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EDITORIAL.

Do you read the Bible?

Bethel, will sail for Africa, January colum is.

THE A. M. E. Church Review for October is a gem. Editor Kealing understands his business.

BISHOPS HOOD and G. W. Clinton associated Bishop Lomex in the Western North Carolina Conference which has just closed in Salisbury, N. C.

BISHOP LOMAX, who is an excellent presiding officer, keeps his conferences roaring with laughter by his witty and homely sayings. He delivered a fige and practical address last week, and when he called the name of J. C. Price the Conference for several minutes made the church ring with applause.

WE wish every minister and member could see Livingstone College. It is grand and destined to be the greatest Negro college in the world. It has been fourteen years since we visited it. We went through its buildings and walked its beautiful campus this week. We shall tell you me with joy and gladness. That more about it next week.

REV. J. C. TROY, of Jonesboro, N. C., who runs a cut and writes a reministence of the Editor in this issue, is one of the most eminent and talented white divines of the Methodist Episcoral Church, Scuth We played together as boys. He is a scholar, author and thoughtful writer and conducts the Religious Department in the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer, the greatest daily paper in the State.

MARYLAND, which planned to asthe attempt because Lincoln went another way, has at last gone Republican and turned down Senator Gorman, the boss of that State. If the Republicans can keep Gorman down and also dethrone Sonator Platt, in peace for awhile in this nation.

SEVERAL pastors can raise all of their own salaries, get surprises nearly every mer th, suits of clothes at the and of the conference year, raise all the presiding elder's salary, and cannot raise half the general funds to support the Bi-hop, General Officers. general departments and superannuated preachers. It is a shame. The time has come when such selfish pastors must be given to understand that if they can raise these collections they must raise every cent of the general tax to support the general Church. Excuses are played out.

WE publish another communication this week from Rev S. M. Gaines. one of our most progressive city pastors in Mobile, relating the suffering caused in that city by the yellow fever, and doubting, like the STAR. if it is wisdom to hold conference there before January Because of the fever, Rev. J. F. Moreland has been out of Mobile for nearly three months and Presiding Elder Strong of that district is quarantined in Mississippi. Brother Moreland is preaching around in North Carolina. The bishops of the great M. E. Church whose session adjourned last week in Baltimore, have postponed all of their conferences until January, so as to give their pastors time to raise the several conference claims.

four-page paper of Livin lege, Salisbury, N. C. lace, Managing Edito k last week, fall of s

the st barription being 10 cents per month and 50 cents per year. Let each minister and member take a BACE TOPICS-EDITOR J. W. SMITH year's subscription at once in order to REV. G. L. BLACK WELL, A. M., D. D., encourage our college paper. If you BUSINESS MANAGER. cannot do it immediately, then put 10 cents in silver in a letter for a Thom is Wallace. We must keep up with the doings of our chief college. Mr. Vallace, a brilliant young man, has been working in our Publication House all the summer.

BISHOP G. W. CLINTON'S earnest appeal to President J. B. Colbert and t) sach Varick Christian Endeavor Society to raise a handsome collection to build the first Varick Memorial A. M. E. Zion church in Nashville, Tenn., before the International C. E. Convention meets there next July should be herded at once. If President Colbert and the 10,000 V. C. E. members in Zion desire to do something lasting and telling for Christ and His Church let them send the money to Bishop Clinton in the next four months. Let each society try and send not less than \$5 and due credit will be given in the STAR. The Bishop will soon go to Nashville to secure a lot in a good locality, and the societies will BISHOPS GRANT AND TURNER of hear from him again through these

HEART PURITY.

The fifty-first Psalm which David penned after the prophet Nathan had visited him and rebuked him for the awful wime he had committed shows the Psilmist to ba a great penitent. After naking a deep confession of his guilt, in Psalms 51: 7-13, he cries out from the depths of his soul:

"Purge me with hyssop, and Ishall be clean." Cleanse me. A hyssop branch was used by the priests in pronouncing the leper, or one who had to iched a dead body, clean.

"Wish me, and I shall be whiter than snown." It intensifies. He felt that sprinkling with hyssop was not enough. David was confident of one thing-God could cleanse him, make him "whiter than snow," absolutely pure. Sinner, have you this faith?

"Me ke me to hear joy and gladness." Thy pardoning voice will fill nothing else will, is the idea. God, throug 1 His Son Jesus Christ, consoles and encourages us by saying"Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out!" "Though your sins be as scarlet," etc. "Parden and peace to dying men," etc. I'ardon, pardon.

"That the bones which thou hast oroken may rejoice." What the body would be with crushed bones repre sented he broken, bruised condition of his soul under the load of guilt which none but God could remove.

David prayed for a complete work sassinate Abraham Lincoln when he when he said, "Blot out all mine inwas on his way to Washington to be iquities; create in me a clean heart, inaugurated President, but failed in O God. ' To carry out this last request requires as much power as it does to create a world. A clean heart should be a heart from which should emanat pure motives, holy desires, affections lifting the life toward God. Blessed are the pure in heart: for the future there will be political they shill see God." "O for a heart to praise my God," etc.

" Renew a right spirit within me. David linew what it was. He once had it. This is the prayer of a wretched backslider, both in heart and life. That word "spirit" passing over his lips seem to awaken a horrible fear; his soul loses its hold and trembles monentarily on the very verga of ruin, and he cries out in the next verse, "Cast me not away from thy presence." Do not pass the same sentence upon me that you did upon

"Take not thy Holy Spirit from me." One might well be excused from shaddering while contemplating such a soul struggle. H- seemed to gaze down into the horrible gulf over which his sins had swung him. The fearful ate of King Saul stared him of their schemes in repect to various in the face from the yawning depths beneath him. Sin had made his grasp on God weak. The life-line seemed to slip from his nerveless hand; the blade of justice flashed before his ever and the soul groans. "Take not" etc. was wrung from his anguished spirit.

The crisis is past, the light of hope breaks over his soul, and David prayed. "Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation." Nothing but full restoration to God's favor would satisfy him. "Then will I teach trans-which he holds as the head of the at Sanford Tuesday norning. The Bishgressors thy ways, and sinners shall Connectional organ of the greatest op will preach at Sauford Monday night. be converted unto thee." The first Negro denomination in America. desire o a saved soul is to do some- His references to this particular man THE Living-Stone, the neat little thing for its Savior by leading other made me think of days, gone by, our-page paper of Living tone Colsouls to God. After walking the road John Smith was the name by which of danger, he could paint the horrors I knewhim. It will ever be John with and foll es of sin to others mo he was able to d

WHOM I HAVE KNOWN ALL MY LILE.

BY REV. J. C. TROY.

The Editor of the STAB has extendmonth's subscription, and send it off ed me such a cordial invitation to to-day to the Maning Editor, Mr. give him a contribution that I feel it a great pleasure to comply. He has sent me the two last issues of his paper and I have read all that in them is with much interest; especially, may I so declare in reference to the editorials; and my notes will tell why later on. I note in the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer the following:

There are no discontented Afro-Americans, except a few who havbeen too highly educated and who want offices they can't get. The doctor has that part of it wrong. As for those who now cry out against the Negro but will want him back after he is gone, we are free to say that many of those who now rail at him would want him back if he were away, But he isn't going away, as schemes nor otherwise. He is here not by accident but in accordance with a dispensation of Providence and here to stay. We need him and he needs us, and whatever talk there there is of returning him to Africa is born of a scheme which has money at the bottom of it or else is the result of idle dreaming.

The remarks in the foregoing paragraph are suggested by a coloniza-



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tion scheme for the good of the American Negro, and which is agitated by one Dr. J. Albert Thorns. Of course the doctor will be successful in making something out of it for bimself; but it will ultimately be to the hurt of the Negro. Editor Caldwell's remarks "that we need the Negro and he needs us," are to the point; and the fact is, he never writes any other way. His heart and head are both right; and the paper which he edits never fails to plead the cause of justice for all classes.

The Negro is as much needed now n this and other Southern States as in days of slavery. In many respects his abiding as a part of the of all the earth, that he tmay have body politic is more essential than ever. The bad Negro is a menace to good government and religion in he same ratio that the had white man is; and the good Negro has as important work and obligaton resting on him as the good white man. The Negro or the race problem, as it is called, has never appeared to me as being difficult of solution. Of course there are educated Negroes as wel as educated white men who are dangerous to the well being of their respective races, and they need to be met by cool, thoughtful, prudent men and their schemes for evil brought to naught. The Negro is not any Gyascustus to me. He has my sympathy in his struggle to rise from the pit of ignorance and degradation; and the leaders of the race have my prayers, that the spirit of our heavenly Father may ever guide them in the right channels.

There is a future for the Negro, and many of them are going to work out the so-called problem; and are going to do it right where they have been born. The disfranchisement scheme, suggested by certain brethren, will prove a failure just as other matters, will be broken to pieces as they are met by the great stonedwall Reduced rates have been made on a of patriotism, a virtue that still lives in the hearts of thousands of North Henderson, N. C., on the 17th. The S

Carolina children. The Rev. D. C. Covington, in his initial contribution to the Sunday bough, I grant he is entitled to

ng preachers, I have known all my ife. He is 36 and I am 40 years of age. In a personal letter to me he CREEDS AND SCREES, ELEGIES AND writes these words:

"Yes, I know you rejoice in my success. You know I had it rough in my boyhood days. Little did I think when I used to work for your noble and kind parents in Fayetteville about 19 or 20 years ago that I would ever make a stir in the public and religious world and finally become the Editor of the official organ of one the greatest Negro denominations in the world."

urday John was with her at my home. He was a studious boy, and many times have I seen him, in the shade of the trees or on the steps to the purch, poring over some scrap of paper which he had picked up in the yard; and finally he became an educated man as boynof every race may, if they follow with never ceasing perseverance such an example as John Smith has set. I heard him preach his first sermon, I think, at the historic Evans' Chapel, Fayetteville. I remember his text: "Fight the good fight of faith." I was proud of him then; I am proud of him now. He is an honor to his country, and if with bis intellectual attainments he combines wisdom, prudence, judgment as a leader of his race there are honors still higher before him. When he was pastor in New Haven, Conn., points, his faithful grand-mother would bring his letters for us to read. I have seen the dasky face of the now sainted old mother grow radiant as I would read to her the words of the preacher, her grand-son, as he told her how the work of the Lord was prospering in his hands. She is now conferences, assemblies, resolutions gone, but har works follow: and be- motions and seconds, amendments ing dead she yet peaketh. "Aunt Sil- and substitutes, is there a man living vy," as we used to call her, (all of who can look into his brother's face my mother's children, eight of us, and declare upon his honor that he were cared for by her) I pen these has never been a lelegate, a trustee, lines in affectionate remembrance of -has never belonged to a society, you. Kind, honest, faithful servant, never been elected, nominated, misyou served your generation by the understood or imposed upon in his will of God; you ferved it well.

The position attained by the Editor of this paper only proves what is ossible to the boy who has something in his head; though his circumstances in early life may not have been propitious. Still these very kind of circumstances often result in bringing out the stuff of which a man is made. John was faithful, and though he generally took his time, he did properly what he was asked to do. He was respectful, obedient: and if ever I spoke an unkind word to John, or he to me, in all the years I knew him as a toy and young man, have no recollection. My prayer is that when his work is over, and the hour comes for him to go the way the testimony for his conscience and his God, that he led his people, as did Joshua, right; that is, in the way of the Lord. These comments ar they may know the estimate put upbeliever in saying pleasant things, omy. when deserving, in the sweet now; and not wait for "the sweet bye and

There are other colored men in Charlotte, Tom Lomax as his friends call him, now a Bishop; Rev. Robert Law, concerning whom I may at some future time have something to

May the STAR shine on unto that more perfect day when there shall be no problems, and when all men and classes shall have learned the royal law, and will do unto each other as they would be done by. Amen. Jonesboro, N. C.

To the Central N. C. Conference rail-roads to the Annual Conference a A. L. R. R. will sel round trip tickets at one and one-third rate from all points Letween Charlotte and Henderson from 15th to 20th inclusive limited to Nov. Observer published at Charlotte, had 25th. Following rates will apply from something concerning the Rev. J. W. points named : Charlotte to Henderson Smith, Editor of the STAR. He reford, \$4.25; Raleigh and Durham \$2.25.
ferred to him as one of the leaders
Those going via. C. F. & Y. V. R. R. Those from Concord going via. Southern R R. will change a: Greenshoro, Durham, and Oxford. As an ments have been made at Henderson t atertain the Confe ace it is desire at all the Ministe ach Henderson me of arrival is a

MAJORS AND MINORS.

EULOGIES, CARTOONS AND RHAPSO-

BY W. F. FONVIELLE.

manage to keep up pretty well.

What are the College men going to do in 1900? Just think of it: the freshmen of '96 will be the class of

The old grand-mother of this boy If that "cannon ball" Rev. S. A. vas for years a trusted, faithful, hon-Chambers sends rolling after Rev. ored servant in our family. He was J. W. Thomas, explodes, what a time ner joy; and in vacation and on Satthere will be inside the fort. The bishops won't have time to put on their robes; and Bro. Thomas-well wait until you hear the concussion.

> We are so apt to caricature what ve love, and distort what we hate.

The first case of substitution of record was that riade by the donkey when he stole the lion's skin; but fortunately he was detected in the experiment.

Gov. O'Ferrell, of Virginia, and Senator Daniell of the same State, tried to use up all the paper and ink in Virginia "a writin agin each other," but they have given it up as a hopeless task. Now Senator Gorman, of Maryland, and Editor Abell, of the Baltimore Sun, are trying to exhaust the Maryland supply; but from last accounts the mills were and Baltimore and probably other turning out material. Let 'em stop and use their mouths. In this way they will be enabled to get off more words than a type writer on a typesetting machine could possibly hope to do.

During these times of conventions, life? If so, let him hold up his hand.

The editor of the STAR thinks I ought to see to it that the editor of the Age is properly served with a bottle and oysters on ice, in order that T. Thomas may properly refresh himself and go after his pestiferous critics. It's nearly winter now. What's the matter with pistols and coffee? Besides in the matter under discussion between Editor Fortune of the Age and Editor Johnson of the Recorder, the latter is wrong. The New York paper takes the right view of the matter. The Recorder should remember that Philadelphia is not the United States, nor does it contain all the educated young men the race has. Besiden Editor Johnson reads with his prejudices and not with his eyes. The Age is right; the Recorder, wrong.

not especially for him, but are writ- Biddle on "The Present Industrial ten for the benefit of his people that Battle" is a thoughtful and scholarly paper, and shows that Mr. Biddle Zion will hail this event with great on him by one of his many white has given much time and study to friends; and one who does with all economic questions. Such papers as his heart rejoice in the honors that this, put in pamplet form, would athave been given this representative tract great attention from persons inof the great African race. I am a terested in questions of political econ-

inconsistent. She stubbornly refuses to pass a Jim Crow law, yet rigidly enforces an unwritten law, forbidding the races to come together in the of the Spirit and was convinced that Simmons, Jno. S. Leary, Attorney at waiting rooms of her depots. Her constitution disfranchises a portion of her citizens, yet the taxes are regularly collected from them. Eight Negroes were lynched at one time in Barnwell county because they were exceptionally black: but South Carolina is the only State in the Union that employs Negro-labor in her textile mills. The constitution forbids the intermarrying of the races, but puts a premiuri on vice by saying (by its silence) that it is no crime for the races to unlawfully live together.

The Pale Face Literary Society the name of a new Caucasian organzation in one of the lower Eastern counties of this State, which has for after which the programme of the full of good works. Delegates re-evening was read. The subject for discussion for the evening was: ship of the Society is divided into the presiding officer, each circuit in three separate divisions, one of which the Western N. C. Conference is enwas to declaim, one to compose and the other to debate. A young white buck upon being called upon to read composition, declared in a hurt on the western N. C. Conference is entitled to one or more missionary lady delegates to the annual meeting of the Woman's Conference. The conference adjourned to meet in Clinton Chapel, Charlotte, N. C., the second

to repose; the secretary told him a o'clock A. M.

The chief reason why the lectures read by the newspapers to the Negroes who spend all they make ridng on excursions, have such little write never read a newspaper. The way to get at 'em is for the churches to stop running excursions and go to preaching against them.

You can't judge the amount of noney a man pays in Church by the noise he makes in the "Amen Corner."

The man who had the biggest time at the picnics last summer, went on the greatest number of excursions, wore the longest duster, and treated to the largest amount of lemonade, at charity coal and wood yard this

The way to get along in this world s to move.

The burglary business seems to be Goldsboro, N. C.

WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.

OMETHING NEW IN RELIGIOUS DE NOMINATIONS-ZION AHEAD.

BY REV. W. J. BENJAMIN.

The Woman's Conference, which new thing in Zion, begun by Mrs. M. A. Marable, wife of Presiding Elder M. V. Marable, Vice-President W. N. C. Conference, met in Martin's Chapel, Gastonia, N. C., Oct. 7, 1897 We do not remember any instance in of themselves. The work went on nicely—no blundering. Earnest, sincere words for suffering humanity fell from their lips and touched all who heard them.

Zion has her great men. She also has her great women. Sitting and looking at this conference of women. few in number, I thought of the little band of Zionites who organized Zion over a hundred years ago and who went forth to battle for the rights of a down-trodden race. This little band of women may be laughed atso were the founders of Zion; but toiling onward and noward on the narrow way for Christ they may yet emy cannot erase it.

It is a large and noble undertaking.

The organization of a Woman's Conference in Zion, a woman to preside women to act as secretaries, women to speak, sing, pray, legislate—history, you must add another page for these oble-hearted women are coming to add one more star to your crown. Organize to raise more missionary money! Ye white winged keels of the ship, you must broaden your bases, will ever be placed officially on recfor here comes an army of women to raise money to send missionaries to the other side. Ye heathers in you blindness, bowing down to wood and stone, your cry is heard by these women who have started out to free you. pride. It is new light springing up in darkness. This movement will not fail because women are behind it. Several ministers were present and

made welcome. We wanted to take part in the proceedings at times but the women notified us that they were running that meeting: that they were South Carolina is nothing if not there for business and not for long speeches. The grandest feature the meeting was the hour of special prayers for the mission cause at noon Every one present felt the presence God was in the movement, and that it would succeed. "The hand that rocks the cradle moves the world.' This movement should be encouraged

by the bishops and ministers. A grand woman represents this Woman's Conference-Mrs. Marable, refined, talented, full of love and zeal for the Master's work. At the appointed time she organized the conference with all the ease and grace of one who had been in the business before. She appeared all the time a noble picture of health and beauty, full low his example. of wit and pathos, sometimes having the conference laughing, and again weeping, as she told some apt inci dent. With boldness she said to the ministers, "I want your co-operation for I am working for you and your

Miss Anna Gardener, the secretary is a noble young woman, and stands second to Mrs. Marable in this work.

its object the uplifting of the white She is a ready writer.

She is a ready writer.

Rev. A. L. Newby, of Newton, and White Money." I attended one preached an excellent sermon in the of its meetings a few nights ago.

The preliminaries were gone through, lection \$3.35. The night session was Which is the greater Republican, Total collection from all source Kinley or Cleveland? The member- \$28 70. According to the ruling of

voice, that he didn't "know he had Welnesday in June 1898 at 10

week ago he had to exclaim, but not If this the first Woman's Conferhaving the time to remit a piece, he ence even held by any denomination had prepared a rebate, which he is encouraged we shall raise a lot of hopped the Society would except." At missionary money. Florence Nightinthe conclusion of this little piece, gale immortalized her name on the Time flies. People can't; but they darkness fell upon the assembly. battle-field binding up the wounds of anage to keep up pretty well.

Let the good work go on. bleeding soldiers. Molly Pitcher wrote her name high by standing be side the cannon when her husband had fallen. These women have taken the field, not to do these things, but to free the souls of the heathens from effect is, because those for whom we darkness, from sin and from the devil. May God bless them to live long to work for Zion that they love so well. Cherryville, N. C.

ARE THESE THINGS SO?

DIFFICULTIES OF SPAIN-TREMEN-DOUS PROBLEMS CONFRONT SEGASTA AND HIS CABINET.

BY REV. S. S. WALES.

The careful reader of the Philadelhic Press of October 23d must have will be the first individual to turn up been startled as he read the report from Madrid of the 20th ult. We are informed that there is a diplomatic secrecy going on between this government and the Queen Regent and Sagasta, which, if true, makes the American Government a party to the most prosperous business just one of the most diabolical plots known in the world's history, before which all of the black and bloody deeds perpetrated by Weyler fade away.

The writer of the report says, "A high diplomatic personage who has special means of accurately judging Spain's motives, assured me to-day that the Queen Regent and the Segasta Government are sincere both in their wishes to obtain the sympathy of the American Government and to conciliate the majority of the Cubans, of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the especially the whites, whom the new policy aims to detach from the insurrection. In this new policy, so termed, history where women conducted con- they desire the American Governference in a denomination, composed ment to take a part. This we understand to be the last private instructions given the newly appointed Governor-General of the Island.

He is not to take the field, but he is to remain in Havana, from which point he will send out his emissaries and through them make his proffers to the white Cubans, and through this policy he proposes to detach them from those of African and Indian origin and by this weaken the opposing forces and secure the control of the Island. This they concede cannot be done without the co-operation of the write their names so high that the en- American Government. As an inducement, the new policy proposes to give to the American Government an advantage in trade and capital in the Spanish West Indies.

The report further says, " views on these delicate matters are exchanged between the two Governments with great reserve, and the probabilities are that nothing of these interviews ord." It concludes by saying, "the prevailing opinion in court and official circles in Madrid, is that the American Government shows a temporizing and friendly disposition."

We are not surprised at the new policy proposed by Spain, but we are surprised that the Spanish Government would entertain a hope for a moment that a civilized and Christian government like ours would degenerate so far as to endorse or cooperate in a policy that could only find favor with the barbarous and uncivilized.

The inhuman policy of annihilation of all who opposed the government of Spain as adopted by Weyler having failed the new administration under Segasta adopts another more wicked than the first, and in this she makes overtures to the American Government to become a silent partner. May we not inform the Spanish Government that as long as the name of Benedict Arnold remains upon the pages of American history, she need not look for this Government to fol-

Neither the Queen Regent nor Segasta can be strangers to the sentiment of the American Government as regards Cuba. Let not the neutral relations thus far sustained by the American Government be interpreted as an approval of the inhuman warfate that has so long been carried on agains; a people who have a right to be free.

Chambersburg, Pa.

Mrs Bishop Hood, Prof. S. G. Atkins, Mrs. G. L. Blackwell, Mr. H. A. Kelsey, J. S. Settle, Manager Blackwell and Editor Smith attended the W. N. C. Conference.

Bishop Hood and wife, Editor mith, Rev. R. Alonzo Scott and Dr. R. H. Simmons were the guests of Harris during the W. N. C.