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THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 1898.

EDITORIAL.

Now is the time to get a war record.

Look for the eight-page paper next month.

The doings of the Bishops' Meeting will be reported by Dr. B. F. Wheeler.

The American eagle is screaming for joy because Uncle Sam is letting loose his dogs of war on Spain.

WALTERS, D. D., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute in Petersburg on the 8th of May. He is the pastor of any denomination by this school.

On hand about eight hundred copies of the presiding elders' reports begin running this week. It is time to get our southern brethren to hold up their reports from the northern conferences.

It is said that he who has a poor old Spain and a church all over it, is a man who has a faith in civil schools, freedom of speech, and all that we have, and that there would be no horrors and no starting to death of nearly a half million souls.

The New York Age says such men as Bishop Daniel A. Payne, J. C. Price, Prof. William J. Simmons, Frederick Douglass, Bishop J. C. Embury, John M. Langston, Norris Wright Cuney and B. K. Bruce cannot fall by the wayside without seriously crippling the leadership of the race to which they belonged, and that they have no successors among the younger men of the race.

The Board of Bishops unanimously elected Rev. J. S. Caldwell agent of the Book Room. Bishop Walters remains chairman. Dr. B. F. Wheeler and Rev. J. B. Colbert did not care for the agency as they could not give attention to it. The conviction in the Bishops' meeting was that it was best for the good of the Connection for the Book Room to remain in New York. An effort will be made now to make it self-supporting.

BROTHER D. D. MOORE is arranging to have a silver anniversary for M. Jones and asks the South Conference to help honor his father. Rev. R. J. [Name] of Newburgh, N. Y., says he will honor "Father" soon. This is a [Name]. Do not mention a [Name] mentioned a [Name] worthy of [Name].

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BEHOLD, IT IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE.

Behold, it is better than sacrifice.—I Samuel 15:22.

Saul did not learn this fact until it was too late. Many days have dawned clear and bright and have ended in darkness and storm. Such days are like some lives, bright in prospect, but dark in fruition. Such was the life of Saul.

He was a popular young man of Israel. He was a daring and dashing soldier, but like many persons, he failed to appreciate the importance of obedience. He had been sent to completely destroy the Amalekites. He bears a high commission to administer God's justice—a bloody work—but justice is sometimes a bloody work. This high commission is to take human life, but he must not take their property for his own use. He willingly slew the hated enemies but could not willingly forego the pleasure of taking the best of the sheep and the cattle home to smoke on the altars and to proclaim the prowess and glory of king Saul.

Saul met the old prophet Samuel on the road. Samuel accosted and reprimanded him for not obeying the voice of the Lord. After attempting to evade the blame, Saul confessed his guilt and was filled with remorse. But his repentance was shallow. He repented because he had failed. Saul had lost by the transaction. He had lost his kingdom. The feeling that this was sin and a sin against Jehovah seems to have been unknown to him. The victim of his own weakness, folly and disobedience, he became utterly despondent and committed suicide.

Many important lessons can be learned from the life of Saul, but the chief are obedience and disobedience. Had king Saul obeyed the voice of the Lord he might have left behind him a glorious record of great deeds such as George Washington and Abraham Lincoln left in this country. Saul's only record was failure and disgrace. The great test that God has always applied to men is obedience. That was the test of Adam. God says: "Thou shalt not." Man says: "I will." The great lesson for us to learn is to subject our will to God's will. This was the greatest test of Saul's life, and his mistake was his half-hearted obedience. The opportunity comes to us as Christians to turn aside from the commission which God has imposed on us and use it to glorify ourselves. Woe unto him who does this. Let us put our feet in the path and, as little children, let us put our hands in His and say, Lord God, lead us and we will follow Thee. Let us cheerfully obey God. "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

SHOOTING STARS.

Rev. G. W. Galas is flying in Pensacola, Fla. Each service is packed with white and colored people.

Rev. B. M. Gudger, of Tuskegee, Ala., is having success in his church work. He says he is looking for war every day.

Zion pastored by the brainy Dr. W. H. Coffey in New Haven, Conn., is on top. He is the pulpit giant among our people there.

Rev. J. R. Sheppard, of Beaufort, N. C., and Miss Mary Matthewson, a graduate of Livingstone College, were married the 19th inst.

Rev. J. J. Green, of Camden, S. C., writes: The STAR of ZION is my friend and should be to all who read it. Those who haven't it should get it.

Prof. S. G. Atkins, Winston, N. C., writes: We all are agreed that the STAR is growing in character and influence. I wish you abundant success.

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assisted by Revs.

Quarterly Review declares that in the matter of lay representation in the Church, we are retrograding; that whereas we used to have two places, we now have but one, and he holds that. True 'tis; pity 'tis true.

Rev. J. W. Thomas is, in many respects, a grand man. He preached and gave general satisfaction to one of the most cultured white audiences six years ago at Pittsburg, Pa. He is one of the most acceptable presiding elders in our Church, and has helped materially in making the Central North Carolina Conference the great Conference that it is. But he is "dead agin" the wearing of robes all the same.

It is a pleasure to know that the strong men in Zion are heartily in favor of giving the laity proper recognition in the Church.

Do you remember a little paragraph I wrote in my last contribution respecting the matter of putting laymen on the trustee board of Livingstone College? Well, that little squib was loaded and set with a time fuse. It has exploded just as I anticipated it would. I am told that I do not know what I am talking about, and the inference is that if I would look at a catalogue, I would soon know that Prof. B. A. Johnson, Secretary of the Board, and Hon. Jno. C. Dancy are both prominent lay trustees of the Board. Let me see. Jno. C. Dancy, Jno. Dancy, "pears to me I've heard that name before. Yes, he is a trustee. I am one of the those persons who never destroys a good newspaper or magazine.

Mr. Dancy was appointed a trustee of Livingstone College after he had written the following:

"We think that in the future, regard should be had, in the selection of Trustees of Livingstone College, not merely to the character and influence the individual may possess, but his selection should be based largely and chiefly on the amount of real interest he has in the success and financial wellbeing of the school. A man who has a half-hearted, don't-care interest in its future, has no business occupying a place among those who are to guide its course and who seek to make its destiny creditable and glorious."—Editorial in January, 1892, Quarterly Review, page 233.

Now as to the citation respecting the other lay member, I have to say that I have the highest possible regard for him. I was associated with him in several capacities in days that will no more return; but if I mistake not, Prof. Johnson is a teacher in Livingstone College, and it does not argue well for the future of the school when the same persons are teachers in and trustees of the same institution. When the student has a case, where will he appeal, to Caesar or to Pharaoh? This then, is the first case on record where the Judge and Solicitor are both "Your Honor" the "State" and the jury. I repeat, that in this trustee business, there has been some ugly railroading done. The State rests here; and the jury may take the case.

Prof. W. M. Provident, in his "Lights and Shadows" writes intelligently and well of two young men who have come from the depths, and are now doing well upon Life's broad field of battle. There is a pathetic note in the music, and a complete story between the lines. You may not see them, but they are there. Prof. Provident is, himself, a splendid example of what a young man without means may do, if he wills to do. With a determination to win or die in the attempt, he surmounted every obstacle, and is today, one of the best-equipped young men in the school-room in the State. He is a positive force, and a success in a number of things which require brains.

Certain members of the [Name] of '93 and [Name] will hold a [Name] at Salisbury during the last of May. They have not [Name] in a long time. No doubt [Name] heard of them. Fearing [Name] have forgotten them I write down the list of those [Name] be present. Rev. William [Name] port, A. B., pastor Zion [Name] Church, Camden, N. J., Solo [Name] Fuller, A. B., M. D., Boston [Name] Rev. Edward D. W. Jones

MORTGAGING CHURCHES.

DRAWN OUT BY THE GLARINGLY FALSE STATEMENT PUBLISHED IN THE TRUMPET.

BY REV. G. W. OFFLEY, D. D.

Mr. Editor: Not long ago, as I did not wish to have even the appearance of reflecting upon any one, living or dead, but desired simply to administer a check to what I considered a growing evil, I wrote an article under the nom de plume of Felfoy, in which I promised that my next paper would be upon the needless mortgaging of our churches, and some of the causes leading thereto.

I have not fulfilled my promise hitherto, partly for the reason that having been asked whether or not I wrote the article in question, I could not deny it, and hence stood its semi-confessed author. The authorship of that article being known, I knew that whatever else I might write would be misconstrued, and I determined to write no more. But, whether intentionally or not, the presiding elder of the New York annual Conference has drawn me out by his glaringly false statement of the condition of the finances of the Tarrytown church, published in the Trumpet for March.

In his report of the finances of Tarrytown church, he says, "There is a floating debt of about \$750.00." With respect to this statement, I shall simply place in contrast a copy of the trustees' report made to the presiding elder at the quarterly conference, and let them both speak for themselves. Trustees' report:

Present indebtedness, by mortgage on the church, \$700.00; to Mr. Curtis balance due for putting water in the church, and a sewer under it, \$34.00. Total indebtedness, \$734.00. Cash in hand, \$72. All the current expenses, such as pastor's salary, coal, gas, sexton, organist and other incidental bills, had been fully paid, and against a floating debt of \$34.00, we had in hand as above stated \$72.00.

In view of the trustees' report I most respectfully ask, Does the statement of the presiding elder—"there is a floating debt of about \$750.00"—do the Tarrytown church justice? If the presiding elder were an ignorant man, I should suppose that he did not know the difference between a bonded and a floating debt; if he were a just man and had simply made a mistake, he would have corrected it in the Trumpet for April; if through want of attention he failed to perceive the falsity of his statement, then I humbly submit that it was this very carelessness and perversion of the truth which Felfoy reprehended in the STAR of ZION in the issue of Jan. 6th, 1898.

But now about this mortgage of seven hundred dollars. It was placed upon the church at the close of the administration of my predecessor. Three hundred dollars of it went to pay bills which had been accumulating, some of them for years, while two hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-eight cents went to pay the salary of my predecessor.

Of that seven hundred dollars we did not have more than ninety dollars with which to commence work upon the church, the condition of which was truly deplorable. And to add to the embarrassment of the situation, when the present pastor took charge, the members of the church were scattered and discouraged, and some of them angry, because the mortgage of seven hundred dollars had been placed upon the church without their knowledge or consent.

When I say without their knowledge or consent, I mean that no members' meeting was called for the purpose and that not even all of the trustees knew about the mortgage until it was almost an accomplished fact.

And so ignorant was the presiding elder of the true financial status of the church, that notwithstanding its degraded condition every way, at a riotous meeting in which there were no representatives of the church, a new assessment raised \$400.00 for forty dollars and increased from forty dollars to \$1,000.00. He has admitted that the assessment was a mistake, and that it was a misfortune. He has also admitted that it was a mistake, and that it was a misfortune. He has also admitted that it was a mistake, and that it was a misfortune.

in the future, may be averted. In connection with this I would have my brethren read Felfoy's article again, and judge whether such an article was not timely and much needed.

I cannot close this article without saying a word in commendation of the members and friends of our Zion in Tarrytown; a commendation which by the way, they have failed to properly receive from the presiding elder in his several reports. A more loyal people I have never met. To tell of the sacrifices they have made, and the work they have done this year would be too much like indirectly blowing my own trumpet, and, therefore, I refrain. Suffice it to say, that if I were going to take a charge at the coming annual conference, there is no church in Zion that I would prefer to it. May God bless them for their sympathy with me in my afflictions, and for the cordial support they have given me in my work.

Tarrytown, N. Y.

PROVIDENCE (R. I.) NOTES.

MISS MARY E. CHASE.

Editor Smith: Since short articles for publication are the order of the day I shall try to make this brief. God has wonderfully blessed us, not only during the year, but especially in the revival services here during the two weeks that Rev. R. Alonzo Scott was with us. Our church on Winter Street has not had such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for many a day, as was experienced during the past two weeks; and we are still feeling the blessed influences of those meetings. The preaching of our Evangelist was simply marvelous in power and directness; so thoroughly convincing and yet radiant with hope. There is a peculiar power and sweetness in the music he composes and sings, such as cannot be described; you know it, and feel it; your soul is moved by it; but to describe it, never. We thank the Lord that He put it into the mind of our beloved pastor to have Rev. Scott with us at this time. Sinners have been converted unto God; backsliders reclaimed, believers built up in the faith; the church quickened in her spiritual life, and a larger faith in the efficacy of prayer inspired. O, for more such men as Evangelist Scott. The earnestness of the man, the power of his faith, his reliance upon God, all make him an inspiration. During the twelve days he was here 54 souls were converted and 33 added to the church. The church was crowded each night.

His labors ended with us on the 13th of March. Monday evening the 14th, the church was filled to its utmost capacity the occasion being a grand concert by Rev. Scott assisted by our local talent. At the close of the concert and by a signal from Rev. Scott the friends were told to bring forth the bundles and baskets that were in hiding, and the pulpit platform assumed the appearance of a delivery department of some great grocery store. This was kept a secret from Rev. Hill until the right moment when Rev. Scott made the presentation address. Our pastor is proverbially a ready and fluent speaker, but on this occasion he seemed bereft of his usually ready flow of language and his perturbation was more eloquent than his speech. The next day a wagon load of groceries were delivered at 99 Knight St. Tuesday evening a testimonial reception was tendered Rev. Scott. Rev. Hill arranged the program which was an exceptionally good display of our home talent. Several clergymen were present. The band of stewardesses of our church under Mrs. Martha A. Taylor, a table, around which our dear friends were seated and enjoyment became intensely ours. Our pastor is full of praise for Rev. Scott and says there is no other man like him on his days' journey.

Rev. W. A. Blackwell and [Name] are raising money to [Name] church in Lancaster, S. C. [Name] wife is captain of the [Name] clubs and she is successful in [Name] into it the bishops, general ministers of Zion.

"Olio," the writer of Bishop Walters' Report, wishes to address Georgia Makell, a performer on the piano. Makell, who is [Name] I signal your [Name]

was [Name] Easter Sabbath [Name] fragrant with a [Name] The singing of [Name] of the choir under [Name] Prof. B. E. Parvis, [Name] Craige, the celebrated [Name] grand. The decorations [Name] any of former years and [Name] bers and friends went wild [Name] cy when they first [Name] Great praise must be given [Name] floral committee, Mrs. Cordelia [Name] ell, president, and especially to [Name] James Chase's class for their [Name] tion of the palm trees through [Name] kindness of Bro. T. K. Colson, president of trustee board.

Love feast at 6 a. m. was led by Deacon W. A. Phillips, and even at that early service the vestry was crowded, and the Lord visited His people and prepared them for the rest of the services. Before the 11 a. m. services Rev. M. R. Franklin sent a carriage and brought to the church six of the old mothers of Zion confined in the home in this city, so they could once more enjoy the Easter day at Mother Zion where they had labored years ago. God will bless Rev. Franklin for that act of charity, and indeed the mothers did rejoice in the fact that they were not forgotten. We are so apt to forget that these older ones paved the way for us to walk smoothly in the Church of our choice. Bishop Walters preached the resurrection sermon which was uplifting to all. A large congregation greeted him in his robe. The pastor read into full connection 25 probation members who had joined this Winter. After the close of the services the old mothers and friends were invited to the vestry of the church where dinner was served by the pastor's Christian Union, Mrs. Jane R. Thomas, president. At 1:30 p. m., the Sabbath-school, Mr. E. V. C. Eato, superintendent, acquitted themselves grandly. At 3 p. m. sacrament of the Lord's supper was celebrated. Rev. E. Geo. Biddle, P. E., preached an excellent sermon. There were 295 communicants. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Gideon Ridley was baptized. At 6:40 p. m. the Christian Endeavor was opened, led by Mr. Geo. E. Washington and Nettie Brown. It was a grand ritual feast. At 8 p. m., Rev. Warner preached a powerful sermon and the spirit was felt in a wonderful manner; even the brothers self-shouted. He impressed members as a great light in the world and I think the Connection fear with such a divine as [Name] Beautiful singing and a [Name] tion closed the day at the church, and we went home well [Name] day in [Name]

The [Name] trustees [Name] evening [Name] The following [Name] Those [Name] W. [Name] church [Name] for [Name] line [Name] club [Name] We [Name] he has [Name] nearly [Name] when he [Name] church. [Name] mend the [Name] pastor of [Name] by a [Name] for [Name] ord [Name]