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PREACH the law and gospel.

THE war has begun in earnest.

SAVE each copy of the improved STAR until you get fifty-two copies and then have them bound in book form for \$1.50.

ONCE a year is enough for presiding elders to write up their districts. Some write every three or six months. Don't, brethren, don't. Give others a chance.

THE *Sunday School Herald*, of Lawrenceville, Ga., with Rev. W. R. Douglass as Editor is the latest Zion paper. It is well edited and has an able set of writers. Success to it.

LET the ministers and superintendents who have Children's Day money look on the seventh page and copy "Where To Send It" for future reference as we shall not publish it again this year.

BISHOP LOMAX says the ministers in his district that will not subscribe and pay for the STAR must be dropped from the roll of Conference. There are eight more bishops who will shake hands with Bishop Lomax in this determination. The law on this subject is a fixity.

LET presiding elders who have not done so of the Ohio, Kentucky and Missouri Conferences write up their districts and send us in the next week or two, as their Conferences are drawing nigh. Let the Tennessee presiding elders write the first week in August. Brethren, do not string out your reports trying to tell it all. Make them short. Say a great many things in a few words.

In his address to the New York Conference Bishop Hood says no man ought to be ordained to the office of Elder or Bishop before he is sanctified; that a man who is not entirely sanctified is liable to get angry. If this is the test we would like to know how many of our Bishops and Elders are entirely sanctified? Is it not best to withhold exhorter's and local preacher's license until the applicant is sanctified?

SOME of the ministers not far from here have a way of getting up big meetings and announcing or putting the names of Dancy, Blackwell and Smith on handbills as drawing cards to speak or preach. Big crowds are secured and disappointed because we do not turn up. The truth is the people have been

deceived because the Editors and Manager have not been invited. People brand us as liars and unworthy to be General Officers. We hope our brethren will not do this any more. It is hurtful.

THE great interdenominational, inter-racial Christian Endeavor Convention which will meet July 6-11, agreed two years ago to meet in Nashville, Tenn., on condition that Bishop Walters and Bishop Arnett should stop in the same hotel with the white trustees of said society. Such a guarantee was given. It has been broken. Father Clark, Secretary Baer and his trustees have been given to understand by the hotel men that it would injure and possibly break up their business to entertain colored men. In order to show their contempt for broken promises and hellish caste, these white officers of the C. E. movement will pass by the hotels and go to private homes. Until the Southern hotel men can learn to keep their promises the South need not expect to entertain this great Christian Convention again. All honor to these white trustees for the manly stand they have taken in refusing to lodge and dine at a hotel which lies and draws the color line. From reading the Bible we can plainly see that the devil has a firm grip on all Negro-haters. Without a change of heart and mind he will get them, too.

WE believe it has been six or seven years since Bishop Lomax has written up the work of his district. His men will appreciate it. Bishops Harris, Walters, G. W. Clinton and Holliday are about the only episcopates that have written up their men and churches lately. Bishop Hood used to do it but his pen has been idle for a long while. We are not certain that Bishops Petty, I. C. Clinton and Small have done so since they have reached the top. Certainly the pastors would like to know what their Bishops think of the work they are doing, and it would bring the pastors and Bishops closer together, strengthen our work everywhere, cause the pastors to rally with a vim on general funds and other Connectional claims, and spread Zion more rapidly if each Bishop once a year would say something good in the STAR about his men. What the presiding elder says is very encouraging, but he cannot talk for the Bishop. We hope each Bishop and presiding elder once a year will carry out the suggestion. If a general wants to keep his men inspired to fight and win he must ride up and down the line and commend them occasionally.

SUCCESS IS WHAT WE WANT.

PRESIDENT J. B. COLBERT, of the Varick Christian Endeavor Union, will move to Charlotte, N. C., first week in September and locate his department in the Publication House and occupy one of the fine offices. We have more room now than can be conveniently used, and we think when Secretary Warner peeps in on this House again he will follow Rev. Colbert's example. The sensible ministers of Zion are not so particular now as to where our departments are located providing they can be made self-supporting. It is only a few short-sighted men here and there

who would object to some things in heaven if they were there, who are always raising the sectional cry when measures are suggested for the advancement of the general Church.

WE are tired having other denominations laughing at some of our departments which are on paper and in satchels and trunks and will remain there until these General Officers come here and get the confidence of the Church and, like the Manager and Editor, hustle and make success of them. Colbert sees a bright future for his department here and is therefore willing to leave the Nation's Capital. Warner in visiting the Northern Conferences has made a splendid impression for his departments. Let him cut loose from the rotten politics of Alabama and locate his family and departments here and we four General Officers constantly putting our heads together will put these departments on a boom. We have the finest Negro Publishing House in the world; and let us go ahead on these other departments. Let us study more about success than section. Away with these sectional calamity howlers!

BOTH ARE LIARS.

THIS is what Bishop H. M. Turner calls Bethel and Zion. There is only one Bishop Turner and he doesn't care much what he says. When he gets aroused he can sling vituperation with Dr. Johnson's immortal fishwoman. With all of his roughness of speech he has a heart as tender as a child, and he is the most sincere and best friend that our Zion has to-day in the A. M. E. Church. Under the caption "Both are Liars," he goes on to show in the July *Voice of Missions* that there never will be organic union between Zion and Bethel. He is right, and the simpletons in both denominations should give the subject an eternal rest.

Seeing but little sincerity in the movement, we took up our pen five years ago and knocked it dead as a door nail. Bishop Turner wants organic union between his Church and the C. M. E. Church. If any union comes at all it will come first between the C. M. E. Church and the A. M. E. Zion Church, for we two organizations are very friendly. We favor organic union with that denomination any time. We want fraternal but no organic union with Bethel, for they do not mean to unite but to swallow like a snake swallowing a frog. Knowing that the movement cannot be galvanized into life again this is what the outspoken Bishop Turner says:

It is time for the A. M. E. Church and the C. M. E. Church to unite and become one grand body. Some of the Bishops and a large number of the ministers of both denominations are anxious for it, and do not fail to speak for it. There are too many Colored Episcopal Methodist denominations in this country. It is foolishness to try to perpetuate them all, and two of them at least should unite and become one body. We have been fizzling over a union with the A. M. E. Zion Church to our knowledge since 1880. We have written 100 communications and have met in joint session, through representatives or commissioners, three times to our knowledge, and every time it has ended in smoke; and we are now satisfied that there never will be any union.

We had rather stay apart and spin out lies by the millions as to priority, number of members, who is the greatest, and a whole lot of such nonsense, when neither one has very much to brag

about; but with the C. M. E. Church, we could treat without such nonsensical issues, for most of us remember when it was organized and other questions of far more importance would only engage attention. The A. M. E. Church, thank God, will soon have Africa belted by missionary fields, and, while it is a shame that the A. M. E. Church and the A. M. E. Zion Church will be telling lies on each other all around the African continent, as we have done all over the South, we see no hope for it, for the very moment we become engaged in a controversy, we go to telling lies; but in union with the C. M. E. Church, we might become a power too great to "mud fling" and beat the devil lying, which we have been at for fifty years.

RUBBING WHERE IT HURTS.

THERE are times when it is necessary to lay aside everything and give the devil a pitched battle. Bishop Jehu Holliday's reply in the STAR of June 16th, to Bishop W. B. Derrick's slurs of him, which appeared in the *University Herald* of Arkansas, and our editorial styling Bishop Derrick a "fire-eater" and saying that "the day for hitting Zion and getting away without being struck is past" has almost equalled a dynamite sensation.

WE are reliably and prohibitively informed by a Bethel ministerial friend who lives in the West that during the commencement of Wilberforce two or three weeks ago some of his Bishops and ministers gave Editor Johnson a terrible drubbing because of his backwardness in defending his Church and especially because he failed to reply to Bishop Holliday and us. Because he has not shelled and misrepresented Zion like one of the Editors of the *Recorder* used to do not many years ago his loyalty has been questioned more than once, and some of his men have threatened to defeat him for the bishopric or re-election as Editor in 1900. They say he married a Zionite. Well, we married a Bethelite.

In order to satisfy the chronic whiners and carping critics, he in last week's *Recorder* crawls out of the shade and brays long and loud and slangwhangs and anathematizes Bishop Holliday and us under the editorial heading "Envious Judah Vexing Ephraim." After reading Bishop Holliday's article of defense and our editorial reference, the general public will wonder why Dr. Johnson wrote that heading which is foreign to the subject under discussion; but no doubt some mischievous Zionite will be found quoting in his ear the pregnant line from Shakespeare: "Suspicion always haunts the guilty mind."

Editor Johnson who is a theological graduate of Howard University, possibly a D. D. of Wilberforce, and who posed last week as a Biblical critic, is wrong-headed in his Scripture quotation. He charges Judah with being envious. If the reader will open his Bible at Isaiah xi: 13 he will read "The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim." Editor Johnson styles Zion "Judah" and the Bible does not accuse Judah with being envious. He styles Bethel "Ephraim" and the Bible certainly accuses Ephraim of envy. This is a very unfortunate thing for your side, Brother Johnson, for Ephraim (Bethel) is envious of Judah (Zion), and Judah (Zion) is simply vexing Ephraim (Bethel) for her constant slurs and misrepresentations. When Bethel ceases hitting at Zion then Zion will let up on her—not before.

The *Christian Recorder* accuses us of being "an adept in small journalism and oblivious to fact and fair-play." This charge is a specimen of demagogery and inconsistency and is uttered to arouse the lowest prejudices. It excites our contempt and is evident that Dr. Johnson needs a good deal of blue mass. If we would sit still like a numbskull and allow our

sister denomination to continually chunk Zion we would be in their estimation a great, conservative, safe editor. Editors Dancy and Clinton used to sharply answer some of their attacks and let them off, but we show no quarters unless they take their hats in their hands and make their feet burn the wind. Dr. J. M. Henderson, who slurred our Centennial and also our Bench of Bishops nearly two years ago by saying that the most progressive step Zion had taken was when she elected G. W. Clinton a Bishop, and in the *Christian Recorder* said that Bishop Hood was old and becoming a back number, and that a young man named Walters had sprung up and was trying to run Zion and a lot of other rot knows us well.

Dr. Johnson rips and rears and hysterically screams the following:

If Dr. Smith is as shallow and narrow as he used to be before he became the mouthpiece of his great Church, he is equally sordid if not more so, than the gizzard-hearted critics referred to, and we hold him in contempt, just as abject and supreme as we do his bigoted counterparts.

Let's see. When we as a correspondent fought and killed organic union five years ago, this same Bethel Editor called us "shallow and narrow" and threatened to run a Juggernaut car over us. He and others in Zion and Bethel at the time covered us with cheap, malodorous, reeking, barnyard personalities, but we are just as pert and proud of our victory over this humbug movement as a cat who has discovered where the catnip-bag is kept. Had we not in our younger days come up under the influence of the leading Bishop of Zion who told us a lot about these two great denominations, we might still be weak-minded for this union. Whenever it comes up, if we are living, it will have to go through the hay-cutter.

Editor Johnson thinks when a Bishop of Zion is assailed by a Bishop of Bethel that the STAR should keep silent. If he has any sense at all, he must admit that it is an Editor's privilege to comment on anything that goes in his paper. The STAR is the champion and defender of the Church, and it shall in the future as in the past, whenever the attacks warrant it, stand up for Bishops, ministers and members of Zion. Dr. Johnson will grow stronger with his Church if he will turn his siege guns oftener upon her assailants. Scratching one instep with the other foot, putting his finger in his mouth, Editor Johnson knowingly utters arrant humbuggerly when he charges that we allowed Bishop Holliday to use the columns of the STAR to defame Bishop Derrick. Bishop Holliday, in that article, asserts that Bishop Derrick, in a speech at Hot Springs, Ark., reflected on his Christian character; that he has done so at other times, and that he seems determined to keep it up. It makes a great difference as to whose ox is gored.

The *Recorder* goes on to say:

So far from criticising Bishop Derrick for allowing his Conferences to get rid of the immoral and refractory preachers who found refuge in Zion against the former's protest, we applaud his courage and consistency.

If the Conference got rid of these preachers, will the *Recorder* tell us why they were allowed to keep their licenses? Bishop Holliday says they came to Zion bearing credentials from the A. M. E. Church. When a denomination expels a minister, it takes his license, even if it has to resort to the court to get them. If your Church expels and fails to take license, it is guilty of a crime. The *Recorder* will also please tell us why Bethel has taken back into its ranks one of these same "immoral and refractory preachers."

The *Recorder* shoots off its mouth again in this wise:

Bishop Holliday has tried by some galvanic process to impart automatic energies sufficient to enable these exiles to crawl back to their first love, according to his own report. Had he been as considerate of ecclesiastical comity as he was ambitious for Connectional spoliation, neither Church would have been,