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THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1897.

EDITORIAL.

SUNDAY is Children's Day.

This issue is Children's Day Number.

THE Editor will spend Children's Day with Dr. R. S. Rives in Newbern, N. C.

BISHOP J. B. SMALL is at this moment out on the mighty Atlantic Ocean sailing for Africa.

THE address of Rev. J. H. Hector is 12 Middletown Rd., off Camden Rd., London, N. England.

WE regret that we did not have the cut of Prof. J. A. Cunningham to run this week with the five presidents.

PROFESSOR W. F. FONVILLE has another side-splitting article in this issue. You writers, that have been, as Dr. Alstork says, striking at everything, from a gnat to an elephant, don't fail to read it.

SECRETARY WHEELER on Monday ran short of Children's Day programs and is now refunding the money to those Sabbath-schools whose orders he could not fill. This shows that a greater interest has been awakened in Children's Day.

BECAUSE of certain circumstances which will be explained to the brethren at the proper time, Bishop Walters announces that the Michigan and Canada Conference will meet in Chatham, Canada, the third Wednesday in August, instead of the second. Please paste this clipping in your hat.

DURING the Commencement, Livingstone College honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity Revs. J. H. Anderson, M. R. Franklin, S. F. Dickson, J. M. Hill, T. A. Weathering and Evan Tyree. The last named gentleman was fraternal delegate from the A. M. E. General Conference to our General Conference in Mobile, Ala.

THE brilliant article on Livingstone College Commencement in the last issue of the STAR was written by Prof. B. A. Johnson. We publish another this week, written by Rev. E. D. W. Jones, which gives additional interesting facts. Too much cannot be said about our Livingstone. We shall next week begin on the preceding elder articles.

SOME of our ministers have been observing Children's Day the past two Sabbaths. Well, better that than not at all. But why not keep the law by all observing at once? Our Discipline, page 47, paragraph 71, division 3, says you are "not to mend our laws, but to keep them, not for wrath, but for conscience sake." You had better stick to the law. When it is necessary to mend it, the General Conference will do it.

WE hope that Editor H. T. Johnson, of the Christian Recorder, and Editor R. M. Cheeks, of the Southern Christian Recorder, who, by the advice and permission of the Publication Board of the A. M. E. Church, have called a little halt on their editorial pens and have gone, the former to the West, the latter to Philadelphia, for the recuperation of their health, may return soon to their sanctums feeling like new men. They are noble, broad-hearted divines and able knights of the quill.

THE New York World said 19 months ago, and still repeats it, that Spain is utterly powerless to crush the insurrection in Cuba; that the sun and rains, that the mountains and manigans, the food of Cuba and the Cubans, which have prevailed against

250,000 good soldiers hard driven by General Weyler, are bringing Spain to a realization of this fact. We agree with the World. Their cause is just and will ultimately triumph. When the fire of liberty is once kindled in the breast of a man or nation it cannot be extinguished. It was by you who wrote: "For Freedom's battle, oft begun, / Ereneath'd from bleeding sire to son, / Tho' baffled oft, is ever won."

OUR Missionary and Church Extension Secretary, Dr. A. J. Warner, walked into the Bethel district conference the other day in Pratt, Ala., and set them wild with a big flowery speech. They told him when he sat down that it was a mistake that he was not an A. M. E. Bethel. Warner does not think so, for he knows a god thing when he sees or is in it. We verily believe, though, if he was a general officer in Bethel that they would rally around him more encouragingly than we are doing, for they see that he is fully capable of doing a great work for God and the race. As a speaker, whether in the pulpit or on the platform, old Warner is a cyclope; as a church-builder and crowd-gatherer, he is hard to excel.

THE papers announce that Edison has invented an apparatus by which one can see the face of a friend at the distance of several miles. It will come in quite handy on the approaching Sabbath for the bishops, presiding elders and college presidents to use in scanning the sheepish countenances and in studying the intellectual(?) expressions of those law-breaking pastors who will not raise Children's Day money. The handwriting is on the wall for every pastor, regardless of his ability, who does not love the general Church and her institutions, and who will not do his whole duty by lifting the collection ordered by the General Conference. When all of our bishops commence to give the best places to the ministers who do the best work, we shall see great and rapid improvements along all lines in Zion.

THE Commercial Board in New York City petitioned President McKinley not to appoint a Negro Minister Resident and Consul General to Hayti. The President, rising above prejudice and recognizing merit, nominated Mr. William F. Powell. Last week a number of business men from Philadelphia and other cities went before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations with blood in their eyes, prejudice in their hearts and a lie on their lips and protested against the appointment on the grounds that his color would prevent them from promoting the business interests of this country. The Senate having too much sense to go into a hypocritical spasm of horror promptly confirmed the nomination, and now that Negro will get \$5,000 a year to look after Uncle Sam's interests in that country. It was not color but salary that caused these cheap white men to fight him.

REV. DANIEL MCKOY, one of the best gospel preachers of the race, and one whom Dr. Goler said last week is as thoroughly conversant with the laws of Zion as any man we have, has broken down in health, and in his old age will have to give up his church at Winston, N. C., and retire from the ministry, penniless. Rev. G. C. Clement will supply the church until conference. That church until conference should do all it can financially for its disabled pastor, and the Western North Carolina Conference should now and hereafter see to it that Elder McKoy does not suffer for the necessary comforts of life. Brethren we must positively wake up to the necessity of raising more money for the sustenance of our superannuated ministers and the widows and children of deceased ministers. Remember, you are getting old and you may want Zion to look after you and your family.

A Popular Church And Race Leader.

That tall sycamore, Bishop Alexander Walters, young, active, aggressive, combative, eloquent, full of business, constantly moving through his district like a general through his army, is not only one of the popular leaders of Zion, but one of the strongest of the race. Acting upon his suggestion, the best citizens of Brooklyn and New York last week crowded St. Mark's church and tendered in a substantial way a grand testimonial reception to Mrs. Victoria Earle Matthews in honor of her election as one of the speakers of the Y. P. S. C. E. National Convention which is to meet next month in California.

The audience was enthusiastic and inspiring, the musical program the richest that two cities have ever afforded, and the speeches by Bishop

Walters and Booker T. Washington who were given ovations were great and charming. Letters from scores of our big men and women in all parts of the country were read. Mrs. Matthews, who is one of our most learned women, a fine writer, and pleasing speaker, and who has spent fifteen years untiringly in the cause of uplifting and bettering the condition of our Afro-American women, is indeed worthy of this homage. We are proud of the affair which was started by a Zionite, for it shows not only the extent of his influential leadership generally, but his power for good in "Greater New York." He and Bishop Arnett are the first and only two colored trustees of the National Christian Endeavor Society.

Children's Day.

This coming Sunday will, according to the law of General Conference, be Children's Day in our denomination. Not one service, but morning, afternoon and evening services—THE ENTIRE DAY—"from busy morn to dewy eve," constitute Children's Day. Any pastor failing to observe every church and Sabbath-school service of this day for this purpose is knowingly a gross violator of the law.

The General Conference in 1884 in New York instituted this day and ordered Zion to step into line with the other denominations and observe it annually. Such a day goes far towards raising the Church and Sunday-school high in the estimation of the children and young people who are to be its future leaders and workers; and those pastors and superintendents who fail to observe this day are not in sympathy with this idea.

The bishops should not keep in our pulpits another year those cold and indifferent preachers who care nothing for our laws and do not love children and the young people; and the progressive pastors should not reelect to office those superintendents who are of the same make-up. If we win the children to Christ, we shall win the parents of the generation to come. Pastors and superintendents that get interested in people's children, that get the children to loving them, will get the people interested in them, and lasting good will be accomplished for "Christ and His Church." Brother, let us take a deeper interest in the young ones, and plan to get them in the Sabbath-school and the church services, and make these two places delightful and beneficial to them.

The object of this day must not be lost sight of. It must be a day of instruction, inspiration, and of Christian nurture of children, as well as the development of the liberal spirit to secure more abundant gifts for the educational cause. Zion has seven-teen schools; six of them, which are now financially embarrassed, receive aid from Children's Day money. If we are to measure up to the demands and opportunities of our denominational existence, and fulfil the expectations of that large number of educated and progressive people in Zion who confidently look for us to take a prominent position along educational lines, we must feel it to be our imperative duty to provide for the support of these schools which, like so many beacon lights, are shedding strong and beautiful educational rays upon the minds of our black boys and girls so that they can see the foot-prints of God all around them.

If we wish our children to enjoy the privileges that the white man enjoys, we must educate them. Remember that the African or Negro race in its palmy days centuries ago was the most enlightened, intellectual and prosperous nation on the face of the earth. Moses, you know, who was brought up among colored people and who married an African Negro, the Bible says, was skilled in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, who were mulatto people. Who taught the Egyptians? Why, black Ethiopians. If we educate, accumulate property and serve God, our future, with the progress we are now making, will be just as brilliant with grandeur as the ages gone by. The A. M. E. Zion Church must help strongly in this educational work. Let every pastor who loves Zion and his race roll up the largest Children's Day collection of his life, both in the Sabbath-school and church, for our struggling schools. The eyes of the world are on you.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith, a highly respected family of Goldsboro, N. C., celebrated in royal style their china wedding Tuesday evening, April 18, '97. The guests were received gracefully by Misses Julia A. Amee and Lucy Ellen Smith. Music, toasts, supper, ice cream and cake made the occasion an enjoyable one. The very best people of the city were there and the presents numerous and costly. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Smith long life and great joy.

Shooting Stars.

The New York Presbyterian Herald published recently a cut and sketch of the jovial editor and pastor, Rev. J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelphia.

Rev. James Stokes, of Harrisburg, Pa., says that his church at Newville which was destroyed by fire September 20th has been rebuilt and was dedicated May 2nd by Presiding Elder R. A. Fisher.

Mr. W. E. Holly, of Greensboro, N. C., is one of the leading colored merchants of the South. He owns a hotel, 27 houses and successfully runs four stores in four towns in North Carolina. He is easily worth \$30,000.

Rev. W. A. H. Cypress who has pastored successfully for two years the church at Carnegie, Pa., has been appointed by Bishop Pettey to the John Wesley church in Washington, D. C.

Last Words Before The Battle.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, 29 WHEAT STREET ITHACA, N. Y., JUNE 19th '97.

Pastor, Superintendents, Members and Friends of our Beloved Zion: Children's Day is now upon us. Let us make this day a grand success. Circumstances over which we had no control prevented us from getting the programmes to you sooner. This will never, it is hoped, happen again. But you have them now, and I think you will admit that they are worthy of our great Church. My aim has been in getting up these programmes, to

put our schools before the public and our rising generation in such a way that all may see just what we are doing, and what is possible for us to do. Look at the different presidents of some of our schools. Speak of them on Children's Day. Speak of the original music. Speak of the great and noble army of instructors in these schools. Let us pray that God may abundantly bless us in this effort.

Send on Monday the money collected during the entire day to the treasurer of the school in whose Educational district you are, after deducting 3 cents a copy for each programme and 1 cent for each card, which you will send to the Secretary of Education. Every penny will be reported in the STAR.

Yours for the sacred cause of Education. B. F. WHEELER.

and has made a favorable impression.

Rev. G. W. Kincaid, called the "Black Boecher" of Pittsburg, will entertain the Allegheny and Ohio conferences which meet in joint session in his church July 7-12. He draws a large congregation and is rapidly liquidating the church debt.

Sunday, May 2, Rev. W. F. Jones and Presiding Elder J. F. Paige, Revs. H. W. Smith, D. J. Donohoo, F. W. Puryear and others dedicated Jones' chapel on Lexington Avenue in St. Louis, Mo. It was a great day for Zion which is very strong in that city.

The California Conference will meet in special session July 7th at 10.30 a. m. in Stockton-st. A. M. E. Zion church. San Francisco Cal. Centennial exercises Sunday July 11th: All pastors are requested to bring a collection toward publishing minutes. G. W. Clinton Bishop.

Mr. Grady says: Rev. S. D. Watkins of Rutherfordton and Rev. Wm. Johnson of Lincoln, N. C., united their forces in a rally recently. Elder Watkins raising \$35 and Elder Johnson \$40.66. Rutherfordton bids fair to become a station before or by the meeting of conference.

Rev. J. F. Lee who has a lovely wife that is bound to be of great help to him in the ministry has in five months increased the membership in Greensboro, N. C., from 85 to 113 and raised over \$600. He has entered the basement of the church which is 40x60 and is preaching to a full house.

Teachers Joanna Elmore and Eliza Pollard of Montgomery, Alabama, write that Superintendent Dalis Belser who is also a local preacher has done a greater work than any of his predecessors for the Sabbath-school; that he is prompt to duty and up-to-date with the rules of the church. The pastor, T. H. Barrel, is doing well.

Rev. W. P. Hopkins who has served the West End A. M. E. Zion Church in Pittsburg, Pa., for nine months without salary will be tendered a benefit concert very soon by the members. Any ministry that can serve a church without salary is truly worthy of a concert. However small it may be, give us a salary.

Rev. R. M. Thompson, of Carthage, N. C. writes: February 28th I raised \$83 to finish Southern Pines church. Our Easter services at Carthage and Southern Pines were acknowledged to be the grandest ever seen on the part of the STAR of Zion is now one of the brightest beacon lights of the race and it is a pleasure to read it.

Mrs. Louisa Brown, of Mobile, Ala., writes: Our Easter was lovely, the pastor Rev. Alexander Morris, being with us. He preached a grand sermon at night to the auxiliary band, calling our attention to the presidential escape of Bishop G. W. Clinton from death in that recent train wreck in North Carolina. Rev. Morris is a good man and great worker.

Rev. Robt. Seymour, the strong preacher and hard working pastor of

Twelfth Street Zion church in Louisville, Ky., realized in a grand rally two weeks ago \$200.25. There are some of the clubs yet to report which may amount to 900 or 1,000 dollars. The conference will meet in his church in September and it is the hope of the pastor and membership to complete it by that time.

Rev. W. H. Snowden, the new git-up-and-git presiding elder of the Baltimore District, has organized a new society and Sabbath-school at Princess Anne, Md., to be known as Mount Hope A. M. E. Zion church. The people there say if he will buy the ground that they will build a church. Rev. E. S. Bailey is pastor. Rev. Snowden says if he had a few dollars he could plant Zion in many places in Maryland. He says he is determined to see that his District leads the Philadelphia district.

Seventeen Dollars in my Inside Pocket: J. A. Caldwell. Oration—Don't Steal Douglass from Us: Jno. C. Danoy.

Quartet—We Got There: Philadelphia and Baltimore Glee Club. Oration—Pioneer Church Work in North Carolina: W. J. Moore.

Piano Duett—Hear Those Children's Day Bells a Ringing: B. A. Johnson and F. H. Noble. Oration—Don't Touch our Financial Plan: E. D. W. Jones.

Solo—(Humorous) I'm Not in the Business for my Health: J. B. Colbert. Lecture—Adams, Some Men Make Mule-daddies of Themselves: S. A. Chambers.

Essay—Zion's Hero: J. H. McMullen. Duett—Liberia, We Love Thee: F. M. Jacobs and O. L. W. Smith.

Oration—Give the Heathen a Chance: A. J. Warner. Essay—Why I'm a Methodist: T. Thos. Fortune.

Oration—Education Linked with Business: W. H. Goler. Solo—I've Got it: J. M. Hill.

Essay—The Beauty of Statistics: J. H. Anderson. Select Reading—The Colored Oration: W. H. Marshall.

Solo—Down by the Sad Sea Waves: A. A. Crooke. Original Poem—Don't Battle with Zion's STAR: H. P. Thomas of Georgia.

Essay—Camp Meetings and their Effects: R. B. Bruce. Valedictory Oration—A Talk with the Greeks: Jno. A. D. Bloice.

The debate on Friday night was a huge affair; and everybody was in great good humor. The subject was, Which is the older Church Organization, Zion or Bethel? Or, as it was printed, Resolved that Zion is Older than Bethel. Affirmative, J. W. Smith; negative, J. M. Henderson.

ECHOES OF THE COMMENCEMENT. Perpetual Motion was the subject of a finely written thesis presented by J. H. Love. It showed ripe scholarship and deep research.

The alumni banquet was a very enjoyable affair and many friends shook hands around the festive board, and told of times that had been.

D. C. Covington responded to the toast: A Theological chair a necessity, and how to obtain it. The Book Concern: A concern which concerns us all, was happily responded to by Jas. Ed. Mason.

The Gown and Mitre, Landed at Last and several other subjects were feelingly responded to, and caused tears to flow as freely as water. Many handkerchiefs were seen to go the eyes by the aid of the hands.

O, it was a great, glorious, grand glowing, gleeful, gigantic commencement—I'm going to stop now. Edenton, N. C.

A Diversity. BY REV. A. MCLEES.

I am glad that the war between Zion and Bethel is over and that our "Lion of Zion" gained the victory over Bethel's great giant. Since its close it looks as if some of our Zion boys are so rampant for a fray that they have turned their guns upon each other. Let's cool our guns, boys; we be brethren. When you dry up the ocean, blow up the mountains, blot out the sun, moon and stars, then you may hope to meet with success in overturning the well-grounded polity of our Church.

We have nearly succeeded in paying off the \$67.50 debt on the new four-room house built by Rev. D. C. Covington. We have purchased a new church bell and a new organ, for Sills Creek where the district conference and Sunday-school convention will meet. Other needed improvements are going on; 34 accessions and 10 converts up to date, and still they come. I will, D. V., be at the Charlotte camp meeting with my galling gun.

Mr. Editor, you are giving us a grand, new paper. For this and for the masterly and victorious defense you made for our great Zion against the attacks made by Dr. J. M. Henderson of Bethel, we will compensate you when the time and place come. The boys will not forget it. Mooresville, N. C.

To all ministers in charge of A. M. E. Zion Pulpits in America: I hereby call your attention to the enactment of the last General Conference requiring you to make a grand rally on the 4th Sunday in June for educational purposes.

According to our law no money can be raised on that day in any Zion church for any other purpose; not even for trustee, pastor, presiding elder or bishop. Let us keep the law. Make a strenuous effort and thus save our struggling institutions from further embarrassment. C. C. Pettey, Chairman of the Board of Education.

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The fourth Sabbath in June is hereby instituted as a "Children's Day