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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1897.**

**EDITORIAL.**

**Do you read the Bible?**

**BISHOPS GRANT and TURNER** of Bethel, will sail for Africa, January 20, 1898.

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

**BISHOPS HOOD and G. W. Clinton** associated Bishop Lomax 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 fine 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 more about it next week.

**REV. J. C. TROY**, of Jonesboro, N. C., who runs a cut and writes a reminiscence of the Editor in this issue, is one of the most eminent and talented white divines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. 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 assassinate Abraham Lincoln when he was on his way to Washington to be inaugurated President, but failed in the 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 throne Senator Platt, in the future there will be political peace for awhile in this nation.

Several pastors can raise all of their own salaries, get surprises nearly every month, suits of clothes at the end of the conference year, raise all the presiding elder's salary, and cannot raise half the general funds to support the Bishop, General Officers, general departments and supernumerated 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.

The Living Stone, the neat little four-page paper of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., which Wallace, Managing Editor, had his last week, full of spiritual life instead of the usual...

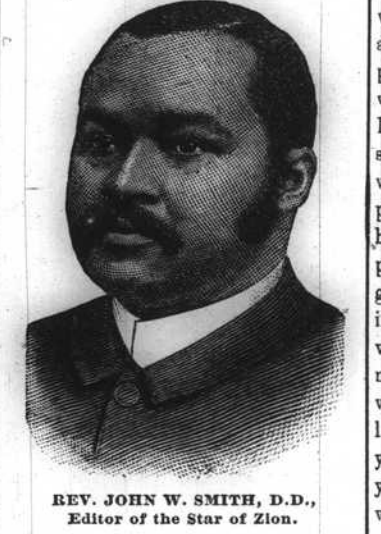
**SOME RUNNING NOTES.**

**RACE TOPICS—EDITOR J. W. SMITH WHOM I HAVE KNOWN ALL MY LIFE.**  
 BY REV. J. C. TROY.

The Editor of the STAR has extended me such a cordial invitation to 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 have been 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 the result of fake colonization 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 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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 Editor of the Star of Zion.

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 himself; 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 in this and other Southern States as in days of slavery. In many respects his abiding as a part of the body politic is more essential than ever. The bad Negro is a menace to good government and religion in the same ratio that the bad white man is; and the good Negro has as important work and obligation 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 well 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 Giasustus 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 of their schemes in respect to various matters, will be broken to pieces as they are met by the great stonewall of patriotism, a virtue that still lives in the hearts of thousands of North Carolina children.

The Rev. D. C. Covington, in his initial contribution to the Sunday Observer published at Charlotte, had something concerning the Rev. J. W. Smith, Editor of the STAR. He referred to him as one of the leaders of his race in the honorable position which he holds as the head of the Connectional organ of the greatest Negro denomination in America. His references to this particular man made me think of days gone by. John Smith was the name by which I knew him. It will never be John with me, though, I grant he is entitled to that name as he was able to do so before he was called to the office or title. This man who has been working in our Publication House all the summer.

**MAJORS AND MINORS.**

**CREEDS AND SCHEMES, ELIGIES AND EULOGIES, CARTOONS AND RHAPSODIES.**  
 BY W. F. POWVIELLE.

Time flies. People can't; but they manage to keep it 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 '00.

If that "cannon ball" Rev. S. A. Chambers sends rolling after Rev. J. W. Thomas, explodes, what a time there 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 we love, and distort what we hate. The first case of substitution on record was that made 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 wringin' 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 account the mills were turning out material. Let 'em stop and use their mouths. In this way they will be enabled to get off more words than a typewriter on a type-setting machine could possibly hope to do.

During these times of conventions, conferences, assemblies, resolutions, motions and seconds, amendments and substitutes, is there a man living who can look into his brother's face and declare upon his honor that he has never been a delegate, a trustee, —has never belonged to a society, never been elected, nominated, misunderstood or imposed upon in his 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. Besides Editor Johnson reads with his prejudices and not with his eyes. The Age is right; the Recorder, wrong.

The contribution by Rev. E. Geo. Biddle on "The Present Industrial Battle" is a thoughtful and scholarly paper, and shows that Mr. Biddle has given much time and study to economic questions. Such papers as this, put in pamphlet form, would attract great attention from persons interested in questions of political economy.

South Carolina is nothing if not inconsistent. She stubbornly refuses to pass a Jim Crow law, yet rigidly enforces an unwritten law, forbidding the races to come together in the 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 premium on vice by saying (by its silence) that it is no crime for the races to unlawfully live together.

The Pale Face Literary Society is the name of a new Caucasian organization in one of the lower Eastern counties of this State, which has for its object the uplifting of the white folks. Its motto is: "White Folks and White Money." I attended one of its meetings a few nights ago. The preliminaries were gone through, after which the programme of the evening was read. The subject for discussion for the evening was: "Which is the greater Republican, 'Kinley or Cleveland?' The membership of the Society is divided into three separate divisions, one of which was to declaim, one to compose and the other to debate. A young white buck upon being called upon to read a composition, declared in a hurt-

**ARE THESE THINGS SO?**

**DIFFICULTIES OF SPAIN—TREMENDOUS PROBLEMS CONFRONT SEGASTA AND HIS CABINET.**  
 BY REV. S. S. WALES.

The careful reader of the Philadelphia Press of October 23d must have 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 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, especially the whites, whom the new policy aims to detach from the insurrection. In this new policy, so termed, they desire the American Government 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 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 will ever be placed officially on record." 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 follow her example.

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 warfare that has so long been carried on against a people who have a right to be free.

Chambersburg, Pa.

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**WOMAN'S CONFERENCE.**

**SOMETHING NEW IN RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS—ZION AHEAD.**  
 BY REV. W. J. BENJAMIN.

The Woman's Conference, which is a new thing in Zion, begun by Mrs. M. A. Marable, wife of Presiding Elder M. V. Marable, Vice-President of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the W. N. C. Conference, met in Martin's Chapel, Gastonia, N. C., Oct. 7, 1897. We do not remember any instance in history where women conducted conference in a denomination, composed 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 at—so were the founders of Zion; but toiling onward and upward on the narrow way for Christ they may yet write their names so high that the enemy 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 noble-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, for here comes an army of women to raise money to send missionaries to the other side. Ye heathens in your blindness, bowing down to wood and stone, your cry is heard by these women who have started out to free you. Zion will hail this event with great 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 there for business and not for long speeches. The grandest feature of the meeting was the hour of special prayers for the mission cause at noon. Every one present felt the presence of the Spirit and was convinced that 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 of wit and pathos, sometimes having the conference laughing, and again weeping, as she told some apt incident. With boldness she said to the ministers, "I want your co-operation for I am working for you and your families."

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