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THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1897.

### EDITORIAL.

WELCOME, Mr. McKinley, Exit, Mr. Cleveland.

GROVER, Grover, Grover;  
Yes, no more of Grover,  
In he came, out he goes,  
New we'll be in clover.

THE dashy Rev. G. W. Kincaid is doing a big work for Zion in Pittsburg. In his revival now in progress he has 150 converts.

BISHOP HOOD who writes a sensible article on the financial plan showing how it can be made a success will have a strong article next week showing that the Hon. Frederick Douglass who was born in Zion also died in Zion.

LAWYER J. S. LEARY who is an applicant for the post-mastership of Charlotte, N. C., is not only one of our ablest lawyers, but is a staunch and influential Republican, and a leader of his race. He is worthy of the position.

CORRESPONDENTS, be patient. We will give you a hearing. In view of the fact that the bishops meet the last Wednesday in this month, the articles on the financial plan and the Theological Department of Livingstone College have the right of way.

MRS. G. L. BLACKWELL has a nice letter in the STAR which should touch the hearts and pocket-books of every lover of the college. We hope every graduate who has gone out, or will go out, from this college will organize Leagues at their homes and raise money to help it. We must support Livingstone College.

REV. F. M. JACOBS, the scholar, logician, political orator and able theologian is greatly encouraged over the bright prospects of securing the Liberian Mission. Strong white and colored friends in his State, as well as several Tennessee congressmen are putting in good work for him. Rev. Jacobs is one of the leaders of his race and party in Tennessee.

REV. R. ALONZO SCOTT, of Fayetteville, N. C., who recently had over 520 conversions in less than two weeks is in great demand as a singer and revivalist. Ministers all over Zion are after him. He is a fine singer and preacher, full of enthusiasm, and specially fitted for evangelistic work. He composes and writes poetry, sets it to his own music, and plays and sings it. He is one of our most brilliant men. He sells the STAR OF ZION weekly to his people.

THE bishops and faculty will probably elect a Dean of Theology for our College. Several of our ministers who have seconded our motion to give \$5 annually until next General Conference for the support of this department will speak next week. The next issue will almost be a "Livingstone College issue." Our words and those of Mrs. Bishop Pettey, Dr. Adams and Rev. D. C. Covington have aroused Zion. All who will give \$5, or more or less, a year, send us your names for publication before the bishops meet. "Tim Timpinkins" now sees the value of agitation.

DR. BLACKWELL thinks that the only way to get out of this financial dilemma is to call an extra session of the General Conference in May, 1898. Bishop Hood this week says such talk is "mid-winter nonsense," and he wants to know who is going to call it. This statement raises a question.

We would like to ask Bishop Hood if the Board of Bishops hasn't the power to call an extra session of the General Conference if the conditions of the Church warranted it? Suppose that a majority or two-thirds of the annual conferences by vote demanded it, wouldn't the bishops be compelled to call it? If the bishops have not the power, the General Conference should grant it.

THE three city pastors of Charlotte, N. C., are making big preparations to entertain the bishops, general officers and members of the several Connectional boards called. The stir over the financial plan, the provisions to be made for the several departments, the election of a Dean to fill Jones' Theological Chair at Livingstone College, the adjusting of the Missionary and Church Extension machinery so that our missionary secretary, Rev. A. J. Warner, can start out, the getting of Bishop Small ready to go to Africa, and the determination anyhow of some of the general officers to move for an extra session of the General Conference, will bring a large crowd of ministers from far and near to the city. It will look like a little General Conference.

### Inn, Speak To That Young Man.

IN this week's STAR is a hypocritical, scurrilous and insinuating article from Rev. E. D. W. Jones, son of the lamented Bishop Jones, in reply to our editorials on the new financial plan. He is dogmatic and slurring, full of swagger and braggadocio, assuring the air of a bully; and he so rips and rears and lustily yells and raves like a madman at us and at what he calls, "cross-road exhorters" until it looks as if he is deluded with the idea that he is a modern Samson with the jawbone of an ass. In acerbity and virulence of language he tries to imitate his illustrious father; but he fails gloriously.

He does not mince his words with us. We shall not mince our words with him. When he cools his hot brain, so as to understand how to argue decently a question, we will argue likewise with him; but when he detests himself to erratic, intolerant and arrogant language with us, we will return it. Old and young ministers may, as some do, jump out of his way when he comes like a whirlwind, and say the impudence of this young man is colossal; but we shall stand our ground, as we are not the kind to be intimidated; and when he looks down the barrel of our gun he will always find it loaded.

He charges us with "brazen audacity" to attack high churchmen and asserts that we are trying to "damage" the bishops. No one in Zion acquainted with us, not even the bishops, will believe this demagogic assertion. Personally and officially we honor the bishops as highly as Mr. Jones or any one else living; and, according to our ability, will do as much for them as this "young America" or any one else; but this doesn't argue that we are to endorse all they say or do. It has been so for years that every time some Zion fellow pokes his head above the crowd and differs with the bishops some Mr. Put-On-Smarty who has an axe to grind holds up this scare-crow of a statement and flaunts it threateningly in his face until he squats down again. The intelligent white people can differ and discuss religious questions with considerable warmth and remain friends. It looks as if the majority of intelligent black people can't. While we are at the head of this paper we are going, as the case may be, to praise, defend or criticize respectfully from the highest to the lowest churchman, when we think it is for the interest of Zion; and the columns are open for them to do the same with us. Isn't this fair? Eddie Jones shoots at us this week. We shoot back. If he holds personal feelings against us after we both have had our say, then he is not fit to enter a controversy with intelligent men.

This young Jones has very great love for our bishops just now. What has caused him since the last General Conference to turn these flip-flops, hand springs? A suspicion is lurking in the minds of the General Conference delegates that he has "heard something drop" from some of the men whose cause he, without being asked, now champions. Although he was not a legal delegate to said conference, for he hadn't traveled in the itinerancy four years, yet when the dear bishops honored him with a membership on the Districting Committee we have been told by some of the members of that Committee that he ran over old and young on the committee, made good places for his friends and succeeded in having Bishop Lomax who was preaching and building up Zion before he was

born, and who stands next to Bishop Hood in point of service to the Church, assigned to the poorest district—a missionary field. It so disgusted Bishop Lomax until he got up and made a sensational speech, raked the Committee fore and aft, refused to accept it, and the Committee had to return and re-arrange the districts. Yes, Mr. Jones loves our bishops. When the bishops asked that provisions be made for their back salary does Eddie remember that he offered a resolution immediately asking that a provision be made for the back salary of ministers, and Bishop Hood asked him not to "reflect" on the bishops? Does Eddie who thinks he loves the bishops better than the Editor remember how his lips curled in a scornful sneer and his piercing eyes sparkled with anger when Bishop Hood at said conference told how that our missionary secretary, Rev. A. J. Warner, can start out, the getting of Bishop Small ready to go to Africa, and the determination anyhow of some of the general officers to move for an extra session of the General Conference, will bring a large crowd of ministers from far and near to the city. It will look like a little General Conference.

Examining closely Rev. Jones' article, it looks as if falsehoods were as good to him as truths. He must be mentally razzled-dazzled. He charges us with making a "tirade and exposition of damaging statements against the bishops unknown in the history of Zion Connection." What were those statements? We accused numbers of ministers of collecting and keeping the general fund until the bishops visited them and paying that with what they collected during his visit to them. Rev. Jones admits the accusation. Turn over and read his article. We asserted that the bishops received these collections collected this way. We stated that it was unfair to the general officers and other general departments for ministers to collect and hold, and for bishops to receive, this money which ought to go into the general treasury; and we stated unless the ministers ceased this kind of business a financial crash would come to the other departments. These are the "tirade and exposition of damaging statements," as Mr. Jones terms them, which have not been denied. Eddie had better get a dictionary and define these terms and see if they are applicable to our statements. If he is in this loose in his logic and hasn't a better knowledge of the English language, Livingstone College will feel ashamed of him. He is wrong again when he says we accused the bishops of faulty legislation. If he will re-read our editorials he will see where we said the bishops are not responsible for this new plan, but a hasty General Conference. His article is full of falsehoods. Mr. Jones, prove that we said the bishops had a desire to wreck every institution of the Church. How do you know that "every" cross-road exhorter is indignant? Have you heard from every one? Prove that we are seeking applause and favors from the class you mentioned. When did we announce ourself as a leader? When did we claim that the only evidence of manly leadership is to have the brazen audacity to attack high churchmen? "Assertions" are one thing; "proofs" are another. Young man, not to know this is to proclaim yourself an ignoramus; and unless you prove all of the above assertions we shall revise our opinion and set you down as having more egotism than brains. Brethren, watch and see if he proves them.

Modesty and merit are a handsome couple, and young Jones who should try to induce them to visit him occasionally draws down the blinds of his soul and puts up the shutter of his mind so as to be able not to see the needs of the general officers and says "the bishops are to be commended if they refuse to change the monetary system of our Church; that they had but little to say on the train when salaries were being re-fixed; that they should have but little to say now." Here is a young man with but very little respect and feeling for any one who is not "up yonder" in the office once occupied by his papa. We are not surprised at his language. Born under fortunate circumstances, boxed up in quiet softness, perfumed with lavender, educated partly at the expense of his parents, and partly at the expense of Zion, as soon as he was educated a royal chariot was placed at his disposal to ride safely from one big church to another; and consequently knowing nothing about the hardships of the itinerancy, he is, for want of experience, incapable of feeling for his brother ministers in distress. Had he been thrown back in the woods and allowed to work his way, step by step, to the front,

like his eminent father, we and others had to do, instead of having a heart of leather for the general officers who are struggling heroically to do the work committed to their trust while poverty looks them in the face, the pastor of a big church and parsonage paying a handsome salary, would have a heart of flesh and words of encouragement for them. If something isn't done when the bishops meet the last of this month, and if the pastors do not take our advice and raise general fund pretty soon, there will be five or six important resignations.

We did not "whine" about our salary on the train coming from Mobile; neither was it re-fixed. The General Conference did not alter it; therefore we had no sorrow. The Board of Bishops fixed Mr. Dancy's and the Manager's salaries. Eddie says this is not a year to fully decide whether the plan will work; it is an off-year. This means so far as he is concerned. When will the year come to "fully decide"; and when will it be an on-year? Must the men and departments suffer until that glorious year comes? Young Eddie philosophically says, "I think we have done well to pay our bishops." We ask, "What 'we'? We who?" When you think of the big fat salary you drew while serving our large and magnificent church at Knoxville, Tenn., last year; a church capable of seating 2,000 people and able to raise annually \$500 or \$600 general fund, and of the very, very small amount of general tax and other Connectional claims you raised—almost nothing—you ought not to say "we." We were told that some preachers on country circuits that were paid less than \$200 a year salary excelled you in raising conference claims. We defy you to publish the amount of conference claims raised by you your last year there. Since you say let the financial plan stand we hope you will redeem yourself as a money-raiser at Jacob's Tabernacle. According to law it is the duty of each bishop to report salary and traveling expenses to the General Secretary before the first of each January; therefore, young man, we had no right to wait until they met to see if they had surplus to turn over. Law is law and business is business; and where a lot of men's salaries are involved both must be observed strictly.

This young man desiring to make a big hit by stirring up prejudice says "Our bishops are honest." Who said they were not? We haven't any more to do with the editing and publishing of the *Sunday School Gleaner* sent out by Editors Blackwell and Bruce than the man in the moon. Some of our leading brethren, because they are pleased with the shining of the STAR, have, without our asking, mentioned our name in connection with the office once occupied by his papa. This is too much for Eddie who feels now that he would some day like to fill that position; and, therefore, in order to sneer at our ability and try to head us off he gives a guffaw of laughter, giggles convulsively and titters out the following flapdoodle: "Candidate for the bishopric and of the STAR OF ZION FOR 1900." Child, you are too young and raw to hurt us along this line. If God wants us to be a bishop, we will be, either with or without your vote and influence. The quickest way to get us elected is to begin an unfair, jealous warfare upon us. We will not be the only fellow who will have a lightning rod in the air in 1900 in the hope that lightning will strike it. If this young upstart expects to be a leader in Zion and fill honorable positions, he will have to throw off the mask and be himself and treat his brother ministers with decency and respect. Zion only had one Bishop Jones. There is no duplicate in sight. Sons must "do something" before they try to be "sarcastic" like papa. Hooryay! Tiger! Sis! Boom! Ah!

### Hustling Must Be Done.

RAISE THE ASSESSMENT LAID ON EACH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT AND WE WILL HAVE ALL THE MONEY WE NEED.

FROM BISHOP J. W. HOOD.

MR. EDITOR: Your complaint of financial embarrassment reminds me that I predicted this state of things as the certain result of making nine bishops and paying them \$2,000 a year. Any thoughtful man who figured on the amount of general fund that we had been raising for the last four years certainly could not have expected anything else. It is well known that I had a plan which would have saved us, to a great extent, from the present embarrassment. My plan was to elect two bishops only and thus save \$2,000 a year; and since the other bishops had an average of a little over \$3,000 each due them on

back salary, my plan was to pay the new bishops in cash \$1,500 a year for four years, which would have left \$2,000 due them on back salary—only two-thirds the amount due the other bishops. Since the older bishops had received only \$1,000 a year for five years, I thought the new bishops might pull through on \$1,500 a year for four years. This, you see, would have saved us another thousand, making three thousand saved.

The whole amount of this \$3,000 would have gone to Livingstone College, the worn-out preachers and the general officers. The College would have received \$1,500 a year, the Editor \$250, and so on. My plan proposed that the back salaries due the bishops should be paid to their widows or other heirs. The General Conference adopted this plan so far as the older bishops were concerned, but it provided that the new bishops should be paid \$2,000 a year from the start. I thought my plan better because it would have established a permanent fund for the widows of deceased bishops, as each new bishop would have been subject to the same rule. It will be a long time before such a fund can be established in any other way. Possibly it may be said that if the bishops want something for their widows they can provide in themselves; but I am doubtful whether I should have saved so much in any other way. I might not have been willing to have made the sacrifice it has cost me; my desire to build up our educational institutions made me willing to make that sacrifice. I was not proposing that others should make the sacrifice we have made in the amount loaned the Connection, nor yet for so long a period. We volunteered to take \$1,000 of a \$1,500 salary, and loan the Connection \$300, or one-third of our salary for five years. My plan only provided that the new bishops should loan one-fourth of a \$2,000 salary for four years, amounting to \$2,000. In our case it ran till it amounted to more than \$3,000. My plan provided that their amount could not be over \$2,000. So it will be seen that I was not providing that the new bishops should do for the Connection as much as we had done. Ours was a great emergency which induced us to make a great sacrifice. Livingstone College could not have been built up as it now is had we not made that sacrifice. It will be seen, therefore, that two things were in view: first, to provide that a widow of a bishop should not be dependent immediately after his death, to the disgrace of the Connection: \$500 a year for four years would have given her a chance to arrange for the future. Dr. Price's widow will receive \$500 a year till his back salary is all paid. It is a lasting credit to him that he left it to be paid to her. The other important thing contemplated was the aid which the money thus loaned would have given the other connectional institutions. But as I have said, my plan was not fully adopted.

The talk of an extra session of General Conference is mid-winter nonsense. Who is going to call it? Not the bishops, if they have the good, hard common sense I think they have. What could a General Conference do? Waste \$5,000 in traveling expenses and \$5,000 more in loss of time. The last three General Conferences have each plunged us deeper into debt. If we could have no more till 1904 we could be in pretty good financial condition by that time. But of course we shall have to have the General Conference, according to law. I believe in law. But will it pay for us to sit down and grumble about the shortcomings or overdoings of the General Conference? I think not. I think I was in the minority about as often as anybody else in the last General Conference, but I have learned that grumbling and sulking do not pay. I make it a rule that if I cannot have my own way I will take somebody's else way and make the best I can of it. Suppose we let the dead past bury its dead and forgetting the things that are behind us, go forward to victory with the means that are within our reach. I see no ground for discouragement: Nine strong bishops make a splendid show. If the Bethel Connection can stand eleven, covering about the same amount of territory, we ought to be able to have nine. We have only to raise the assessment laid upon each episcopal district by the General Conference, and we shall have all the money we need to pay the appropriation in full, with a small surplus to meet emergencies. There is not a district that is assessed up to fifty cents a member. The first, third and sixth approach the limit more nearly than others, and yet each of them has a good margin.

The first episcopal district has only six presiding elders, and yet it has the same assessment as some which have from eight to eleven. We expect to bring up our five thousand a year, and are making great efforts to do it this year. Ministers in this district say it shall be done, and the members are beginning to talk in the same way. They are feeling very happy over the fact that up to date they have led all other districts in raising Centennial money. This small district with only three annual conferences expects to lead all on general fund. The way that two or three of the bishops are getting about indicates that the bishop of this district will have to hustle to keep ahead, but "hustling must be done." From present indications we expect to be \$1,000 ahead of any other district on the first of June. We do not intend that it shall be the fault of this district if any officer or department fails to get the amount promised. The bishops, ministers and members of other districts may take this, if they choose, as a gauntlet thrown down. Who dare pick it up? You can all speak at once if you choose.

### Loyal League of Livingstone College.

BY MRS. A. W. BLACKWELL.

There was a request sent out by Miss M. A. Lynch March 15, 1895, to all the lady teachers and professors wives of Livingstone College to meet and devise some means for helping the College. As a result of this meeting there was organized the Loyal League of Livingstone College, with Mrs. A. C. Tucker as president. The object of the organization is to bring the needs of the College before friends and strangers, and in every legitimate way seek for its financial aid. This has been accomplished beyond their most sanguine expectations.

The first work taken up by the League was to furnish a reception room for the College, which was done in a creditable manner. The second work was to collect funds for the sewing room, that the College might have a fair representation at the Atlanta Exposition. The League felt elated over the result of their labors when the College was awarded a bronze medal for its exhibit. The third effort put forth by its members was the putting of a hydrant in the girls' building, and a pulley to hoist wood to the second and third stories. This work was considered the crowning glory of their winter effort, because of the gratitude of the girls who had been thus relieved of some very heavy and injurious work. For this last work each member sent an envelope to ten friends who we are glad to say responded nobly and liberally and within the allotted time there were over one hundred dollars raised for the purpose.

We do not know what work is being taken up by the League this winter, but while on a visit to the College during the holidays and paying a visit to the sewing room, we saw how the girls were handicapped in their efforts to learn the art of sewing and dressmaking, there being only two machines that have stood service for the past ten years; and Mrs. Bishop Clinton and I, two of the original members of the League, decided we would try to collect enough in the city to put at least one new machine in the sewing room. After two efforts we found there was still a deficiency, so we decided to send out an appeal to several of our ministers, which we did, and we take this means of thanking those from whom we have already heard for the amount sent, and those from whom we are anxiously awaiting a reply for the assistance they may give. Mrs. Clinton received from Rev. C. H. Smith, Mobile, Alabama, \$2.50 and from Rev. R. E. Wilson, \$1.00; and I have received from Miss S. J. Janifer, Washington, D. C., contributed by the V. C. E., \$1.06; from Rev. H. W. Smith, St. Louis, Mo., 25 cents. We hope to be able to report in next week's STAR a sufficient amount to purchase the machine.

Charlotte, N. C.

The dedication of the Grand Army Republic Headquarters took place on the twenty-second of February, 1897. The hall was profusely decorated with evergreens, bunting, flags and pictures. After parading the principal streets of the city the procession marched to the hall. The James City band and some of the vocal clubs furnished excellent music. After the President's surrender of the memorial to the Post, the dedication prayer was offered by Comrade Rev. L. P. Martin. Addresses were delivered by Comrade A. H. Woodworth of Norfolk, Va.; Hon. J. E. E. O'Hara; Commander H. W. Wiess of Emporia, Va.; Bishop C. C. Pettey, A. M., D. D.; and Prof. Isaac H. Smith. The exercises were impressive and inspiring. The women of the Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans were out in full uniform.

At the close of this dedication about five hundred people repaired to Powell's Hall where an elaborate dinner was served gratis.  
Newbern, N. C.

### Woman's Column.

Mrs. BISHOP C. C. PETTEY, Editor.

### Two Noteworthy Assemblages.

THE STATE UNION OF Y. P. S. O. E. AND THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The State Union of the Y. P. S. O. E. convened in St. Peter's A. M. E. Zion Church, Newbern, N. C., at ten a. m., Wednesday, February 24th, President F. S. Hitchcock presiding. The local committee had arranged a most excellent programme prior to the arrival of the delegates. About sixty societies in various parts of the State were represented and made creditable reports.

After devotional exercises Mrs. Emma Cooper Johnson read a most excellent paper—"Will Our Christian Endeavor Live?" which was loudly applauded. Then after a topical discussion on "Spiritual Power, what it is and how to get it," by Rev. R. R. Johns, Dudley, N. C., and Rev. E. W. Stratton, Ashboro, N. C., we enjoyed a most excellent paper on "Women's Work in the Christian Endeavor" by Miss Hettie E. Brown, Newbern, N. C. "From what does Christ save men?" was ably discussed by Rev. J. P. Sims of Beaufort, N. C.

Prof. W. F. Fonvielle, A. B., Principal of the Graded School of Newbern, electrified his hearers by his logical, eloquent and able treatise of the subject, "Education, what it is and how to get it." Mr. H. C. Sparrow sustained his well-earned reputation when he presented to us "Prayer, how to use it and enjoy it." Some of the music was exceptionally fine.

Dr. R. S. Rives preached the annual sermon for the Y. P. S. O. E. His subject was "Christian Rationality." He was truly master of the situation and the sermon the masterpiece of his life. He said among other things that man is mind and mind is man, therefore we are what we think. He divided his subject into several sub-divisions, treating of man's sensibilities, intellect and will as God's greatest gifts to man. These gifts when consecrated enable man to realize the highest culture possible. Dr. Rives made a wonderful impression upon the delegation.

The welcome address was delivered by Mr. I. Harris, Jr., in his usual irrepressible style; and ere he finished he made one in toto felt thrice welcome to our hospitable little city.

Mrs. Georgie Phisic Richardson sweetly sang a solo—"If the waters could speak as they flow." Miss Lillian Phisic accompanied her with instrumental music. Other musical renditions were creditably made by Miss Susie V. Havens, Miss Lizette Saunders and Mrs. Hooks.

Prof. F. S. Hitchcock gave an able lecture on "Effects of Alcohol on the Human Stomach," which was interesting, instructive and highly beneficial. He had about eight charts illustrating the various degrees of injury wrought on the human system by alcoholic stimulants.

Dr. A. W. Curtis of Raleigh, N. C., grandly entertained the congregation on the subject—"What would Christ do if He were in my place or circumstances?" His application was pathetic and on the inspiration of the moment Rev. W. A. Byrd enlarged upon the same subject. He is a forcible speaker and never fails to impress his hearers.

Among those who attended the Union were Rev. Davis of Raleigh, Miss Percival of Scotia Seminary, Concord, Messrs. Howe and Manly of Wilmington, Miss Anderson of Raleigh, Miss Mathewson, Rev. P. J. Sims, Prof. F. S. Hitchcock and his corps of teachers, Beaufort; Rev. A. A. Crooke, A. B., also came from Beaufort. Many fine papers were read and I think much good accomplished. At the close of the session a grand banquet was tendered the entire delegation at St. Peter's parsonage by Mrs. Bettie Fisher and Mrs. Emma Cooper Johnson.

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