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EDITORIAL.

Don't talk too much.

BE loving and candid with your members.

WE WILL re-arrange our staff of writers next week.

HOW DO YOU like the STAR OF ZION in its new dress?

AN article from Bishop Holliday concerning his work will appear next week.

REV. J. S. CALDWELL is endeavoring to free the Book Concern from debt by or before the General Conference. Read his appeal and respond to it.

PROF. F. H. NOBLE, one of the most efficient professors of Livingstone College, will possibly next week and every two weeks after give us some practical articles on the finances of the Church. We hope they will bear early fruit, for we must certainly raise sufficient money to meet the general running expenses. It can and must be done.

IF each pastor would organize immediately a "mite society" in his church to assist Secretary Warner in raising church extension money none of our churches would stand in danger of being sold. Possibly the Lord will let us lose Washington chapel in St. Louis and our church in Jefferson City, Mo., in order to stir us up to duty on missionary and church extension lines.

THE faculty and trustees of Livingstone College three weeks ago conferred the degree of A. M. upon Rev. E. D. W. Jones and Prof. J. B. Dudley of the A. and M. College at Greensboro, N. C., and the degree of D. D. upon Revs. O. L. W. Smith, G. H. S. Bell, F. K. Bird and J. A. D. Bloice. Rev. Bloice is the first graduate of Livingstone College to receive this degree.

BISHOP W. B. DERRICK, of Bethel, who is something of a fire-eater and has his district in the same States with Bishop Holliday, has on three or four occasions been slurring Bishop Holliday for making inroads on him. Bishop Holliday in a clear-cut and strikingly pointed article this week cools him off. We keep telling you that the day for hitting Zion and getting away without being struck is past.

THE vote of the Alumni Association commending the work of President Goler at the college was the first in the history of the institution. The vote which will form an epoch in the history of the college and the association was made by the brainy and scholarly Rev. W. H. Davenport, and the acceptance of its sentiments implies a certain responsibility of the authorities to the Alumni for their conduct of affairs at Salisbury.

The A. M. E. Zion Publication

House has undergone many changes under the management of Dr. G. L. Blackwell. One has only to stop in and look at these changes. Dr. Smith, Editor of the STAR OF ZION, and Dr. Blackwell, General Manager of the House, are making it one of the best, if not the best, publishing houses of color in the South. We hope that success after success may crown their efforts.—*African-American Presbyterian*.

Thanks for the compliment; but do not stop at the South. It is the largest, finest and best Negro Publishing House in the world. We challenge contradiction. Who will take up the challenge?

Do you realize that the declaration of religious independence was promulgated by Richard Allen at the organization of the A. M. E. Conference in 1816?—*Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Chronicle*.

Yes, we realize it and so does every other student of ecclesiastical history. Dr. J. M. Henderson will get overheated on the inside and will feel like turning police and walking you right into a police station if he reads those figures, for he has been erroneously saying it was in 1784. James Varick promulgated the declaration of independence of the organization of the A. M. E. Zion Church in 1796—20 years before 1816.

We say to the Bishops and managers of Zion's great Connection Rev. Mitchell, P. E., has spoken the sentiments of our entire country and especially down here in Columbus, where we are so loyal to Zion's demand, and never receive any credit through the great organ of the Connection.—*Vine-land (N. C.) Eagle*.

Whose fault is it that you do not get credit "through the great organ?" We publish every presiding elder's report and cull from nearly every article that comes and run it in "Shooting Stars" or "News from the Field." Twice have we asked every pastor in Zion to drop us postal cards now and then for publication telling us what they are doing. Any man in view of all these opportunities who will publish such rot to create dissatisfaction and disloyalty is a brainless and surly ass who sits around home with sleepy eyes with his elbows on his knees and his mouth and chin buried in his hands.

HUNDREDS and thousands of our ministers, members and friends have long wanted large and good pictures of the late and brilliant J. C. Price to frame and hang in their homes. Mrs. Price has had several thousand made and they can be had for almost nothing. Read her ad. Every Zionite should get one of these pictures. Here is a chance for agents to make money. As there are so many dishonest agents who sell, pocket the money and lie about it, it is best to send cash for a sample picture to show around and as the people pay send in cash orders all the time. We have had 300 of Bishop Jones' sermon books in the hands of agents since 1892, many have been sold, and we can get neither books nor money. We must have one or the other very soon or we shall publish to the world who these parties are. This credit system has nearly swamped the Book Concern and has thrown the Sunday-school Department several hundred dollars in debt. If they are to succeed they will have to run on the cash basis.

THE EIGHT-PAGE PAPER.

True to promise the General Manager and Editor have succeeded at last in giving to the readers the eight-page paper. We have passed another journalistic mile-stone. It will still be inadequate in its improved form to accommodate our large army of writers from every section of the country, but if each pastor will be an agent or will appoint some hustling and honest young man or woman to act as agent to sell from five to ten and more copies of the STAR each week in his church and will also canvass for subscribers, the STAR will be enlarged to either a six-column eight-page or to a sixteen-page paper before the next General Conference. Those who will take the agency will sell the STAR for five cents a copy, keep two cents on each paper sold, and send the Manager three cents on each paper sold once a month. The pastor can make a little extra money or if he will boom the STAR from his pulpit once or twice a month he can help his agent to make money and at the same time make his members a reading and loyal people to our great denomination. The minister that fails to put the STAR in the hands of his people so that they may know more about Zion and her institutions is standing in his own light. Take the agency. We will make some more mechanical improvements in a week or two and then make this paper hum.

THEY WILL CALL US.

The patriotic Negroes are given to understand now as they were in all other American wars by blatant, brazen, shoenstring fellows that this is a white man's war, and that their services are not needed if they are expecting to get honor and reward out of it. Several of the Southern Governors think so much of the Negroes that they have absolutely refused to call in to service any companies organized by them to fight Spain. Knowing that "war is hell" these Governors prefer to send white instead of black men to the front to taste it. The Negroes should not lose their heads and fret and cry because they are not allowed to walk into the jaws of death. They will be called for in good time. This war is not going to end as soon as the fool haters think. When the Spaniards begin to kill the American white soldiers by the thousands the Negroes will hear the long, loud, ringing Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us;" and we will trumpet back, "Hold the forts for we are coming." We will go, too, led by black officers, for the President and Secretary Alger have satisfied our Negro Congressman that there would be black officers in the immune regiments from the ranks of captain on down the line.

BISHOP CLINTON'S APPEAL.

Appeals for money in the STAR to help buy or save churches are generally not worth the paper on which they are written. Bishop G. W. Clinton makes an appeal this week for two of his churches which are in critical conditions, which appeal if treated with indifference will be a severe blow and disgrace to Zion Connection.

Washington chapel in St. Louis, Mo., is the finest church both in that city and in Zion. Can we afford to lose the finest church we have? How will other denominations look upon us? Can we afford to lose our \$6,000 church at Jefferson City, Mo., where our Conference last year was welcomed by the Governor of the State? Our Conference made such a big impression there that the Governor said if he could preach like Bishop Clinton he would enter the ministry at once. If we lose these two handsome churches it will be a terrible setback to our great Church in Missouri and also in the West. A certain denomination that tries hard to block our onward march is hustling to raise and borrow money to scoop in these churches. Let us disappoint them. Let each pastor, Sunday-school and V. C. E. society raise one dollar each this Sunday and send it early Monday morning to Bishop G. W. Clinton. The names of all who give will be published in the STAR.

KEEP THE LAW.

For the first time to our knowledge President Goler writes a ringing letter and appeals to the pastors and superintendents of the first educational district to rally and raise \$3,000 on Children's Day for our glorious Livingstone College. We believe his letter will touch the pride of the pastors and superintendents and that they will show him that he has not appealed in vain. The appeal from Bishop I. C. Clinton, also from the officers of Atkinson College, will not go unheeded. In fact we believe that each of the educational districts will financially come to the rescue of our schools this year in a way that will make us all leap for joy. Let us raise \$6,000—one half of that for our chief college.

Remember that according to law every penny raised on the fourth Sunday in June all day both in church and Sabbath-school is Children's Day money. No bishop, presiding elder, pastor, trustee nor any other church official can use a cent raised that day. The money belongs to our schools. This is the law and all of the above officers must keep it. If any bishop, presiding elder or pastor takes a cent raised that Sunday on salary he grossly violates law. If any pastor allows his trustees to raise money that day for local church expenses he and they brazenly violate law. Let us remember our vows and keep the law though the heavens fall. Children's Day only comes once a year. Let us not be so hoggish as to rob the schools of this day. Do right and God will take care of us.

THE STAR OF ZION, the official organ of the A. M. E. Zion Church, is a readable paper. Its editor is a scholarly, Christian gentleman, with broad and liberal views. Something great is just ahead of him and we think our brother is cognizant of the fact, for it is only by hard and assiduous labor that we reach the dizzy heights of distinction.—*Austin (Texas) Metropolitan-Hand of Friendship*.

Rev. W. H. Smith died recently at Montgomery and Rev. J. H. Manley, D. D. was appointed to succeed him. Dr. Manley has labored long and faithfully among the people of Pensacola, and we are sure he will meet with the same success in his new work that has invariably attended his labors in other fields. There are few pastors in the Zion Connection who are more earnest, faithful and public spirited than Dr. Manley.—*New York Age*.

SHOOTING STARS.

Rev. Gaines is preparing to build a new church in Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. J. W. Warren has been appointed to the Clear Creek circuit in Tennessee.

Rev. G. W. McDowell, of Yorkville, S. C., has rallied and raised \$170 for his church.

The Bethel Bishops have appointed Rev. H. C. C. Astwood superintendent of missions in Cuba.

Rev. Smith, of Smithwood, Tenn., says he is proud of his people. They have dressed him up in a new suit.

Bishop Small is a man of learning and ability and has control of the men under him.—*Tuscaloosa (Ala.) Chronicle*.

Rev. J. W. Wright is succeeding nicely and is well thought of in Asheville, N. C. It is said that he is a 33 degree mason.

Rev. S. J. Hargrave made an admirable chairman at the district convention. He received quite an ovation every time he rose to speak.—*Maston (N. C.) Blade*.

Rev. Homer P. Walker, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church, preached one of his soul-stirring sermons to his congregation Sunday. Rev. Walker is a man possessed with a natural gift.—*Tarboro Correspondent in the Wilmington Record*.

Rev. Dr. T. H. Tipton, of the Zion church, easily ranks with the foremost men of the race in Alabama. As a preacher he is able and eloquent, as a pastor he displays tact, judgment and executive ability, as a leader he is wise and conservative.—*Tuscaloosa Chronicle*.

Our Indianapolis contemporary, *The Age, The Colored American, The Tribune, Planet, Christian Index, STAR OF ZION, African Methodist, Boston Courant, Gazette*, and numbers of others besides might be mentioned in the category of commendable Negro weeklies.—*Christian Recorder*.

Bishop Walters, of Jersey City, N. J., is in favor of reviving the Afro-American League. If there ever was a time when some restraining influence was needed to check the tide of needless bloodshed, it is now. The trouble with all our colored organizations is, Negroes won't follow Negroes. Any sort of cheap white man can lead them, but a Negro, too often, never.—*Charlotte (N. C.) Independent*.

Somebody got the report in a Pennsylvania paper that Dr. Smith, of the STAR OF ZION, had sailed for Liberia via Liverpool. It tickled Editor Smith and he sent word to Revs. Kincaid and Fenderson and Dr. Clinton to explain that thing away. He prefers jumping ditches, riding gray mules and prospecting for other agreeable honors to running the African fever gauntlet.—*Charlotte (N. C.) Independent*.

In commenting upon the qualifications of Bishop Pettey, Bishop J. W. Hood, Senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Zion Church, said, among other things: "It is my pleasure to introduce to you the scientist and scholar of the bench of Bishops, and one of the most learned of the race, whose whole life has been devoted to the study of scientific subjects—Bishop C. C. Pettey." This statement coming from the senior Bishop of the Church, clearly showed Bishop Pettey's popularity with the episcopacy.—*Pittsburg Press*.

Dr. Alexander Walters, Bishop of the sixth district of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church of North America, was recently married to Miss Emeline Bird, Secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Book Concern. Miss Bird is a daughter of Mrs. Eliza Smith, a highly esteemed Afro-American member of the Methodist Episcopal church of Stamford, Conn. No pains were spared in the education of Miss Bird. We have known her since her childhood, and congratulate the Bishop and his bride.—*N. Y. Christian Advocate*.

Rev. J. W. Alstork, D. D., one of the foremost men in the A. M. E. Zion Connection and D. G. W. S. of the Love and Charity of Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, preached an eloquent sermon to a large congregation at Zion church, Sunday 3:30 p. m. He left Sunday evening for Scranton where he was received cordially by Rev. and Mrs. Johnson and friends who had an enjoyable tea set for him. A visit from such men proves profitable to us.—*Mobile (Ala.) Weekly Press*.