

WOMAN'S COLUMN.

WEDDING BELLS AND ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON.

BY MRS. C. C. PETTEY.

[Presents given the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Morten, whose happy marriage was reported in this column in the last issue of the STAR OF ZION.]

Mr. Chas. Case, 1 parlor lamp; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Green, water bucket; Mrs. Dallas Long, broom; Mr. Isaac Webb, useful present; Mr. C. C. Roach, useful present; Mr. B. B. Mitchell, cranberry bowl and milk pitcher; Mrs. Sophia Jackson, handsome cake; Mrs. Laura Taylor, toilet set; Mr. E. R. Dudley's family, half dozen ice-cream plates, half dozen cut glasses, cups, saucers, plates and dish pan; Mr. Ananias Fonvielle, handsome fire screen; Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Lassiter, half dozen cut glasses; Mrs. S. J. Robinson, china pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Fisher, bowl and pitcher; Mr. E. N. Moore cellabub set; Mr. and Mrs. York Jones, molasses pitcher; Mr. W. E. Rosenthal, window shades; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hollowell, lovely rocking chair; Mr. John Suter, handsome wall picture; Mr. Isaac Simmons, hat rack; Mrs. Caroline Fisher, silver nut cracker and pickers; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Simons, milk pitcher and half dozen napkins; Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Holt, foot mat; Mr. J. E. O'Hara and family, linen cloth with napkins; Miss Mamie B. Jones, one dozen napkins, Mr. E. E. Moye, set of towels; Mr. Handy Mitchell, dish pan; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barfield, rug; Mr. Nathan Brock's family, handsome wall picture Miss Louisa Wiggins, half dozen wine glasses; Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Byrd, half dozen linen doylies; Mr. J. B. Robinson, one ham; Miss Rachel Williams, china bowl; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Jones, pair of flower stands; Mr. James Holt, \$2; Bishop and Mrs. Pettey, check, bridal handkerchief and cake; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, smoking gown; Mrs. Fannie Nelson, table cloth; Mrs. Martha Richardson, handsome gilded chair; Mr. Robt. White, silver sugar dish, spoon and tea-pot; Mr. W. F. Scott, silver cream ladle; Miss Julia Locke, cake plate; Mrs. Alex. Davis, half dozen glasses and a set of tea-spoons; Mr. Wm. Poole, hall lamp; Messrs. Marks and Land, chair; Mr. Henry Simmons, bread tray and dusting brush; Mr. J. W. Harrell, castor; Mr. C. D. Bradham, beautiful bottle of cologne; Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Kincaid, Pittsburg, Pa., handsome gold-lined silver ladle; Miss Minnie Jackson, crumb pan, brush and two cake stands; Miss Lillian Smith, butter dish and picture; Mr. Ed. Short, one rug; Mrs. Tamer Robinson, a glass pitcher; Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, one butter dish; Miss E. A. V. Dudley, dish of bridal flowers and hand painted plate; Miss Mamie Pettey, embroidered pin cushion; Mr. Albert McFowlin, half dozen tea plates, butter dish and spoon holder; Mrs. Margaret Barham, two rice dishes and pepper cruet; Miss Lucy Bryant, vinegar cruet; Miss Mamie D. Willis, half dozen desert plates; Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Kennedy, chamber set; Mr. Amos Jones, \$10; Mrs. Adelaide Whitley, hand painted sugar dish; Miss Annie D.

Wright, silver pitcher and card receiver; Mr. Frank Vail, couple of flower vases; Miss Betsey Sparrow, vinegar cruet; Mr. Wm. Sparrow, china butter dish; Miss Millie Sparrow, banana stand; Mr. Jas. Paris, \$3; Miss Janie E. Dudley, bridal fan and orange blossoms; Miss Mattie Dixon, fruit dish; Mrs. Richard Sawyer, pair of irons; Mrs. J. A. Boon, fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davis, pickle dish and spittoon; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burton, half dozen dinner plates; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Whitford, pickle dish and pitcher; Mrs. O. Marks, bridal cake; Miss Mamie James, half dozen napkins; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sparrow, half dozen plates; Mr. Samuel Holloway, one ham; Messrs. O. Marks & Son, lovely side-board; Rev. E. Morten and family, tin water set; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. York, half dozen napkins; Mrs. Bettie Richards, half dozen doylies and waiter of jessamines; Mrs. Samuel Chadick, cake; young ladies at Mr. Mark's store, one dozen linen doylies; Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Davenport, lovely bed spread; Mr. I. H. Smith, brass mounted clock; Mrs. Adeline Dawson, bread bowl; Mrs. Martha Hargett, half dozen napkins; Mrs. Jonas Daniels, cake pan and tea-pot; Mrs. Dennis Barrow, bowl and pitcher; Miss Laura Richardson, milk pitcher; Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Spruill, flower stand; Mrs. Eliza Biddle, half dozen goblets and wine glasses; Mr. I. N. Eubanks and mother, towels; Miss Abbie Battle, half dozen tea plates; Misses F. and M. Jocelyn, silver butter knife and sugar spoon; Mrs. Phyllis Bryant, table cloth and napkins; Mr. T. J. Turner, rocking chair; Miss Mamie White, glass ship imitating the Maine.

MARCHING ON.

BY REV. W. M. ANDERSON.

Zion is marching on. The people are loyal and have an attentive ear to the cry of Zion's needs, and are responding according to their several abilities. The Lord has blessed us with a glorious revival throughout our work this year and many souls have been happily converted and Zion's borders have been enlarged. Since we have taken charge of the Waynesville circuit, 70 souls have been converted, 68 of whom joined the Zion church. You see we haven't been losing anything nor leaving any stones unturned. We led the district on general fund last year and propose to lead again this year. Rev. A. G. Kesler, P. E., spares no pains in presenting the Connectional claims before the people. He is the right man in the right place. We raised \$26.30 in our quarterly meeting.

Shine on, thou STAR OF ZION, until the whole world is illuminated by thy rays. J. W. Smith, D. D., is the right man in the right place.

Waynesville, N. C.

NOTICE.

Brethren of the Michigan and Canada Conference: Our Conference will meet in Detroit, August 24th. Only one brother has reported general fund. Excuses will not run the machinery of our great Zion, neither will they satisfy the Conference Steward. Take timely warning.

Rev. J. R. Alexander,
Conference Steward,
Ontario, Canada.

ORGANIZE MITE SOCIETIES.

STILL STANDING BY MY GUNS.

BY REV. A. J. WARNER, D. D.

Some time has elapsed since I have had anything to say about my work. It is progressing nicely and the future is bright.

Having noticed the appeal by Bishop G. W. Clinton detailing the awful condition of our church in St. Louis and Jefferson City, Missouri, I thought I would call attention to the importance of the loyal brethren organizing at once Church extension mite societies where they are not already organized and report at once to me. Brethren, this is the only way that immediate relief can be had. Surely we have 3,000 loyal pastors who will heed the call. Surely you will not stand by and see those and other churches pass out of our hands when one dollar per month from each mite society for 12 months would save these churches and leave a surplus on hand to help other churches that are in like condition.

Let us either wake up and organize or cease talking about our love for Zion. If you have not time to do the work, just appoint a good, loyal, Zion-loving woman and place her in communication with me at once so I can send her a constitution and let her go to work. Yes, let the women loose and they will save Zion. Just think of our Church boasting and bragging about her intelligence and ability, and about her age and wealth, and see our sister Church raise over \$10,000 missionary money on Easter, and over \$10,000 Church extension money last year, and we doing in a manner nothing along these lines. For God sake, brethren, go to work or quit talking and take a back seat. However, I shall stand by my guns and continue to bombard the castle until you either awake from sleep or allow me to place you in an attitude of ridicule before the world. You told me to give you a plan and you would work up to it. I have given you the plan and it has been endorsed by the Board of Bishops, and there are hundreds of our big men, some who would like to be Bishops, who have not even as much as thought of acting. Shame! shame!! shame!!! on a minister of Zion who can hear these appeals and yet seem unmoved. If we were asking you for some large collection that would interfere with your salary it would be some cause for your indifference, but we do not ask for that. We only ask you for your mites, and from what I have seen in my travels for the five months, I am convinced that if the preachers will simply explain to the people and stand aside we shall have an income that will in a few years place Zion in the front ranks along the line of Church extension work.

Brethren, I have made fearful sacrifices in the last six months for the great cause, but I am not discouraged, for I know that the cause is a just one, and sooner or later a just God will see to it that it succeeds even though a lot of these big-headed, jealous-hearted preachers and big lkes may have to be sent to their long home out of the way of the progress of the Church. Thank God, however, that throughout the East there is a spirit of aggressiveness which I

hope will kindle throughout the Connection; and I feel that with the co-operation of the leaders, such will be the case. However I shall stand by my guns.

Now I wish to make this proposition in view of an immediate need of money to meet the demands of the appeal by Bishop Clinton and other like cases: I, Andrew J. Warner, General Secretary of the Church Extension Board of the A. M. E. Zion Church, do hereby pledge to the president of the mite society who will send in the largest amount within the next sixty days (said amount being over five dollars,) a fine double case ladies' gold watch. Remember this must be done through the mite society. Send for constitutions at once. You may send all at once or just as you get it. I will keep a record and receipt you for same. Now let me hear from all at once. Let us raise \$5,000 at once to save our churches that are in trouble.

Birmingham, Ala.

FROM AMERICA TO AFRICA.

A PLEASANT JOURNEY FROM BEGINNING TO END.

BY MRS. CARRIE E. CARTWRIGHT.

[CONCLUDED FROM LAST ISSUE.]

Wednesday, March 10th, at 10 a. m. we boarded the steamship Bengala for the West Coast of Africa and we met one black man going to one of the African islands, De Los, under Great Britain, an Episcopal minister. As we near the Bay of Biscay we dread it because it is generally stormy crossing. But, thank God, it was calmer than I expected. After six days' sail we landed at Madeira, March 15th. Thursday we went to Teneriffe and on March 21st to Gore and Decca. We had services on the Sabbath, as they and the minister were of the Church of England. He conducted services and asked Elder to assist; but not being accustomed with their forms Elder and I could not keep up with their prayers, for it kept us constantly looking for the prayers and turning over the leaves—this Psalm to chant and the other place to read. I found myself coming out behind the minister and the congregation; consequently I closed my prayer book and looked at the minister. It did me about as much good. Elder had long since closed his prayer book, but he read the second lesson, Mark 14: 53-72. I cannot see that reading a prayer is praying. I rather pray the way that does not require one to turn over leaves, but tell Jesus my soul's desire.

March 22nd we landed and went ashore at Bathurst which belongs to England. March 25th found us at Cronekey which belongs to France. We had no Sabbath services. The French do not regard the Sabbath like the English and Liberians. Madeira, Teneriffe, Goose and Dereka belong to different nationalities. They call Africa "the white man's grave," but they don't mind going to this grave. If one gets into this grave another will come and build on the very spot where he went in and then cry "Africa is this and Africa is that." Deride it as much as they may, still they come to it seeking possession. The black man had better wake up, and you Afro-Americans had better wipe the sleep from

your eyes. Some of you remember the expression that Jeff Davis made after the war closed. Seeing a black man sleeping on a bale of cotton, he said, "What will the South do when the Negro wakes up?"

March 28th we landed at Sierra Leone, Africa. March 29th at Sherbro, and April 2nd, at Monrovia, once more the land of freedom. A pleasanter voyage I have never experienced. I said to Elder that the Christians at Elizabeth City must have been praying for us during our voyage.

Saturday we landed at Brewersville, our home and place of work. We were asked to lecture at the Baptist church, also a welcome reception in the form of a surprise was tendered us by the young class, former scholars and others, which plainly tells us that our work among them has done good and they appreciate it. The beautiful welcome addresses were composed and delivered by Mr. James Bowens, one of my scholars, and Mr. Moses Hardy. We were brushing up these two boys for Livingstone College when the General Conference of 1888 passed a resolution authorizing Elder Cartwright to get six African boys and girls. The Conference appointed a committee to see after it, but what did they do? I went right about my post of business, and to-day these six might have been graduated and been here building up the work for our Zion.

We have asked two or three times since then what disposition would be made of them, but no one gives us an answer. Mr. Howard Hayes, the organist, was one among the first scholars of the mission here. Space prevents me from mentioning the others.

Let me impress it upon our Zion that Brewersville is coming, especially among the younger class, and the seed that we have sown for Zion has not fallen in stony ground.

Brewersville, Africa.

When our Bible leader, Rev. A. D. Dunlap came to our town we did not have a church. He went to work and built our church up. At Olanor Grove we have a good church 42x32. We built this church from the ground up at this point. We had 45 members, now we have 110. When Bishop Lomax preached for us not long ago we had a crowd of white and colored people out to hear him. They all said it was the ablest sermon they had ever heard on that passage before. At the close the pastor opened the doors of the church and 15 young men joined. We had 30 converts. Our pastor had Revs. Lockhart and Hamilton of Gastonia to help him. We have paid \$100 for church building at Mount Zion where we had a split some years ago. Before this we only had 22 members here; but when the Conference sent Rev. Dunlap here we got back all that we lost and more. We now have a fine set of members. At Henry's chapel we are preparing to build. We have over \$500 in the treasury of building funds. Rev. M. V. Marable is our able Presiding Elder.—From a member, — N. C.

The Star of Zion glorifies itself with a new dress, which greatly improves its general appearance. "Shine on Star, we wonder what you are."—Petersburg (Va.) National Pilot.