

EPISCOPAL DOTS.

BY C. E. H.

Greeneville College has been re-organized as will be seen in the standing notice in another column of the STAR.

Nothing but money is needed to make this one of the best institutions for ethical, normal and industrial training for colored youth in the South. The trustees readily voted that the College should be an adjunct of Livingstone College which is destined to be a University, having already an incipient law and medical department, and the theological. Hence they elected President Goler as the Dean of the Greeneville College. Prof. Miller was chosen Dean of the College Department, Bishop G. W. Clinton of the Theological, and Bishop Walters of the Industrial Department. Let the friends of Christian education in the Fifth Educational District rally all along the line and next commencement we will show you decided improvement in every department. We are seeking for a dean for our Ethical Department. Like the others, he or she will be a non-resident and non-salaried for the present.

May 29th found me at my first appointment in my Summer trip through the North Carolina Conference. Rev. J. B. Smith has maintained his remarkable record as a church builder. After several years of effort to establish a church in North Goldsboro we have under his leadership succeeded and I preached and talked to a well-filled house morning and afternoon at church and Sunday-school services. Oh! for more equally sufficient church builders as Brother Smith!

At night I visited the first church, St. James, under the leadership of that estimable and popular preacher, Rev. Hubbard Bell. Here they are engaged in erecting a first-class brick edifice. So far this year they have been cancelling debts contracted last year in erecting the walls of the building. Their next effort must be to put on the roof. Some want it slated. Quite a large sum of money is needed to do the necessary work before Winter sets in. I call upon all friends of the Zion Church in Goldsboro to do their best in aiding the church this Summer in roofing the structure.

Rev. W. A. Hall bids fair to rival Brother Smith as a church builder, having secured a building for the missions which he organized last year at his home, about four miles from Goldsboro. He is pushing ahead the building of Rush Chapel begun by Rev. Gorham and continued by Rev. Hussy. He has also organized another mission in Johnson county having 15 members and a prospect of building before Conference meets. Brother Hall is a successful farmer but the above record shows he is a fair preacher too and his secular calling enables him to succeed where others fail.

Rev. E. E. Smith at Zion church last night announced that the colored companies from Raleigh would pass through this town Monday at 12 m. and suggested that a committee of 150 young ladies and others gather at the station and give them an ovation. It is hoped they will do so.

Messrs. Trent and Fonvielle, the latter our own correspondent of the STAR, are making the State Normal a success here. I am sorry to learn there is an attempt to oust them which ought to fail. God speed the right.

Goldsboro, N. C.

LITERARY NOTES.

We hear, on what seems to us to be reliable authority, that *The Independent* of New York contemplates a change of form to the size of some of the prominent monthly magazines. If true, it is certainly a change which will be appreciated by its readers.

PROGRESS OF A RACE.

We have received from J. L. Nichols & Co., Publishers, Atlanta, Ga., what we consider one of the best books written along the line of race development. The book, "Progress of a Race" or the "Remarkable Advancement of the Afro-American," is edited by Profs. Kletzing and Crogman and the introduction is written by Prof. Booker T. Washington. The well-known ability of the editors and the wide-spread experience and popularity of the writer of the introduction are a sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the work. Beginning with the origin of the Negro the book carries the reader through every stage of his progress—from the earliest history to the election of Hon. Geo. H. White. We would call special attention to the chapters on slavery which give a concise treatise of the slave curse; to the chapters showing the service of the Negro as a soldier in which his valor, patriotism and courage are clearly set forth; to the chapters concerning the duty of our women to the race and the purity, modesty and refinement of Negro women. Last, but not least, would we call attention to the chapters on education which show that the Negro is making steady progress along the line of letters. Among men of distinction we need only to mention such names as Dr. Crummell, Frederick Douglass, and the late talented J. C. Price to make the book a treasure to every lover of his race. On the whole we we think it the best race book published lately and would advise of our leaders to procure a copy. Address the publishers.

BIG ZION.

BY JOHN R. BROWN.

It has been a long time since we have written to the STAR. Big Zion, pastored by Rev. C. H. Smith, is yet alive with flying colors and is in the midst of a great revival conducted by our pastor and assisted by the evangelist, Miss M. E. Taylor. At this writing we have 124 converts, mostly grown men and women.

As this is Rev. Smith's last year here with us we all have commenced to wonder where will the next good man come from and where will Rev. Smith be sent. He is an exceptionally good and able man and we all hope he will get a good appointment, for he deserves it. Don't tell the Bishop. Elder Smith will ever live in our memory for he has done a great work for our church.

Mobile, Ala.

LIGHT THOUGHTS.

BY S. E. L. M.

If you have been tempted into evil, fly from it. It is not falling into the water, but lying in it, that drowns.

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When a man finds at last that there is something beyond this life to live for—the moment that concept gets into his mind, life is transfigured and glorified into a nobler sphere of action. It becomes glorious and fresh.

LIBERIA NOT OUR HOME.

BY REV. JUSTUS J. EVANS, EDITOR *Voice of God.*

I will convey a few remarks to Mr. E. J. Pringle, of Camden, Miss., to every member of the Negro race and to every other race who thinks as Bro. Pringle does about Liberia being the home of the American Negro. Hear what I have to say to you, Mr. Pringle. You say in the STAR issued June 2, 1898, that there are about 750,000 Negroes in Mississippi and that two-thirds of them are almost in the same fix as were our fathers in the days of slavery; that they are called from their beds and sent to work by bells and have no business in courts only as witnesses for other people. Indeed, my brother this is a sad picture you have given us and I believe it is true. You say this the while man's country and Africa is our's and the sooner we go there the sooner we will be relieved. Now, sir, I want you and all men of this and every country to hear what I have to say on that line and I speak the sentiments of God when I say that if the Negro leaders and members of the race will not obey God, their home is in the domains of captivity, in the penitentiary, in jail, on chain gangs and in hell and utter despair. But if they obey God their home is in America, Europe, Asia, Africa, Paradise, Heaven and any kingdom where God and Christ dwell. This is God's country and He will give it to that people that will obey him righteously. Let some man who knows the will of God command the Negro race and let all the members of the race do as that man tells them and hold on faithful, and God will bring them out from this state of oppression; otherwise they will remain in bondage.

If you and that 750,000 Negroes will do as I say do, God will deliver you from poverty and oppression. If the Negro of every State yes if just one-half of them, of any State of the South, or if the members of any one of the leading denominations for about three years will do as I say do, I will show them how to deliver the whole race from oppression. Sir, I swear by the God that liveth, that if one man and one woman out of every fifty of the members of the race will just follow me and do as I say or do as I will myself for a period from three to seven years, we through God will save the whole Negro race from destruction and will live anywhere in the world we want to. Now I dare any man or any set of men to contradict anything that I have said and call on God to witness them, and I dare the race or any part of the race of my people to accept my proposition.

Lynchburg, Va.

BISHOP HOLLIDAY'S APPOINTMENTS.

- June 17, 18 and 19, Calvert, Tex.
- " 21, Herien, Tex.
- " 22, Pettey's Chapel.
- " 26, Little Rock, Ark.
- July 1, 2 and 5, Brinkley, Ark.
- " 6, Little Rock, Ark.
- " 8-10, Diggs Chapel.
- " 12, Atkins circuit, Trinity church.
- " 14-17, Cleveland circuit.
- " 20-24, Salgoatchia, Ark.
- " 26, Conway circuit.
- Aug. 1, St. Paul, Little Rock, Ark.

A MACEDONIAN CRY.

BY REV. B. J. SHUMAKER.

We the citizens of Old River township and members of Zion have united to build a school under the auspices of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and Rev. G. W. Walters and I have been authorized by Bishop Jehu Holliday to communicate with and solicit aid from all of the Bishops, general officers and ministers. We have a board of managers of 15 and a board of trustees of 13. Our school has been opened since the second Monday in January with Rev. D. S. Blackwell as principal and Prof. P. Matthew and Mrs. M. E. Jones as teachers. Mr. Spellman, a white gentleman of this vicinity, has given us the privilege of using from one to five acres of land continually. When we shall have met the conditions, which we are trying to do, he will give us a deed for one acre at a time. It is one of the prettiest sites in the South for a school. We ask all to help us financially so that we can help drive out ignorance and superstition by education and religion. The race cannot succeed without these two latter elements. We wish to stop renting and commence to build this Summer. We ask every pastor in Zion to raise a collection in the name of the Lord and Zion and send us immediately. Send it to me at English, Ark.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

BY MISS SARAH JANIFER.

The members of Galbraith church are much pleased with their recently appointed pastor, Rev. P. L. Cuyler. They are grateful for the wisdom and forethought of our beloved Bishop C. C. Pettey in making the appointment.

Rev. Cuyler is a pulpit orator of no mean ability; possesses a clear, resonant, sympathetic voice. His arguments are forceful and logical. Such is his personal magnetism that his audience seems to be led onward by the tide of his eloquence.

The crowning point is, he is a peer among financiers, which he has proven in the past three weeks. A perfect stranger raising \$25 his second Sunday and making a rally of \$100 on his third Sunday; with the aid given by the Bishops and general officers and with such a pastor, Zion ought to be able to shine forth as never before in Washington.

The prayers of the church follow our ex-pastor, Rev. J. B. Colbert, in his new field, a work for which he seems to be peculiarly adapted.

Washington, D. C.

AN URGENT APPEAL.

THE A. M. E. ZION BOOK ROOM OF NEW YORK CITY IN NEED.

In view of the pressing financial demands of the Book Room the Executive Committee for the first time has decided to make an appeal to all the lovers of our Zion to aid us in raising the amount above stated by the 8th of August 1898. We therefore ask each minister or Church throughout the Connection for the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) or more as ability will allow. If this appeal is unheeded serious loss may come to the Book Room which will reflect upon the Church as a whole.
J. S. Caldwell, Agent.
M. R. Franklin, Treasurer.
Bishop A. Walters, Chmn. Ex. Com.

SURPRISE FOR THE PASTOR.

On his arrival home from Conference, Wednesday evening, Rev. P. J. McEntosh, pastor of A. M. E. Zion church, East King Street, was tendered a most enjoyable surprise by a committee of ladies representing the Stewardess board. The parsonage, where the occasion took place, was beautifully decorated with flowers. After refreshments were served the pastor made a neat address. Bishop and Mrs. Elder Mary Small were also tendered a surprise by the same committee. The following were the arrangements committee:

Mrs. Julia Fisher, Mrs. Harry Lee, Mrs. Wilson Harr, Mrs. Perry Watson, Mrs. Harry Jackson, Mrs. Lee E. Smith and Mrs. Mary Chambers.—*York (Pa.) Daily.*

MITE SOCIETIES.

BY MRS. A. J. EVANS.

Having been appointed president of the Mite Society of the New England district by Dr. A. J. Warner, at the New England Conference, I take this means to urge upon each pastor the necessity of organizing Mite Societies at once, so as to report with one dollar to Dr. Warner before July 1st.

This noble work should receive the commendation and co-operation of every loyal Zionite. With such leaders as that brave and fearless President, Bishop G. W. Clinton, and that iving preacher, Dr. A. J. Warner, the work must certainly go on. But as success cannot be attained without the joint aid of both pastor and people, let every minister strive to awaken his members to the importance and greatness of this society, that much good may be accomplished for God and Zion; that Zion may be firmly established in those places where our beloved Church is now a hope of the future, and that aid may be given to those churches bravely struggling along through many difficulties and financial disasters.

As New England has always been relied upon to do her part, we are hoping that she will not fail in this; but as she has done in the past regarding other movements, we hope she will make strenuous efforts to come up to a fair standing with her sister Conferences.

Attleboro, Mass.

The tribal day at the Avery mission church last Sunday was quite a success. About four weeks ago the pastor organized his church into tribes, which were to report on last Sunday. The following are the names of the tribes, their captains and the amounts reported: Issacher, J. W. A. Penn \$5.15; Ephraim, Mrs. Ida Turner, \$6.35; Reuben, Miss Rebecca Stevenson, \$9.50; Benjamin, B. F. Gross, \$9.50; Dan, Miss Mattie Commodore, \$10.90; Napthali, W. G. Douglas, \$17.30; Gad, Mrs. Maggie Robinson, \$18.40; Manasseh, Mrs. Bella McDonald, \$23.60; Zebulon, Mrs. Addie Coles, \$26.35; Judah, Mrs. Sugie Lee, \$32.01; Simeon, Mrs. Ellen Rolls, \$59.30. Total, \$218.36.—*Pittsburg Press.*

The State Sunday-school Convention of the South Carolina Conference will meet at Kershaw, S. C., August 10th, 1898. All ministers and superintendents of this Conference will please be present. The STAR man, General Manager, and President of the Y. C. E. are invited to be present.—M. D. Lee, State Superintendent, Lancaster, S. C.