

AROUND THE CITY.

W. A. Pethel went to the inauguration. Mr. and Mrs. Stanback of Lenoir are here, having come to witness the nuptials of her sister, Cordelia, Wednesday.

Mr. J. E. Smith, our genial foreman spent several days in Washington, seeing the inauguration and sights in general.

Rev. D. C. Covington, pastor of Clinton Chapel is conducting a revival every night which we hope will prove successful.

The young ladies are requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. Clinton on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock to reorganize the Y. W. C. T. U.

Miss M. A. Lynch, of Livingstone College desires it to be stated that her brother is not dead as reported in last week's STAR, but is very low.

Mrs. Charity Simmons, one of the most faithful members of Clinton Chapel, died last Sunday evening, and her funeral occurred Monday at 3 o'clock.

The ladies of Clinton Chapel gave an Inaugural at the Queen City Hall last Thursday night and realized the neat sum of \$22.50.

Bishop Harris of Salisbury, Dr. Scott of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, Rev. H. T. Keating, Editor of the A. M. E. Quarterly Review passed through the city last week.

One of our composers, the same one who walked up from Pineville, N.C., some time since, writes one of his fellow craftsmen from Greenwood, S. C. We know why he went, but how he went and how he'll return remains to be seen. He left the office "sick."

Mr. John Eaddy and daughter, Mrs. Sephine Pharr, were called to the city recently by telegram. Mrs. Eaddy was exceedingly ill but has grown some better. Mrs. Pharr came directly from her mother's-in-law who was then thought to be at the point of death, but who has since also gotten better.

Last Sabbath was communion day at Rev. Moss' church, and at 3 p. m. Dr. G. L. Blackwell preached a very able and soul-stirring sermon from the words "I have many things to say unto you, but you cannot bear them now." It was a royal treat to every true believer. Come again, Doctor.

The Sunday-school Temperance Union mass meeting will be held in Friendship Baptist church, on Sunday, March 21st, at 4:30 p. m. All superintendents, teachers and scholars are expected to attend this meeting. Ministers in the State are earnestly requested to preach a temperance sermon on that day and pray for the suppression of intemperance.

Mrs. R. C. BEARDEN, W. C. T. U. State Supt. S. S. Work.

Livingstone College Notes. Editor Dancy went to the inauguration.

Prof. G. L. Blackwell was seen in our midst two weeks ago.

Rev. Ardis preached in the chapel two Sundays ago.

The STAR is hailed with delight by all each week. It is the general verdict that it is growing in interest.

The Livingstone expects to make its appearance soon. The Exchange Editor is wondering why his STAR does not come.

Miss Cosby Davis, of Normal Class '96, who has been teaching at Concord, N. C., is with us again. She says she is an experienced teacher now.

Dr. Goler made a trip to Greensboro two weeks ago. Business, as usual, of which he seems to have no small amount on hand.

Mr. Robt. Warner, brother to Miss A. B. Warner, passed thro' from Knoxville, Tenn., and visited us. He expresses himself much impressed by all he saw while at the Institution.

Miss Gracie Gilliam spent Monday, Feb. 22nd, in Concord. She reports a pleasant visit.

Prof. B. A. Johnson was present at the Cotton Mill Meeting in Concord and expresses himself as being well pleased with the outlook for it. He predicts a success, having, as it does, men of means and business capacity as the foundation of it. He further says that such enterprises as require a great outlay of capital should have men to support them who can safely carry them forward during any financial stringency. There is no doubt of the success of the Cotton Mill.

The Garrison Literary Society met Friday evening, Feb. 20th, and rendered an interesting program as it usually does. On the board of what proved to be an examination, the representation of a flag on which was the society's motto: "We build the ladder by which we climb." It is not ours to climb, but we must remark about the prejudice that exists in the society. Prejudice is a very dangerous thing and will shake the foundation of a nation, such so will it a literary society needs petty jealousies that detract from the influence of the Society. Let there be no cause for criticism in the future.

The Hood Literary Society met on evening, Feb. 26th. The program, with scarcely any exception, was well carried out and could not be otherwise than instructive to members and visitors. The orations and compositions were good. Though not very lengthy, the debate was fairly good, and sufficed, at least, to arouse a train of thought in the minds of the thinking disposed. The subject, "Should the President's Cabinet be non-Partisan" is a live issue and one which should have no small amount of consideration.

Monday, February 22nd, was observed as the anniversary of Washington's birth-day. The program rendered by the Y. W. C. T. U., was very interesting

and excellently carried out. The young ladies seem to feel the dignity of their position in the ranks of the foes of rum. They contended for a silver medal as follows: Miss Ollie Edwards, Mattie Soften, Lillian Weeks, Maud Clinton, Cora Dunham, Helen Thompson and Fannie B. Cassell. The young ladies spoke with much fervor and earnestness and would hardly fail to convince one that rum is the vane of the country. The medal was awarded to Miss Cassell. Prof. E. Moore, one of the judges, presented the medal and one could see that he took great pleasure in doing so, being a sincere temperance advocate himself. Miss Mary A. Lynch as president, is infusing in the members the zeal and love she has for the work.

The Phyllis Wheatley Literary Society met at the residence of Mrs. Bishop Harris, and carried out a very unique program which consisted of a social in which persons represented different characters, having the name of the character represented on his or her back. Each one knew his neighbor, but not himself. It was something very new and entertaining as well. An evening well spent with Poe and Dumas in which, no doubt, their memory will be done ample justice. Another will be spent the following week discussing "Our Country and its Various Phases," such as, "Rise and Fall of Political Parties; Its Early History; Its Development in Science, Art and Literature, and its Perils." The meeting promises to be very instructive and entertaining, as it bears somewhat in nature upon the condition of the inauguration, which will be about that time. Miss Allen, a lady drummer of Wilmington who is visiting Mrs. Dancy, was present at the last meeting and thus added much to its brilliance.

Some Pointed Suggestions.

BY EDITOR J. C. DANCY.

To the Editor of the STAR: I write simply to say to Bishop Small that it was no intention of mine, in referring to the bishops, in my reply to numerous questions propounded in the STAR, to excite any feeling or controversy. If Bishop Small will read my article carefully he will observe that the matter was only mentioned incidentally in connection with a great many other reasons which I assigned for the failure of one of the Church enterprises. I rather fear that there is too much sensitiveness exhibited by some of our men elevated to place and power. I have received some pretty good, hard blows in my brief career—and have delivered some—but I never wince, or beg for quarter or evade an issue. Until one is raised I never seek to enter a controversy concerning it. We, none of us need to be too "thin skinned" and beg every question. Let us all have the spirit of the Master in our dealings with one another, and illustrate in our lives and conduct a broad charity that will at least enable us to feel our brother's care.

Let the law be liberally construed, but let us all try to abide by the law. I say this as an humble layman. How do you know that I am not under the law for daring at all times to do what I have honestly believed would best serve the well-being, honor, security and autonomy of the Church. And yet I have never attacked an individual Church leader, except as the individual ran counter to a well-defined and recognized Church principle which over-tops and minimizes all individuals. My method of attack, however, was never through the public prints, but in the private councils of the head of the Church, where I think objections should always be lodged touching any point of Church polity. I do not hesitate to say now that the eagerness with which some of our leaders, including some of the very heads of the Church rush into print to air their views, which are frequently hastily prepared and not wholly sustained by either law, equity or fact, does for more harm than if the controversy were not entered into at all. And then when our feelings get the better of our judgment, all that we write is more or less harmful. I would really advise, whether heeded or not, that further controversy concerning issues already raised be relegated to the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Bishops, where said issue can be more fairly joined, and there will be a greater possibility of its fair and equitable adjustment. And for the sake of the whole Church and race, Editor Smith, please furnish no further proof of Frederick Douglass not being a Zion Methodist. He said so and no living soul has the right to dispute him. At our Centennial meeting at Washington he boldly declared it.

Stokes-Davenport.

BY REV. W. H. DAVENPORT.

Editor STAR: It is a fact in history that the A. M. E. Zion Church held its preliminary Centennial celebration in the Ocean Grove Auditorium. The impression was deep and lasting as the newspaper clippings which I sent to you (but which met the fate of the damned) testified. I am aware that at the close of those exercises one of our distinguished prelates expressed a wish to the president of the Camp-meeting Association that Zion day be continued. He received no definite or satisfactory answer, and there the matter rested. I know somewhat of the beneficent ends which this day could be made to serve judiciously managed, especially as I contemplate the probably justifiable unearthly howls emanating from our Educational Department in particular, and other departments in general, and I therefore addressed the following communication to Dr. E. H. Stokes who is in Florida: "Dear Brother—You will remember that at the close of the preliminary Centennial celebration of the A. M. E. Zion church held in the auditorium last year, you could not see your way clear to give us a definite answer respecting a permanent 'day' on the camp-meeting program. The entire church is grateful to you for giving it an opportunity last year to demonstrate what it was doing and to show what it might be able to do; and not knowing whether in hearing our request you have granted our petition, I was moved to write you. A half million people are interested in the day, and once assured that it is granted, in the joy of this delight they will bless your labors. We wish to make it an Educational and Missionary day."

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TALKS, On Varick Endeavor, BY THE PRESIDENT.

Good Singing, Let All The People Sing. No Varick Christian Endeavor Society need ever expect to make very much progress without the necessary supplies, such as topic cards, pledge cards, hymn books, in fact every thing which belongs to the Society. Singing constitutes an important part of any religious services. Let the people sing and sing with the spirit and the understanding. Sometimes a sermon is in the hymn. A good plan would be to vary the meetings somewhat by diverting from the topic under consideration and speak on the sentiment of the hymn. It may be just the thing to reach some one's heart. To some the hymn may be more appropriate than the subject. "Let all the people sing."

We have organized the Varick Christian Endeavor with 35 members enrolled. We expect to have over 100 soon. Rev. T. J. R. Moore. Maryville, Tenn.

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TOPIC FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 7.

"Opportunities to Do Good." John iv. 5-16. 1 Cor. ix. 19-22.

- Mar. 1. Bebekah's opportunity. Gen. xxiv. 15-23. Mar. 2. Rahab's opportunity. Josh 1-2. Mar. 3. David's opportunity. 2 Sam. i. 1-18. Mar. 4. David's friends. 2 Sam. xvii. 22-29. Mar. 5. Boaz and Ruth. Ruth 1-17. Mar. 6. The barbarians. Acts xxvii. 1-10.

LESSON THOUGHTS.

Opportunities for doing good come frequently even in the humblest life; and it is not the greatness of the deed so much as the loving spirit prompting it that gains the reward. Even a cup of cold water in Jesus' name shall not be unrewarded. Let us not wait for opportunities to come to us; we can make them if we will. Paul became all things to all men, that he might by all means save some.

SELECTIONS.

I may not do much with all my care, But I surely may bless a few: The loving Jesus will do for me Some work of love to do. I may speak his name in the sorrowful As I journey by their side; To the sinful and despairing ones I may preach of the crucified.

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The new Discipline containing all the new and revised laws of the last General Conference held in Mobile, Alabama, is ready. The flexible imitation morocco jacket is a beauty and sells for 60 cents—50 cents to ministers. The plainer board style, 50 cents—45 cents to ministers. Every minister, local preacher, exhorter, trustee, class leader in fact all the officers and members, should procure a copy at once so as to know our laws. Pastors, persuade your members and officers to buy these books. I must raise \$500 in the next 30 days to pay the publisher; therefore do not ask for credit. Help me out. Send cash by post office money order to Bishop A. Walters, A. M. E. Zion Book House, 353 Bleeker Street, New York City. P. S.—A new edition of Hymnals, \$1.00; by mail \$1.25; 50 cents by mail. J. W. Hood, Pres. Board of Trustees.

Have you sent to your ministers in your several conferences notices of subjects for the Centennial day in your conferences. I am afraid all of my colleagues are not notifying their men to get ready for their conference Centennial. Please do so, and send them the subjects before your conferences meet in order to have creditable exercise.

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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, triumphant 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 Department. 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.

\$1,000 Dollars Needed \$1,000

By some hook or crook on July 1, 1896 we found the department \$85,000 in debt for printing and borrowed money. This amount the Superintendent has not been able to cancel, and because of that inability 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.

In order to get the Department fully on its feet let every active, progressive and aggressive school and church in the Connection from Dan to Beersheba call up a handsome collection on Easter.

Which one will win?

Prizes! Just what you want and need, and what you must have. FIRST The school sending in the highest amount of all over ten dollars will receive prizes as follows: To Pastor, Set of Matthew Henry's Commentaries \$10.00 To Superintendent, a Fine Reference Bible 4.00 To School, a Library of 50 books 5.00 SECOND The School averaging highest according to membership (total membership to be given): To Pastor, Set of Jamieson, Faucet and Brown's Commentaries \$8.00 To Superintendent, one year's subscription to Sunday School Times and Sunday School Gleaner 1.50 To School, a Sunday-school Banner 6.00 THIRD The school averaging next highest (total membership to be given): To Pastor, History A. M. E. Zion Church, by Bishop J. W. Hood 5.00 To Superintendent, one year's subscription to Varick Endeavor, Zion Trumpet, and Missionary Herald or equivalent 1.50 To School a fine Gong 3.00

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