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EDITORIAL.

Is our Conference Directory correct? YOUNG ladies, modesty is as becoming as beauty. OUR local reporter, not us, clubs the Statesville-Salisbury Times' Editor this week. Our reporter is game. WILL our presidents and principals let us know as soon as they read this when the colleges and schools will open so we can run the Educational Column in the next issue? We shall not make this request again this year, for brethren at the heads of affairs in Zion ought to be as alert as the STAR and know when to give publicity to their interests. THE Charlotte (N. C.) Evening News, during the past five or six weeks it has been having linotype composition, has improved wonderfully in general appearance, and its many subscribers have not failed to tell it so. The many words of encouragement which they have given it of late have been quite a source of inspiration to its general Editor. The motto of the News is, "To-day's news to-day," and with its increased facilities it is certainly prepared to live up to it.

PHYSICIAN W. D. CLINTON, of Pittsburg, Pa., son of Bishop I. C. Clinton, writes us that he has wound up on his face, a tomahawk in his hand, feathers in his hat and that he is coming for us next week for critiquing his pistol, rifle, Bible, lynching speech. Ha! ha! ha! The Doctor is trying to be an Indian. If he fails to slap a wig on his head to hide his short hair, he will give himself away. If he comes down South fooling with us with his paint, feathers, pistol, rifle and Bible, we will "lynch" him without calling on the mob to help us. In order to deal justly we want every pastor, big and little, from time to time, to write us on a postal card—not a letter, remember—what he is doing for God and Zion, so that we can run it under the head of "Shooting Stars." We do not desire to puff a certain set of men all the time, but encourage all. If any one of you are too modest or lazy to comply with this fair request then do not get angry and let your lower lip touch your shirt bosom and growl like an old squire bear that the Editor in looking over Zion to find something to write about cannot see you.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY P. A. HUBERT has an interesting letter in this issue concerning the securing of two thousand shares in two silver mines for Livingstone College. Dr. Hubert should be greatly encouraged; and these chin-music fellows who are not doing one-tenth as much for the College as Hubert should stop misrepresenting and criticising him. As long as President Goler keeps Dr. Hubert on the road in the interest of the College no loyal Zionite should shoot poison arrows at him. Zion would have been farther up the hill of progress to-day had not so many good and strong men been killed off in the past by envious, character-and-reputation-stabbing critics.

Newbern (N. C.) Fair. The colored citizens have a grand county Fair in progress in the above city and the attendance of all classes is good. M. P. Holly is president; W. W. Lawrence, Secretary; and R. G. Mosley, Treasurer. Prof. W. F. Fonville opened the fair at 12 m.; Bishop C. C. Patten delivered the opening address which was a fine effort; Prof. J. H. Butler, of the A. and M. College, spoke delightfully

Tuesday night; and Mr. Arthur Simmons, President McKinley's messenger, also made a fine speech. Mr. Lawrence has worked hard to make the Fair a success and has succeeded. Let's Send In The Money. Bishop J. W. Hood has done more for the spread and upbuilding of Zion than any man, dead or living; therefore, to show sincere appreciation of his ability and worth not only should every minister and member send him a silver dollar this month, but they should see to it that every Sabbath-school, Christian Endeavor Society and church club send him one or more dollars. We should not stop there. In view of the fact that there will be so many dead-heads in this case as in all other cases, who will not give anything, each pastor and superintendent throughout our great Zion should lift a collection in church and Sabbath-school and send him. Bishop Hood is a poor man. He has nothing but a comfortable home. He has spent all he has made for Zion and to take care of and educate his family. The world knows this; and it will consider us basely ungrateful, and all denominations will hold us in utter contempt for years to come, if we fail to rally financially around this our greatest leader and place him and his family beyond the reach of beggary and want. We hope there is not one minister nor superintendent in Zion opposed to the suggestions thrown out; and we hope that each one's silver dollar will be in the hands of Bishop Hood before the 22nd inst. so that their names will be called at the Anniversary. When the Anniversary book of speeches and the names of all who contributed are published the ministers and members who selfishly failed to give a dollar or more will feel very cheap and mean. If ever there was a time when you should make a sacrifice and show up well, it is now. You will never again have this opportunity to help our beloved Senior Bishop. His age and impaired health tell us that he cannot be with us much longer. When he is gone, Zion will miss him, and miss him badly. Without further delay let us send our money to Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D., LL. D., Lock Box 160, Fayetteville, N. C.

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Bishop Hood's Anniversary. BY REV. E. M. STANTON, P. E. To the readers of the STAR OF ZION: The time is drawing near when our great Church (five hundred thousand members strong), with more than a million friends who worship at our altars, will pay due honor to our worthy Senior Bishop, J. W. Hood, D. D., LL. D., at his 25th Anniversary, September, 1897. In respect to his faithful twenty-five years' service as Bishop of our Church, and to make the coming event great and impressive I hereby suggest: First, That all the pastors of our Churches preach a special sermon on the first or second Sunday in September, 1897, in honor of him. Second, That all the children of our Sunday-schools, etc., be caused to be present at such service. Third, That special prayers by all of our churches and Sunday-schools be offered to God on the 3rd Sunday in September for the future good

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Children's Day Money. FIRST DISTRICT. PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE CONF. S. C. Doby, Shippensburg, Pa., \$15 00 J. B. Colbert, Galbraith, Washington, D. C., 15 00 R. W. Roberts, Ross Point, Del., 11 50 Timothy Keene, Burville circuit, 2 50 NEW YORK CONFERENCE. M. H. Ross, Syracuse, 5 75 Miss Alice Levi, Westbury, 6 00 Jao. J. Kearney, West Meadows, 1 30 Brooklyn, 50 G. W. Olfey, Tarrytown, 12 00 W. H. Eley, Mt. Vernon, 2 00 C. H. Tenegyck, Lockeville, 2 00 NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE. S. F. Dickson, Boston, 100 00 VIRGINIA CONFERENCE. Jas. H. Wilson, Chowan circuit, 7 62 J. C. Hogans, Long Ridge circuit, 4 03 C. C. Edney, Oberry Circuit, 4 00 WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONF. S. W. Speight, Moore's Chapel, Salisbury, 5 00 J. S. Smith, Cleveland, 9 12 CENTRAL NORTH CAROLINA CONF. H. C. Harrison, Flea Hill circuit, 10 00 T. M. Stitt, Northington circuit, 4 10 J. M. Mitchell, Maxton circuit, 10 00 C. W. Jones, St. John circuit, 4 68 R. Alonzo Scott, Fayetteville, 8 87 W. R. Hunter, Monroe, 1 95 NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE. H. C. Phillips, Newbern, 10 00 T. H. Lovick, Carver's Creek ct., 5 19 S. B. Gaskill, Morehead City ct., 6 00 A. A. Crooke, Beaufort, 10 00 H. H. Bingham, Elizabethtown, 11 73 O. L. W. Smith, Wilson, 7 64 A. R. McKoy, Lumberton circuit, 14 00 L. B. Williams, Greenville, 6 00 L. B. Blackledge, Swaboro circuit, 2 50 T. D. Harrison, Swansboro circuit, 2 00 T. F. Shepard, Grifton, 7 09 N. W. McMillan, Tuscarora, 1 00 Joseph R. Hayes, Merchant Mills, 2 00 J. F. Adams, Winoboro, 7 51 R. G. Smith, Polkville, 2 00 Total, \$348 56 Previously Reported, \$821 87 Two churches have reached the \$100 mark. Boston raises \$100 and Salisbury makes it \$100.50. These churches deserve special mention for the handsome amounts raised, and their pastors and superintendents have our grateful thanks. Let the whole Church applaud Boston and Salisbury. They have always done well. This is the highest ever raised by Salisbury, but Boston has sent the same amount before.

Rev. S. C. Doby, of Shippensburg, Pa., claims that he deserves special mention because of his raising \$15.00 from a small charge. A comparison of the reports shows that he ranks among those who have done well in the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference. Two churches only of that Conference out of fourteen have surpassed him—these being Harrisburg and York. Some of the brethren continue to send their names without reporting the conference to which they belong, and others send money not belonging to us. Two or three have sent us Easter money—one, money belonging to another school, while others send us stamps. Please inform us to what conference you belong. Yours for education, B. A. Johnson, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

FIFTH DISTRICT. Dr. J. W. Smith, Dear Sir and Bro.—I beg leave to submit to you the amount of money received up to date from Children's Day collections for publication. The receipts have fallen far below our expectations. Many of the prominent churches have not reported: M. Rankins, Central City, Ky., \$ 2 50 H. S. Hicks, Newkirk, Pa., 8 10 C. W. Simmons, New Castle, Pa., 5 31 M. F. Jones, St. Louis, Mo., 5 20 S. C. Moore, Ippringhill, Ky., 1 00 W. A. Walker, Russellville, Ky., 4 50 J. H. Johnson, Sebree, Ky., 1 25 James Irvin, Bloomfield, Ky., 3 65

Correction. Editor STAR: On noticing my annual report to the STAR, I find that I left out the Kentucky Conference of the Third Episcopal District. Said conference paid in September 1896, \$458.22, which makes a total for the Third Episcopal District, \$2,120.92. Answer to Rev. C. O. H. Thomas' questions: First, I said in my report (if one will put his glasses on and look) that the amount set forth in my report did not include what had been paid to Bishops by the different ministers and what had been expended by the stewards, etc. So the stewards (2) paid to me, \$201 00 Paid to the Bishop by ministers, 107 30 Expended by Rev. H. P. Shuford, (3) 2 00 Expended by Dr. J. H. Manley, 1 70 present steward, 1 70 Total, \$312 00 J. W. Alstork, General Steward, Montgomery, Ala.

The North Georgia Conference raised and sent to the General Steward, \$309 35. He only reports \$127 45, which, I think, is the amount that the Georgia Conference raised. The North Georgia Conference raised the amount that the Georgia Conference is credited with. W. D. Smith. Social Circle, Georgia.

Bishops' Meeting. 2713 MILLS ST., ST. LOUIS, MO., Aug. 16, 1897. Notice is hereby given that the next semi-annual meeting of the Board of Bishops will convene in Evans Metropolitan Church, Fayetteville, N. C., September 22nd, 12 m. At the same time and place a joint meeting of the different Connectional boards and the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Bishop Hood's Episcopal life will take place. All members of these boards are urgently requested to be present. Signed: Geo. W. Clinton, J. B. Small, Sec. Chairman of B'd.

All bishops, general officers, ministers and others who expect to attend Bishop Hood's Anniversary here in September, will please send me their names at once, so that suitable homes may be provided. The first to respond to this call will secure the best places. R. Alonzo Scott, Fayetteville, N. C. Miss Lulu Hamer is making an enviable reputation as an expert musician. Besides being a contralto vocalist of rare sweetness and strength, she is successfully rendering difficult selections, playing two instruments at once, the piano and zither. Her "Cavalleria Rusticana" thus performed has evoked many high compliments.—R. W. Thompson in Indianapolis Freeman.

Let's Send In The Money.

Bishop J. W. Hood has done more for the spread and upbuilding of Zion than any man, dead or living; therefore, to show sincere appreciation of his ability and worth not only should every minister and member send him a silver dollar this month, but they should see to it that every Sabbath-school, Christian Endeavor Society and church club send him one or more dollars. We should not stop there. In view of the fact that there will be so many dead-heads in this case as in all other cases, who will not give anything, each pastor and superintendent throughout our great Zion should lift a collection in church and Sabbath-school and send him. Bishop Hood is a poor man. He has nothing but a comfortable home. He has spent all he has made for Zion and to take care of and educate his family. The world knows this; and it will consider us basely ungrateful, and all denominations will hold us in utter contempt for years to come, if we fail to rally financially around this our greatest leader and place him and his family beyond the reach of beggary and want. We hope there is not one minister nor superintendent in Zion opposed to the suggestions thrown out; and we hope that each one's silver dollar will be in the hands of Bishop Hood before the 22nd inst. so that their names will be called at the Anniversary. When the Anniversary book of speeches and the names of all who contributed are published the ministers and members who selfishly failed to give a dollar or more will feel very cheap and mean. If ever there was a time when you should make a sacrifice and show up well, it is now. You will never again have this opportunity to help our beloved Senior Bishop. His age and impaired health tell us that he cannot be with us much longer. When he is gone, Zion will miss him, and miss him badly. Without further delay let us send our money to Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D., LL. D., Lock Box 160, Fayetteville, N. C.

EDUCATION. We are making some advancement along that line in our district. Our Lee High School at Amite City, La., has a house and lot, and as soon as we can get a principal who will take charge of it, we can make a very good beginning; and I am satisfied that the desire for education will increase and we will get as many pupils as we can accommodate. BISHOP WALTER'S HIGH SCHOOL. It is at Wilmot, Ark. We have made arrangements to put up a building on two acres of ground donated by