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EDITORIAL.

READ the Bible daily.

THE Bethel General Conference will meet in 1900 in Columbus, Ohio.

BISHOP HOOD drops a larger shell in Presiding Elder Snowden's camp this week.

THE Richmond (Va.) *Planet* has enlarged to an eight-page paper. The brave John Mitchell still slings a scorching but effective pen.

The *Star of Zion* says Cuba will be a Negro Republic. We hope Editor Smith will prove in this case a true prophet.—*Alexandria (Va.) Leader*.

From what is transpiring now in war circles it needs no prophet to foresee that our prediction will come true.

BETHEL by counting her baptized babies and children claims 600,000 members. Zion, not counting hers, only claims 525,000 members. If Zion would count all her sprinkled babies she would have 600,000 members, too.

WE received a telegram from Mrs. G. S. Adams last week stating that her baby, George, died the 5th inst. It has only been a few months since her scholarly and successful husband passed away. May He who moves mysteriously comfort her in her hours of sadness.

THE Manager and Editor hope to run the cuts and brief sketches of themselves and of the clerks and printers of the Publishing House in next week's issue of the STAR. Each agent should send for extra copies as soon as he reads this so that we may know how many to print. You will have no trouble to sell them.

IN accordance with the recent proclamation of President McKinley, last Sabbath was observed as a day of thanksgiving for the wonderful victories which the Americans have won over the Spaniards, and as a day of prayer for the speedy consummation of peace. Thank God for a Christian President.

MRS. PERRY G. WALKER, a very accomplished teacher, fine scholar, excellent music writer and pianist, has gone North for the Summer to solicit help for Clinton Institute in Rock Hill, S. C. She needs money to complete the Taylor Industrial building. It is hoped that the Northern friends will help her.

By a vote of 42 to 21 the Hawaiian Islands have been annexed to the United States. The population is largely American, many being Negroes, and it is a valuable piece of property with only a \$4,000,000 debt hanging over it which this country will assume. We are negotiating with Spain for more property.

The *Star of Zion*, which by the way is, in our estimation, the only real thing in religious journalism, is to assume grander proportions. We are proud of its success and hope to see it continue its most excellent career.—*San Antonio (Tex.) Advance*.

Thanks. We have assumed them and we expect to remain "the only real thing in religious journalism." The other religious papers and many secular ones will have to hustle to keep up with us.

PRESIDING ELDER S. P. COLLINS informs us of the death of Rev. A. C. Cornelius who was one of the most faithful and upright ministers of the North Alabama Conference. He died June 30th at his charge in Woodstock. The funeral sermon was preached by his old friend, Rev. R. Steele. He leaves a wife and several children. He was a strong pillar of Zion in the mineral district of North Alabama. Servant of God, thy work is done.

AFTER one of the most daring fights known to warfare, the American soldiers who drove back the Spaniards sat down next day and sang, "There will be a hot time in Santiago to-night." Cervera and his fleet decided not to stay for Shafter's festival but dashed out of the harbor for home. Sampson's fleet argued with them to stop or come back. They would not; and now Uncle Sam is strutting around with his hands in his pockets singing, "All Spanish fleets look alike to me."

THE STAR will soon issue an Easter supplement containing the name of every Sabbath-school by conferences that raised Easter money. If any of the pastors have Easter money and want to be in this list they had better send in the money at once. Let the presidents or secretaries of the schools that receive Children's Day money this year make out a roll by conferences and send here by August 18th to go in the Children's Day supplement. These supplements will show who are supporting our departments.

OUR five pastors of the Washington churches need not make any further arrangements to entertain the General Conference in 1900 if it is understood that the Bishops and ministers are to pay for board and lodging while there. We haven't had to do this and there are several cities yet who will be glad to have the General Conference that will not exact this. Either Philadelphia, St. Louis or Charlotte, N. C., will take the General Conference free in 1900. If Washington is going to charge us, let the Board of Bishops next month at Asbury Park, N. J., change the Conference to one of these cities.

THE Woman's Missionary Conference of the Western North Carolina Conference, organized last year by Mrs. M. A. Marable, convened last Thursday in Clinton Chapel, Charlotte, N. C., and held four days' pleasant and profitable

sessions. She was ably assisted by Mrs. C. R. Harris, Mrs. R. R. Morris and Miss Mary A. Lynch. Several influential women delegates were present. Several pastors for some reason do not seem to be interested in this movement but it is going to succeed anyhow. God is in the missionary movement. Let these noble workers continue in the good work, for they shall reap if they faint not.

PRESIDING ELDER J. W. COOPER of the Union Springs district and Conference Steward of the Alabama Conference desires the brethren to report the general fund monthly instead of keeping it in their pockets, so that the General Steward can get it and the General Officers can get some of it. Some of the preachers' stewards ought to collect pastor's salary and keep some until Conference meets and spend some. This is the way that some brethren do with the general fund. Brethren, the Bishops say they do not want any of you to collect general fund and save it until they come, but to send it in according to law so that both Bishops and General Officers can live.

ZION has been thinking all along that Bishop Holliday was simply a great preacher, powerful on his knees, and a successful church-builder, but he has fooled the boys by showing them that he can push a pen when aroused. His last article of defense has produced convulsions. If he writes many more sensational articles like that we shall ask the next General Conference to make him Editor of this paper and let us fill his shoes as Bishop. The little flim-flam Bethel Editor of the *University Herald*, of Little Rock, Ark., in its issue of July 2, desiring to advertise his "larnin" by quoting Latin, butchering English and spelling common words with capital letters devotes over two columns sneering at Bishop Holliday's education and says there appeared in the STAR the following: "Bishop Holliday Scholarly Answers Bishop Derrick." If this college Editor will call in some little school boy he will tell him that no such heading appeared in the STAR; that that word is "scorchingly" instead of "scholarly." We do not propose to argue with a college(?) Editor who cannot spell and read correctly.

REV. H. C. C. ASTWOOD's claim in the *Defender* that Bethel has the ablest bench of Bishops, the ablest ministers and the most enlightened pulpit of any individual race Church in the world, and that Bethel which is 20 years younger than Zion is the mother of Zion, is all moonshine and is only believed by him and his crowd. He has only two, not over three, college-bred Bishops on his bench, and Zion has three. Some of his Bishops have already said that while they could excel us raising money that our Bishops and ministers could excel them preaching and speaking. The great M. E. Church is the mother of both Zion and Bethel, but Rev. Astwood doesn't mind falsifying history. When he says that the *Christian Recorder* is the greatest religious paper in the world and the STAR OF ZION comes next he causes the newspaper fraternity especially to grin from ear to ear. Read what the

Negro Editors say this week. One of the biggest General Officers in Bethel told Presiding Elder Fisher, of Zion, the other day if we were a Bethel Editor giving them such a paper as we are giving Zion that they would elect us a Bethel Bishop in 1900. Poor Brother Astwood! The trouble with such a presumptuous man is it would be better for him if, like the Dutchman's dog, "he did not know so blamed much."

PROUD OF HIS IGNORANCE.

Rev. H. C. C. Astwood, who has served politically abroad for Uncle Sam and is now preaching the gospel and running a splendid newspaper at Bryn Mawr, Pa., and has been appointed by the Bethel Bishops a missionary to Cuba, glories in his ignorance when he publishes in *The Defender* the following:

Our able contemporary, the *Star of Zion*, is trying to overdo itself; false impressions are the best evidence of success and progress. The statement in a recent issue that the Zion Publication House was the largest and best in the country and that the membership of Zion had reached above 800,000, is an inflated statement, either wilfully or ignorantly trying to mislead public judgment. Surely the Editor has not visited the Publication Department of the A. M. E. Church, No. 631 Pine Street, Philadelphia, or the Sunday School Publishing Department at Nashville, Tennessee.

We have never published that Zion had a membership that reached above 800,000, and no such untruthful statement has ever appeared in this paper. Unless Rev. Astwood can show such a statement from us, or one that appeared in the STAR, we shall regard him as a man of powerful imagination, assumption and fabrication, and we would not give a piece of Confederate money for all the religion he thinks he has.

We have visited the Bethel Publishing House several times and know what is in there, and we stick to our claim that Zion has the largest and best-equipped Publishing House in the world. Bishops Hood, Walters and G. W. Clinton, President Sanders of Biddle University, Editor Dancy and other men of national reputation who have seen both Houses say the same. Rev. Astwood has never seen our Publishing House and is therefore incompetent to judge.

Let him have Manager Henderson take an honest inventory of everything of his House for publication and we will have Manager Blackwell do the same of our House, and then it will be seen who is overdoing himself. Rev. Astwood knows that we have not boasted about our Sunday School Department, which is self-supporting, but since he has brought that in, we will say that Dr. Blackwell now writes and publishes our Sunday School Literature and does not buy it from David C. Cook, of Chicago, as another boasting Negro Church does, and put four or five pages of printed matter and a picture back on it to make believe that the whole thing emanated from Negro brain. Did we ironically say something?

GALLANT NEGRO SOLDIERS.

In every war in which the United States has fought the Negro soldier has stood side by side with the white soldier defending the Stars and Stripes. He is doing the same to-day despite the prejudice and spitting of poisonous fire by white fools with flint-lock brains and hair-trigger mouths. In that awful and terrific charge the other day between the American and Spanish soldiers at El Caney, an outpost of Santiago, the Tenth Cavalry of Negroes saved the day for Uncle Sam.

The Spanish commander who was strongly entrenched behind the hills which were stormed and taken by this cavalry of Negroes and Rough Riders was amazed and

said: "We have never fought such troops before. The more terrific the fire, the faster they advanced. We are not used to men who fight that way." These black soldiers in the face of a hailstorm of Spanish shot and shell dashed up the steep hill with the Rough Riders, firing and killing the enemy as they went, having fewer men killed than the Rough Riders, and making the Spaniards take to their heels.

The white soldiers declare that these black soldiers fought like mad tigers; others say they fought like devils. One black soldier who was shot in the thigh coolly knelt behind a rock loading and firing and when told by one of his comrades that he was wounded said carelessly, "Oh, that's alright. That's been there for some time." When our white soldiers looked at these black heroes gallantly rushing up the hills under a galling Spanish fire and putting the Spaniards to flight after several of the Rough Riders had been shot down they shook the earth cheering them from field and camp, cheer after cheer going up and swelling in volume, and when the black boys returned to the tents the white soldiers forgot their prejudice but took them up bodily and carried them around cheering. The *Philadelphia Press* correspondent, unwilling to rob these Negro soldiers of any glory, says: "We could clearly see the wonderful work the dusky veterans of the Tenth Cavalry were doing. Their accuracy of aim was probably never before equalled under like circumstances."

Three cheers for the Tenth Cavalry, for their splendid charge and thrilling heroism! Let us not forget to cheer for the Ninth Cavalry and for the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantry of colored soldiers at Santiago who are equally as brave and will alike distinguish themselves when given a chance. This is only an example of what thousands of Negroes now at home will do if the President and the Governors will cut away the barriers of discrimination and will give us Negro regiments manned by Negro officers. Then, and then truly, will we "Remember the Maine and Maceo" and bring this war waged in the interest of humanity to a speedy close.

SHOOTING STARS.

The *Star of Zion* comes to us this week in eight pages and much improved in appearance.—*Southern Christian Recorder*.

We congratulate Editor Smith and Manager Blackwell, of the *Star of Zion*, on the greatly improved appearance of their paper, the organ of the A. M. E. Zion Church.—*Cleveland (Ohio) Gazette*.

The new form and appearance of the *Star of Zion* add much to the mechanical value of that organ, and the *Recorder* congratulates it upon its improved dress, shape and size.—*Christian Recorder*.

The *Star of Zion*, already the best Negro Church organ in the country, is now enlarged to a five-column quarto, on book paper, printed in the highest style of the art preservative.—*Houston (Tex.) Van*.

The *Star of Zion* is out in a new dress. It is now an eight-page quarto. It is nicely gotten up and well printed. It is in fact one of the largest and oldest colored papers in the South.—*Wilson (N. C.) Blade*.

The Charlotte, N. C., *Star of Zion* came to us this week so much improved that we failed to recognize it. We congratulate Editor J. W. Smith and the management upon the enterprise.—*Richmond (Va.) Planet*.

The *Star of Zion*, the leading Negro Church paper in this country, has recently moved up from a four to an eight-page journal. Three cheers for Manager Blackwell and Editor Smith.—*Pee Dee (N. C.) Herald*.

The *Star of Zion* has put on a new dress and now presents its readers with eight pages of excellent reading matter. Rev. Dr. J. W. Smith is the right man in the right place.—*New York Weekly Triumph*.

We congratulate Dr. Smith, Editor of the *Star of Zion*, upon the excellent appearance of his paper which comes to us in changed form, being now an eight-page, brimful of choice matter.—*Augusta (Ga.) Union*.

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