BY REV. J. B. COLBERT.

OUR CHILDREN'S DAY.

BY SYLVIA E. MOORE.

Obey your parents in the Lord, For see it is your right To honor them and love them, too. With all your heart and might.

When we come on this gladsome day

To glory in Thy name, We know that we can love this day And give to ourselves fame.

Then come ye, parents, friends and all

And hearken to our speech, For we know that we all wil know

The love that God doth teach. -Boston, Mass.

CHAMBERS ANSWERED.

SCRIPTURE AUTHORITY FOR THI ORDINATION OF WOMEN.

BY REV. R. A. MORRISEY.

In a recent number of the STAR OF ZION, I find an article from the pen of Rev. S. A. Chambers in which he takes the position that there is "no authority in scripture for the ordination of women." He appears in the role of a Biblical and theological critic and severely arraigns and condemns the action of message itself materially contained any annual Conference that ordams a woman to the order of deacon or elder, and defiantly asserts that "there is not a single line in the Old or New Testament which furnishes the slightest evidence or casts the faintest light favorable to this new precedent.' When he makes such sweeping and erroneous statements, he not only impugns the wisdom, the prudence and the dignity of the Annual Conference to which he refers, but very unfortunately for him, betrays his ignorance of a correct knowledge of the Bible and theology. And for his own benefit, we desire, with his permission, to refer him to his Greek Testament and no doubt he will quickly discover his error, retract his statements and offer satisfactory apologies both to the "annual Conference" and the women who have been ordained to the ministry. In the course of his article, he

avows that "Christ sent out no women to preach, the Apostles ordained none to the office of deacon or elder." Brother Chambers, the Greek translation of Romans 16:1, 2 shows conclusively that Phœbea woman-was a deacon of the Apostolic Church and was duly General Conference has wiped out acknowledged and esteemed as such by the ministry then in au-

was a deacon and was so accepted and honored by the ministers and Churches wherever she labored. There is now but one other alternative for Brother Chambers. He must "fling to the winds" his theory that the "Apostles ordained no women to the order of deacon or elder," as it is plain that he is in direct contradiction to the

in this chapter show that Phœbe

scriptures. But listen again. Brother Chambers avers that "Christ sent out no women to preach." In this

he is again wrong in his theology. I cannot persuade myself to believe that a man of his supposed intelligence and acquaintance with the scriptures meant it when he is one of the best means of informsaid so: and yet one fails to understand how he can afford to make such ill-founded assertions, especially when his own reputation as a Bible scholar and critic is at stake. Let him take his New Testament and and turn with me to Matthew 28:10 and read as follows: "Then said Jesus unto them, (women) Be not afraid: go tell my

brethren that they go into Galilee and there they shall see me." Now Brother Chambers will

agree with me that these persons to , whom Christ delivered the commission to bear the news of His resurrection to the disciples were not men, but women. The as much "good news and glad tidings" as any gospel preached by the disciples; and no greater gos-pel has or ever will be preached on earth than the story of His tri-trict anniversary of said societies. umphant resurrection as preached by these women. He sent these women out upon the self-same errand that He sends every gospel minister to-day, chief among all to spread abroad the "good news and glad tidings." So Christ did send out women to preach, and Bro. Chambers must repent and confess his error at once or persist in exposing to the public gaze his lack of familiarity with the very plainest scripture contained in the

Bible. "The next General Conference," says Bro. Chambers, "should toll the death-knell to this petticoat ministry or fix such limit as will not leave an annual Conference guilty of transcending its bounds cieties than it is possible for to fill; by ordaining women to Holy Orders without a scintilla of evidence or authority from the Bible." The very best analysis of this sentence is, it is a compound sentence and is filled only with "wind we will be better prepared not on-and words." Evrey one who is ly to spread the work but to perconversant with the laws and polity of our Church knows that the the word "male" from the book of of all the V. C E's will be pub-Discipline and therefore that, by lished through these columns later thority. In the first verse of the virtue of its own actions, that body on; also prizes will be sent to all

BISHOP HOLL IDAV'S APPOINT OUR MOST HEARTY THANKS.

We are under many obligations to the pastors and the V. C. E's who celebrated the anniversary. While we did not realize as large financial results as was desired we trust the local societies were greatly benefitted by the services. We were sure they would be.

The more often the young people are called together for the purpose of celebrating any Connectional event the better. This ing them and keeping them informed upon the history and doings of their own Church. Disloyalty on the part of many is due to ignorance and lack of information. Give the people a chance to know their Church and they will know her only to love her. Keep the people informed of the doings of their Church and you will not only have a loyal church but an intelligent people.

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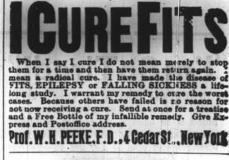
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