BY REV. R. ALONZO SCOTT It was the great Centennia. That made the fellows smart, And Henderson, the champion, Took hemorrhage of the heart.

He called his cohorts to him And told them of his grief; But, they too, were heart-broken And could not get relief.

"What can we do" they muttered, "To save our boasted pride? For Zion is the older-This cannot be denied. "We've told of Bethel's glory,

And claimed priority; But cannot back our story, With facts from history.

"The facts we've tried to cover, But now the truth is out : That great big old Centennial, Is what we're sick about.

"Oh, we are in a pickle," They all said in a breath. And oh the thing will tickle Old Zion half to death. "But why sit down and murmur? For something must be done: We'll wage a war on Zion :

'So, Johnnie, get your gun. "That fellow, Smith's no fighter : Just watch him take his flight When once he finds that J. M. Is coming out to fight.

So pour it on 'em heavy, Just give 'em all 'hot stuff. Tis true we have no backing, But must 'put up a bluff.'

The alien army mustered In terrible array, With Henderson commanding, All anxious for the fray.

But look at Zion's army ! Her soldiers in the field The gallant Smith-"the fearless Would rather die than yield.

J. M. throws out a challenge, And Smith says "Let 'er go," They meet in the arena And cross swords, foe with foc.

The "big guns" of both armies. Urged each their champion man The "small fry" got excited, Took to their heels and ran. J. M. led off in "great style,"

With armor full of flaws ; Then doffed his hat and nodded, To Bethel's great applause.

Smith's sword-then flashed before The Bethel giant fell; The Bethelites were silent-Twas Zion's time to yell. M.'s'sword-hand is wounded :

His arm is in a sling; He "ran against the wrong thing." Tae wrongest kind of thing. So now, J. M., the "mighty." Is laid up for repairs,

While Smith waits for another But there's no one; who dares When J. M. was defeated.

Poor Bethel hung her head ; But old Smith, he grew jully, And this is what he said : "Just tell them that you saw me,"

Esc., etc., etc. The foe retreated quickly, Like spirits in their tramp!

The roar of "Zion's Lion," Threw terror in their camp. Let enemies take warning.

As J. M. should have done: Don't bother Zion's cannons-They're loaded, every one. Our Smith will be promoted-

"He's cooked his turkey brown"-While J. M., like M Will probably "go down." But now the war is over:

Our foes are on the ground, Who tried to frighten Zion And haul her colors down. Go tell the world that Zion

Stands firm for truth and right, The more our foes oppress us, The stronger is our might.

Just read upon our banners In words of living light, That "one can chase a thousand, And two, ten thousand fight."

Now Editor, don't grumble, Nor on this poem frown; Don't throw it in the basket. And please don't "boil it down." It is a little lengthy-

This fact I must admit. A few more lines allow me. Then I am going to quit. You've won a glorious vict'ry,

And we are satisfied, You've silenced old Goliath Who Zion's host defied. I know I voice the feelings,

Of every Zionite, When I congratulate you. For winning in this fight, It took a man to do it,

One full of grace and grit; For J. M. is no "soft thing," And this we must admit.

He is a brilliant writer, A power with the pen-Perhaps the brightest scholar, Of all of Bethel's men.

He found that "there are others" Who know a thing or two, And this he learned right quickly When he crossed swords with you

The war may have been bitter, But turn the other side; The facts that long were hidden,

Are scattered far and wide

Old Truth has had a hearing, The facts are all let out. That Zion is the older. There's no more room for doubt

tion is the mother. ero Methodis tl el is ber daughter:

e Master's field. And till

The world, the flesh and Satan, Are marching boldly on, And sinful men are dying;

There's nuch work to be done Let Bethel and old Zion, No longer disagree; Let's shak ; nands like true Chris-And move on peacefully.

Let Zion's grand old army, And Bethel's warriors too, Strive each to do their duty, And love each other true

We're figh ing for one Captain, We're in the same army; Just simply different regiments Let's ha' e no enmity.

Away with strife and hatred! Let love shine everywhere. Let's each strive for the kingdom: Until we all get there. Fayetteville, N. C.

Bishop Hood A sawers Elder Cartwright

Mr. Edito :: Some time ago statement from Elder Cartwright ap peared in the STAR, to which I intended to riply in full; but since that time a settlement has been effected with 11m by Bishop Walters, statement.

I may remark, however, that his claim of more than \$7,000 was dwindled down to a little over \$1,000 when the a count was investigated. His claim that he was made a bishop for life had nothing to back it. He was appointed Superintendent by the Bishops, sitt ng as a mission board. At the time of his appointment, he represented three churches. Soon after the close of the General Conference in 1888 we les rned from his own report So then, if you want to appreciate and the statement of others that he had but or e church, with less than one hundre I members. Finding that the work was running down we revoked his appointment and put another man in charge of the church as pastor. The General Conference in 1892 sanct oned our action by leaving that work in charge of a bishop here. Elder Cartwright himself here. Elder Cartwright himself to have one? Well, then, just send how well they are succeeding will be acquiesced in this arrangement by the Manager 10 cents and he will seen as they make their entrance into

we did not send Elder Cartwright to plement cost the Manager over \$30, Africa. He went of his own accord; and those who desire an extra copy not in the interest of Zion Church but in his own interest. At first he worked in the M. E. Church; later, can roll nicely and send and which holiday. In the afternoon under the however, he reported to us that he will be in fine conditon for framing, suspices of the Y. W. C. T. U. the was doing a great work for Zion, and we agree! to give him what assistance we could. But his success has not measured up to our expectation There are certainly not many men in Zion Connection upon whom so much has been pent for so little done. We have sent to Elder Cartwright many hundreds of dollars during the last thirteen years, and the net result is one church of about one hundred members

out there to be both wife and teacher dividual, when the Manager or his ary Society still lives; that the members He asked the Bishops to make an ap- clerk has no idea of such a person. as ot yore meet and carry on that genial to support her. We made the appeal if the money was not raised it is not our faul . At our suggestion an African da, was appointed and we appealed to the ministers to raise an annual collection on that day to support the teacher in Africa. Every cent rased on that day has been sent to her. What more could we have done that we have not done? And yet Brother Cartwright has gone around among the churches say ing hard things about the Bishops and some ministers and some members have been inclined to take sides with h.m. What do you expect of us? It what are we to be blamed? However, since the matter has been amicab y settled, I hope we will hear

J. W. Hood. no more of it. "By some accident a very imporing .- EDITOR.

Presiding Elder, Ministers and All Conce ned. Take notice that the California Conference is hereby appointed to met at Paso Rables, Cal. Wednesday March 17th, 1897, at 13 m. Ministers and applicants for admission are requested to be present on Tnesday night. Please endea for to fill every blank on your certificate of appointment with a creditable repore and have the reports made out and ready to be rendered at the opening of Conference. On the day of opening, aftershe preliminary avancies. opening, aftenthe preliminary exercises and the Lord's Supper, the other part of the day will be given to pastors to make a settlement of all financial claims. make so th the remainder of the session can oted to the other business. Pas ill please bring a good collection derence support. Gzo. W. CLIETON, Bishop. for e

Manager's Column

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THE STAR SUPPLEMENT

Have you seen it? Do you like it? Wouldn't you like for your neighbor to have one? Well, then, just send accepting the position of Presiding send him or her one at once. No need the world, imagining, we suppose, the Elder und r Bishop Walters in 1892. asking him to send it without the world will be completely submerged in Then it is well to remember that dime; it cannot be done. The Sup- the great torrent of talent suddenly

> ing? It confuses us and delays orwriting about the literature. Very often no address is given at all, the person writing supposing that the Manager ought to know who he or of the exercises. she is, and ought also to know that Hereafter, brethren, let the superintendent or secretary or some good plain writer send after all the literature and avoid so much confusion and often misunderstanding.

Yours truly, IS Blackwell

Reduced Rates on Southern Railway.

NAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT MCKINLES There is no occasion which is more magnificent or inspiring to the patriotic American entizens than the Inauguration American ontizens than the Inauguration of the President of the United States, f which occurs in Washington on March 4th every four years. For the inauguration of Wm. McKinley, on March 4th, next, the crowds will probably exceed the attendance upon any similar occasion in recent years. The reduced rates and splendid train service offered by the Southern Railway from all points in the South, and especially from Virginia and North Carolina, leave no excuse for not South, and especially from Virginia and North Carolina, leave no excuse for not By ome accident a very important word, "over," was left out of Bishop I. C. Clinton's article last week. It should read, "Instead of taking general fund collected before reaching a church, I oftimes left in the hands of the pastor the general fund of the pastor the general fund over' my traveling expenses to be sent to the conference steward." This is very commendable on the part of the Bishop and is worth applauding.—EDITOR.

North Carolina, leave no excuse for not attending and participating in this great accession. For civilians round-trip tick-excusion. For civilians round-trip tick-excusion and grass Bands accompanying them, (25 or more men traveling together, in uniform, on solid tick-et,) the extraordinarily low rate of one cent per mile has been authorized. From Charlotte, Salisbury, Raleigh, Durham, Gyensboro, Winston-Salem and intermediate points, the trip to Washington occupies only about 8 to 15 hours, the journey being accomplished in one night (if you prefer to travel at night to save time) and the return trip can be made in the same quick time, on magnificent vestime) and the return trip can be made in the same quick time, on magnificent vestibuled trains with elegent Pullman Sleeping cars and day coaches. Thus passengers from the territory referred to can leave home the evening of the 3rd and arrive in Washington early on the morning of the 4th in ample time to participate in the Inaugural ceremonies. For detailed information call on any agent of that company.

MEETING STATE COUNCIL, GREENSBORG For the above occasion, reduced rates will be placed in effect by the Southern Ry., tickets on sale Feb. 21st to 3rd inclusive, final limit Feb. 27th, continuous passage in each direction. Fare from Charlotte, 4.45; other points in propor-

Profs. E. Moore and P. 1

Noble have

en suffering from La Gri Miss Florence Hall, a former student of Livingstone College, is in the city. Mrs. J. C. Price has been confined to

serious attack of appendicitis. She is convalescing slowly. Bishop G. W. Clinton psid us his first visit a few weeks ago. It is the opinion of all here that the General Conference make no mistake in his election

her room for several weeks with a very

The "week of Prayer" conducted un fer the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., was very fruitful in results. The spirtual awakening was great and about fifteen

Telegrams from Hot Springs, Ark. bring the sad news of the death of the brother of Miss M. A. Lynch whom she visited last fall while off attending the Temperance convention in St. Louis.

Rev. E. M. Collett delivered a very instructive and entertaining course of developed, will suggest about what ectures to the students list month, on 'Paul's Missionary Journies." We are very much indebted to the Rev. as they came out of "the fullness of his heart."

Dr. W. H. Goler has returned from an extended trip in the North in the interes Gleaner has come to stay. Let 500 of Livingstone College. We are very persons at once send in their cash glad to welcome the Dr. home. He re-

The Garrison Literary Society, constantly approaches perfection as its limit though it advances but one-half the re maining distance each time, yet we feel that the law affecting such a case will be suspended and it will arrive at perfection-Under the guidance of Mr. J. P. Blackwell, as president, we feel sure of its future. That the society accomplished great work along oratorical and general literary lines can be readily seen from the "literateurs" it has sent forth who owe their inspiration to it.

The Hood Literary So liety still march es under the banner, 'Vestigia Nulla Retrorsum." Friday evening, Feb. 12, a special program was rendered, "The English Men of Letters." It was well rendered and many of the numbers deserve special commendation, not only for their good rendition, but for their literary value as well. It is praiseworthy to note that the present members of the society are doing all in their power to compare favorably with those wh have gone out from the society. Just thrown upon it.

Feb. 10th was the 43rd anniversary of the birthday of Dr. J. C. Price, founder must remit a dime for the same. We and first president of Livingstone have on hand 200 copies which we College. The day was observed as students gathered around the grave of Let Some One Person Do The Ordering. their lamented president and decorated In ordering Sunday-school Litera- it with flowers and evergreens, and in ture will the pastors see to it that the evening at 7:80 o'clock the College some one person does all the order- chapel was filled with students and visi tors to listen to the exercises of the Price Memorial Concert Company. Prof. B. ders to have one person order and A Johnson was Master of ceremonies two or three others sending money or and under his management a very excellent program was rendered. The inspiration the perfor ners received from the memory of the much lamented and dearly loved president, lent to the charm

The readers of the STAR will be please He married his wife and took her he or she is referring to a certain in- to know that the Phyllis Wheatly Literminds and pleasurab e to them that read, write and think on subjects remote from the common mind. Among their special meetings were: A Byron Meeting, in which Byron's memory was given ample justice; an Art Meeting, in which the various arts were discussed by persons ckilled in or acquainted with each special rkilled in or acquainted with each special art. Miss M. A. Lynch delighted the members and visitors with an excellent discussion of the art of painting, while Miss Victoria Richardson gave an origi-Miss Victoria Richardson gave an original composition of music. Prof. B. A. Johnson gave them an infroduction, in a masterly manner, to Belles-Letters; Mrs. Dr. Goler showed that unknown pleasure could be durived from the cultivation of flowers; Dr. Wright delved into the mysteries of medicine to the delight of all; and Mrs. A. C. Tucker and Mrs. Henderson made all feel that the culinary art was the art of arts; and numerous other subjects were brought forward and well discussed. A special program was rendered in memory of that greatest of Americans, Abraham Lincoln. This meeting was one of great enthusiasms some would naturally imagine on knowing the occasion.

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TALKS. On Varick Endeavor,

BY THE PRESIDEN

COMMITTEES CONTINUED.

Social-Man is a social being as much so as a moral cr religious; hence he has a social nature which must be regarded in the development of his character, or else he will be lacking just that much in what might be considered an all round Christian man. The best and safest way to do this is in connection with the church along with his religious training. You should try to make your social entertainments interesting, instructive and attractive to the young people by introducing pure and innocent amusements. Your conscience, sufficiently is, and what is not appropriate for church or parlor enter ainments. If you take the pains and go to the expense of securing competent talent, such as will give you your money's worth and have an elevating and instructive social and literary entertainment, (for the two are so in timately connected until it is difficult to disassociate them), you will find that it will be the means of keeping theaters and other questionable places BY BISHOP J.W HOOD,D D, LL D. of amusement. The young people must be entertained; and if the church fails to give them the proper entertainment, they will seek it else hundred pages, with an Introduction by Prof. Wm. Howard Day, A. M., D. D., is a new and more complete entertainment, they will seek it else up wholesome and profitable socials as much so as the world? She can and must, if she wishes to attract and hold the young people. If you wish to get some points on the kind of socials to have that will attract and the church, from James Variek to interest the young people, send for and including Alexanders Walters, a copy of a book which we are selling is interesting and thrilling. The at a greatly reduced rate, called "Social to Save," for only 35cts. Flower Committee -- Who is it that

loes not admire flowers? What sick person that would not be delighted and often helped on receiving a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers from a friend, or a Varick Christian Endeavor Society? Oh! how it would cheer their faint and weak spirits to receive a token of regard in this way! Well, this is the duty as well as a privilege of the Flower Committee-to do this very thing.

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TOPIC FOR SUNDAY, FEB, 28.

"From What Does Christ Save Men!" Tit iii. 1-7.

From want. John vi. 32-40.
From death. John iii. 9-17.
From fear. Ps. xci. 1-8.
From danger. Ps. xci. 9-16.
From sorrow. Luke iv. 16-22.
From selfishness. Luke x. 25-37 SCRIPTURE VERSES. -- Deut. iv. 29-37; Job xxii. 21; Ps. il. 7; cxxx. 7, 8; Isa. i. 18; xl. 11; lio. vii. 19, 22; Luke xix. 10; xxiv. 46, 47;

LESSON THOUGHTS. Faith in Christ saves us at the first, by the washing of regeneration, from a willing submission to the unbly lusts of the flesh; and by renewing of the Holy Ghoet, gives us a constantly growing power over evil and a steady maturity of the blessed fruits of the entrit.

Christ saves us not only from the pow of evil in this world, and gives us comfort and strength in the midst of all its sufferings and trials, but he has saved us from the power of hell, and has gone to prepare for us mansions in heaven, where in perfect peace and purity we may love and serve him forever.

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Christ on the cross his sacrifice and his victory, have not on y blotted out the evit past, but haye given courage and strength for the blitter struggles in the present, with steadfast hope for the bareafter.

Since with pure and firm affection,
Thou on God hast set thy love,
With the wing of his protection,
He will shield hee from above;
Thou shall call on him in trouble,
He will hake, he will save;
Here for grief re vard thee double,
Crown with his beyond the grave.

As Moses came, wi hat message from the God of their father, to deliver the Israelites out of their bondgage in Egypt,—so to deliver us from the greater bondage of sin Christ omes to us, with greater miraeles than Moses could perform to prove his mission,—and bearing yet the same message that Moses carried,—"Briore Abraham was I am."

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Easter this year comes on the third Sunday in April. It is a day of new birth, new hopes and new aspirations. The vast valley of vision was everywhere enveloped with gloom and despair until the mighty, triumphants rising of the Son of God broke the fetters of the tomb and threw open the

gateway of life.

Easter, in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church has been set apart as a day on which a collection is to be lifted for the Sunday-school De-

The collection ought to be a good one for the department is in sore need.

The very day itself ought to have an inspiring effect upon the churches and Sunday-schools throughout the Connection. Dollars Needed

By some hook or crook on July 1, 1896 we found the department \$850.00 in debt for printing and borrowed money. This amount the Superintendent has not been able to cancel, and because of that insbility the department is badly. hampered. In order, therefore, to cancel this indebtedness and to get the Department so it can do more efficient and satisfactory work we need and must have \$1,000 from Easter collections. Who says, Amen.

Every School and Church to the Front.

nuoted. Address, Itev. J. B. Colbert, A. M., Variek C. E. Headquarters, and aggressive school and church in the Connection from Dan to Beersheba roll up a handsome collection on Easter.

Which one will win? Prizes! Just what you want and need, and what you must have.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL GLEANER

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Conditions.

1. A good effort must be made to help the Department by Pastor, Superintendent and School.

2. Money must be sent at once to the Superintendent of the Department, Rev. G. L. Blackwell, D. D., Charlotte, N. C.

3. All collections will be received and receipted with thanks, but no collection sent in after May 18 will be considered in the race for a prize even though it excels other collections.

4. In each case the grand total membership in each school must be given. A failure to do this works a forfeiture of the right of the school to a prize.

5. No collection will be published or the amount made public until after May 18.

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May 18.
6. Blank form for remitting collection.

.....A. M. E. Zion Church at,.... Number of Scholars.....

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Name of Superintendent.....

This must be filled out in a plain readable hand so as to avoid mistake in Easter Programs Free.

In order to help the Sunday-schools both in their exercise and collection we have prepared a fine program for the occasion which will be ready March 1. As there are so many schools to furnish we have arranged to supply each school with becopies only free of charge and all over that number the school needs, it will please send two cents fer copy for the same, in order to enable us to meet the expense of sending programs through the mail.

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