

A Cuban Martyr's End.

Richard Harding Davis describes the execution of Adolfo Rodriguez...

The moon was full, not a cloud in the sky when Rodriguez rose as a martyr to die...

The mist of the morning spread far o'er the plain...

They start on the way with drum and with fife...

The old homestead he saw as he looked through the gray...

Like a statue he stood, and could not be swayed...

For he looked in hope to a far brighter when the lone-star banner would float o'er the sea...

They start on the way with drum and with fife...

To the places where the hero must yield like an obedient servant he quickens his pace...

The journey is reached, he heaves not a sigh, resigned to his fate, he fears not to die...

He hears the command, "Get ready to die," with his back to the foe, end eyes on the sky...

As a soldier he waits for the second command, as when fighting for freedom on Cuba's He yields without fear to a tyrant's best...

Trusting in God that his soul would find He bows in submission like the martyrs of old...

As the reward of the faithful is more precious than gold...

The balls from the rifles fall thick all around, and Adolfo Rodriguez falls dead to the His blood from the earth still cries unto God...

His body though lifeless in the valley may lie, His name will still live, it never can die...

But the name of Rodriguez never can die.

Local Items.

Mrs. J. A. Tyler is quite sick at her home in the suburbs of the city.

Miss Rosa Nickson, of New York City, is in the city the guest of Mrs. Bishop G. W. Clinton.

Presiding Elder M. V. Marable was in the city last week looking as fine as ever. His district is prospering.

Miss Isadora Tyler was summoned home Sunday from New York City to attend the bedside of her mother.

Rev. H. B. Moss, of Little Rock church, raised \$113.00 in his rally on the church Sabbath week. His people are carried away with him.

Our Business Manager, Dr. Blackwell, while using the paper-cutter last Friday evening, mashed his finger quite severely, making a very ugly wound.

There was quarterly meeting last Sabbath at Grace church, Rev. R. B. Bruce, pastor. Rev. H. L. Simmons, P. E., preached at 11 a. m. and Editor Smith at 8 p. m.

Rev. E. P. Mayo, of Hickory, N. C., delivered a fine address to the Samaritans on the celebration of their 50th anniversary in Clinton Chapel the 9th inst. They cleared \$40 from their entertainment held that night in Varick Hall.

The Board of Bishops, General Officers and members of the several Boards will meet here next Wednesday to consider the general work of the Church. Sessions will be held in Clinton Chapel. The city will be full of Zion divines.

General Boards.

The following boards will meet with the Board of Bishops in Charlotte, N. C., the fifth Wednesday in this month.

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Manager's Column.

Are You Up to Date?

THE SITUATION REVIEWED--SOME CLERGYPEN PUT UPON THEIR DIGNITY.

S. S. LITERATURE READY.

We have already begun to send out the Sunday-school literature for the second quarter. It is fully up to date, and we believe on examination, those of our schools that are slow to patronize the Department, will be convinced that our leaves are up to date.

Last quarter, such large and thriving schools as these fell in line and sent in large orders: State Street, Big Zion and Hope Chapel at Mobile, Ala.; St. Peter's at Newbern, N. C.; St. Luke's at Wilmington, N. C.; Evans' Metropolitan, at Fayetteville, N. C. This quarter already Superintendent E. V. C. Eato, of Mother Zion church, has put in his order. Old Mother Zion has been a long time making up her mind to do as a thousand of her daughters have been doing for some time. Now since she is convinced that our literature is up to date let every church in the Connection send in its cash order at once. It is rather strange that the four strong churches in the city of Washington do not yet see the point, especially since they are pastored by such up-to-date men as Rev. P. J. McEntosh, D. D., Rev. J. B. Colbert, A. M., Rev. G. S. Adams, D. D., and Rev. J. H. McMullen. Each one of these pastors is on a progressive order, but they still fail to take the aggressive step and send in their order for literature. We shall pause to hear from them. Surely they cannot withstand much longer. And, too, why is it that Dr. Offley and his excellent congregation of Brooklyn, Rev. L. H. Taylor and his thriving church of Hartford, Rev. F. H. Hill and his justly proud people of Providence, Rev. W. B. Fenderson and his most comfortably situated people of Allegheny, Rev. Puryear and his Metropolitan-church of St. Louis, Rev. E. D. W. Jones and that superb Tabernacle congregation at Louisville, do not fall in line. These schools mentioned, purchase on an average \$10 worth of literature each quarter. Just see how they would help us to put the Department on a sure and money-making basis if they would on y help us by patronizing us.

Now, gentlemen, let us have a private conversation with you about the matter. Do you remember what hearty support you gave us for the superintendency of the Sunday School Department? Have you followed our course of procedure? Do you like it? If so, then remember that you hold some of the very best churches in the Connection, and if we fail to get your support, how can you expect others to support us? Now, gentlemen, let us get down to the facts in the case. How would you feel if we would help to put you in office and then when we needed V. C. E. literature, or Sunday-school supplies or religious papers, we send to some white firm for such literature when at the same time we could get it at our own Publishing House for the cash? Now, gentlemen, be fair, what would you think of us? Well, you may answer.

PLEASE DON'T SEND STAMPS. We have on hand over a thousand stamps, some we can use and others we cannot. Please do not send us any more stamps. If you do, don't send any more than 10 cents worth. We shall be compelled to return them to you if you persist in sending them.

PERSONS NOT RECEIVING THEIR PAPER. The following names occur on our books but we cannot find their addresses. Will some one who knows their addresses please inform us: Miss E. L. Brock, Louisiana; C. L. Currie, North Carolina; J. E. Thomas, Mississippi; M. C. McLendon, ---; S. A. Davis, Tennessee; H. G. Hanes, Tennessee; Jordan Johnson, Alabama; N. E. George, Alabama; M. Monzingo, North Carolina; J. A. Jones, ---; James Grady, ---; Hector Smith, North Carolina; Barbara Heck, Virginia. All of the above named persons have paid something on their subscription, but they have changed places and their whereabouts we do not know. There still may be others who are not receiving their paper. If any of the present subscribers know of any such, please inform us.

WHILE THEY LAST. We have more than one hundred copies of the STAR Supplement left, and we have decided to give one to every new yearly subscriber from this date on, as long as they last. The cash (\$1) must be sent in advance in each and every case.

Yours truly, G. W. Blackwell.

The Joking Editor Held up to Public gaze. The Smallest search-light turned upon him. The first time he has been on canvas. By Rev. E. D. W. Jones A. B.

Mr. Editor Your personal attack of last week is before me. I thank you for giving my record in the ministry nearly a three column editorial of abuse, and congratulate you upon your judgement in asserting that you did not then intend to answer my article on the financial plan. While your explanation on that fact was indeed superfluous, since we all know that the highest compliment that can be paid to you is, that you are a joking religious Editor, great in dealing in personal vindictives, yet I think you need some praise, for saving your Church from ridicule for making you its Editor, to admit, that you will not argue, so that the public may expect what next follows.

I am sorry that your article will not permit me to answer, as is my way, in an intelligent presentation of facts, but when you either from malicious intent or in keeping with your peculiar style, indulge in personalities, I am confident that the reading public will not class us, if I inflict a slight castigation, which is simply a taste of one more severe.

The only attempt at answering my article is where you assert that "Each Bishop shall report salaries and travelling expenses the first of each January and we had no right to wait until they met to see if they would turn over a surplus." Does the recital of the law answer my question as to who is to blame for this surplus? Does the same law provide that they shall then turn over their surplus? Is he seeking to shield the parties who supply him with information, which should be given to the general Church, about the payment of our Bishops? Should our financial plan be changed because an old time cry from the STAR is rending the air? If the Bishops were honest enough to report a surplus, should not the Editor be respectful enough to wait on their quarterly reports which the law provides, dating from the last General Conference, or even on their meetings when the Steward and Secretary are with them to adjust accounts and see if the surplus is seventy-eight dollars or five cents, as is the case of Bishop Small? Is the financial plan to be changed simply because you untruly assert that you will resign a position for which you worked, wrote, promised and banked after for years? No! it will not be changed, read again Bishop Hood's article, get your resignation ready, so as to allow the Bishops to fill a long felt want, with Fonvielle or Adams, at their next meeting. I didn't write in defense of the Bishops alone as such, but in defense of my great Church of which they are heads, and while the Church did not perhaps need my feeble plea, yet I saw in common with others, that in your wreckless endeavor to uncover things, you were injuring every institution of the Church, laying our Bishops liable to every sort of accusation; even effecting your own paper by using its columns to get square with men who were your opponents.

I said in the above that your writings were injuring every institution of the Church. I repeat it for emphasis and as an illustration refer you to the erroneous statements made concerning Livingstone College. The immediate friends of the College did not perhaps see it, but that deep-dyed opposition ranking in your breast against the College, because you did not receive your degree as soon as you thought and because, as you said, the College was against you at Pittsburgh, led you to spread before the public gaze a falsely painted picture of an abolished Chair of Theology. Livingstone College has been hurt by your long set plans to hurt her. She has a Theological Chair. Dr. Goler by virtue of his office as president is Dean of that Chair until one is elected. She has always had her department of Divinity, graduates from that department long before a special name was given to the Chair, in illustrious Stitt and triumphantly moving Caldwell; others could have taken the course for the asking, and can now, as no doubt, some are. I say this in defense of my Alma Mater of whom Fonvielle sang "Long may she live" and these facts have the support of the Alumni from personal information and every respecter of truth.

He doesn't remember that the legality of delegates to the General Conference was settled when after a consultation with my talented friend Rev. A. A. Crooke A. B. he offered a resolution "That the roll as now arranged be constituted the legal representatives of the people to this General Conference." It was carried,

and the same body that had at some previous time made its law that ministers should travel four years before they were eligible, made this provision to suit the demand of the hour. This resolution made it possible for some to vote for your Editor--since there was no other candidate.

The reference you made to the part I played on the Districting Committee at our last General Conference is too flattering and gives too much personal gratification, for me to reply. I went to sleep and awoke on Friday morning to find myself, in the estimation of the STAR, a leader of leading men. Jones who had not been travelling for four years and was not a legal delegate, which is untrue, "little Eddie who loves the Bishops now" rode rough shod over the other thirty or forty members of that Committee, composed of the best brain of Zion Connection, succeeded in making good places for his friends" therefore in defending his friends now he doesn't "flip-flap" and need not fear what has "dropped," Mr Put-on-Smarty Eddie who has just been born, had Bishop Lomax placed on a Missionary District who was then my Bishop and had been ever since I had been in the field save a few months I was under Bishop Moore; little Eddie who received his information partially from Smith's life of Bishop Jones that he was the senior Bishop at the time of his death and was spurred on in asking Bishop Hood for a full explanation by the love he had for the memory of his father; Eddie who offered a resolution that the widows and orphans receive the back salaries of ministers who had worn themselves out in the Church from a sinking fund provided, which caught the applause of the body and the private approval of Editor Smith but now ridicules it; "Young America Eddie" who left Knoxville shortly after the General Conference and therefore didn't collect his funds because he wasn't there at the time when the people are accustomed to pay--after doing all this--the joking religious Editor has declared that he was the central figure of the General Conference. You distorted my article. Some one told you that I had hid myself behind rhetoric in not calling names, and you galling under an exposition of your rashness in attacking the character of the Church as represented by its heads, feverish in your endeavor to dig up my record from a lack of intelligence to answer my article, sneaked to your desk, prowled around with the black Diety of night, dipped your pen in ink green from the slime oozing from your tricky hand, imitated the handwriting, and in your stealth supplied the names of "Dancy and Smith." Is this true of our joking religious Editor?

I thank you for the honor conferred upon me and consider it a compliment, that even you could see that my writing was something like that of my illustrious father. I spurn you, I crush you with my silence, for dealing in such derisive levity in reference to my sainted father. I dare not answer your trite handling of the parental name, less I disturb the sanctity and sacredness of the shades of the departed. I do not intend to say anything about the seniority of my father as dwelt on in "A hundred years of Zion Met odism, suffice it to say that Bishop Hood wrote a great history, and his work should be complimented in answering the arguments of Henderson's giant intellect, for I saw nothing else from the STAR but the force and material used in setting up what Bishop Hood had written. It is not said that the ministers were not wrong in holding General Fund Collections, I allow you also to use part of my argument which you had never thought of, but so anxious are you to blame the Bishops, so impossible is it for you to dig out of the hole into which you have fallen, until you spurn, you wriggle, you roll in the throes of desperation and shout "it is unfair for Bishops to receive this money which ought to go into the general treasury." Do they get at these visits amounts over and above their travelling expenses? Does Editor Smith run around the country asking ticket agents what a Bishop pays for his transportation? Isn't it equally as unfair for him to go about accepting subscriptions to the STAR when Manager Blackwell and Editor Dancy should be allowed a share? It depends upon whose ox is gored. Since you mention only the Bishops as receiving this money, honor bright, don't you blame them for taking their expenses on their salaries? After blaming the Bishops, you cry out "I said it was a hasty General Conference." You were only too glad that this same body be hasty in electing you, and now you are hasty in wanting another General Conference to lastly make you a

Bishop, but since you accepted the busy General Conference in one thing, won't you stop crying over the weeks days of action, nights of plots, weeks of filing of our financial plan? No it wasn't haste, my brother, but it was the idea that everybody else's plan was better than the one proposed.

I am not as much responsible for being born under favorable circumstances as Rev. Smith is for marrying into "quiet softness," if Rev. Smith had rode the country circuits as I have done in common with every preacher graduate from Livingstone, if he had been made when as young as I was to work for his living and schooling, he would appreciate the position that we have given him, and even if he didn't receive enough to pay his fare to the inauguration, he would be satisfied. So you drew my picture eh? Because your ignorance led you to think that I was drawing yours to show to the bishops which one of us liked them best. They know now how I stand, I am for the church, you are for Smith as you admit. I did think you were a man, now I know you are a school-boy, drawing pictures for the want of a better application of your mind, to show to the teachers. You say that "if God wants you to be a bishop you will be," then you admit that you are a candidate by telling us of your "lightening-rod." Judging from the hard rods you have to travel God didn't want you to be Editor of the STAR and as being Bishop you have reflected upon the office, lost your electricity and therefore cannot attract.

You ask me to prove that you are seeking favors," I answer, by your being a candidate for the Bishopric you are seeking votes and calling these favors "lightning," and you pray for it, (favor) to strike you. Again you ask, "when did I announce myself as a leader." When you announced yourself as candidate for the Bishopric in 1900. In speaking of friends who have mentioned him for the Bishopric I think that the best friend that he has in this particular is himself.

Louisville, Ky.

Criticism.

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.)

ulty who are representatives of some of the leading colleges of America. In conclusion, we are sorry that the gentleman--unknown--seeks prominence at the expense of the New York Conference and a gentleman (Dr. Biddle) all have long since known--whom to know is to love. The Reverend gentleman would truly do Dr. Biddle an injustice, if he did not know him, (Biddle) when he says (compromisingly) in his article that Dr. Biddle erred; but from his personal acquaintance with him--"I am sure... that it was (due) the state of his (the Doctor's) mind at that time," etc. Mr. Bryan was powerfully magnetic; but we are not yet ready to concede his oratory such wide-spread effect upon the State of New York. To the representative of the New York Conference we would say: We have no apology to make, because we believe we advanced ideas in our denominational organ, touching on live, denominational questions and, despite the crude language, we are glad that the public understand over eight-tenths of it--quite nine--(so says Rev. Strohers); and as long as we can inform quite ninth-tenths of our readers we will be satisfied, and we will read and understand the remaining one-tenth ourselves. When we criticize, beware less we criticize ourselves. There is no argument in slander; no information in ridicule. No Christianity in persecution.

Rock Hill, S. C.

I would like to find my brother Rev. H. D. Jones. He went to Tuskegee School in Alabama. On arriving there he wrote back that he was going to attend the conference of said district. That was in October. Since then we have heard nothing from him. I wrote to the college and was informed that he was in Statesville N. C. I wrote there, but my letters have returned. If any one knows of his whereabouts please write me immediately. Rev. H. L. Jones, 2435 Webster Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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EVERY SCHOOL AND CHURCH TO THE FRONT.

The day is fast approaching--the day of new birth, new hopes and new aspirations; it is Easter. This day in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, has been set apart as Sunday School Day. That is, a day on which every Sunday-school in the Connection is to lift a collection for the Sunday School Department.

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

By some hook or crook, on July 1, 1896, we found the Department \$350 in debt for printing, borrowed money and the like. This amount we have not been able to cancel, and because of that inability, the Department is greatly hampered. In order, therefore to cancel this indebtedness, and to get the Department in good working condition, so that it can produce as fine and as good literature as that issued by other churches, we need \$1,000 at the least. This amount can be raised if the schools and churches just put forth half effort.

You Shall Have Them--What?

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