void of the knowledge of the situation as the "crane" himself, will ever hush our voice in crying for right. If "Tim" will pull off his tattling non de plume(?) and let us see who he is, we will give him a chance to get "done up," or at least to take us for a "breakfast." He "champions" the cause of the faculty, I guess; we shoulder the cause of the people in which we are sure we will teach you the best lesson in Latin you ever were taught when we let you know that "the voice of the people" is right in this. I think it goes "Vox populi vox Dei."

Next time we write we will give you some reason for which we claim that the Alumni are responsible, i. e., if we ever hear of you again. Mr. Editor, pardon our intrusion upon your columns, but these little middle-some gnats must be fanned off, and you must think of larger things. "I guess for a reply." Livingstone, S. C.