

# The Star of Zion.

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### EDITORIAL.

ANGER is a fever of the mind.

It was impossible to get out the special issue of the STAR this week. Keep looking for it.

THE progressive Rev. W. J. Sides was president of the Teachers' Institute held in his town—Monroe, N. C.—last week.

MRS. R. R. MORRIS has erected in Charlotte a fine monument in memory of her honored husband who was a power for good in Zion.

THE A. M. E. Review, which appears this month, is a feast of good things. Editor H. T. Kealing, the brainy layman and scholar is giving his Church and race a great race magazine.

HON. JOHN H. BUTLER, Zion's old hero and standby in Baltimore, Md., says that in ordaining a woman an elder the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference must always lead in new ideas.

REV. H. DURHAM, of Winston, N. C., a graduate of Livingstone College and a minister of Zion, has been appointed chaplain by Governor Russell for the third North Carolina Regiment.

WE have 200 articles on hand. Let the writers hold up for a month until we boil them down. Those who have articles here must be patient or send for them to go into some other paper. We are publishing them as fast as we can.

IN hoisting the Stars and Stripes at Santiago de Cuba the other day the Ninth Infantry of Negro soldiers stood a picked guard drawn across the Plaza, the principal public square, and joined in the ceremony. Great is the Negro! He is bound to be in all great events.

The consensus of opinion regarding the Star of Zion is, that it has drifted to the top of the heap. Those who have been in close touch with and its career could paraphrase the lines to effect: "Through tribulations great, the way to glory is."—Charlotte (N. C.) Independent.

Editor and Preacher H. C. C. Astwood will please sing this. Brethren, join in.

THE A. M. E. Zion Quarterly Review is out. It is humming with choice articles and steadily growing in strength, circulation and influence under the editorship of Editor John C. Dancy. The editorials are fine. It is now appearing on schedule time and every minister, member and friend should send here for a copy. Price 25 cents.

BISHOP G. W. CLINTON has received in answer to his appeal \$2 from Rev. G. W. Gaines of Pensacola, Fla., to aid our church at Jefferson City, Mo.; \$5 from the V. C. E. of Thompkins' Chapel, Chattanooga, Rev. B. J. Jones, pastor, and \$4.95 from Pope, Miss., Rev. W. S. Cooper, pastor, for the Nashville church.

IN another column is a clipping from the Colored Preacher of the M. E. Church on woman ordination. That Church, in fact nearly all of the white and colored denominations which are discussing the subject are against it and are criticizing Zion severely for this new move. Our Bishops should now wait until the General Conference approves or disapproves of a woman elder before repeating history. Let the other women preachers wait until we hear from Jerusalem.

THE Christian Recorder, University (Ark.) Herald and Dr. J. M. Henderson, Bethel's giant, are firing away at Bishop Holliday, while the same parties together with the New Orleans African Methodist and Florida Christian Recorder are shelling us for complimenting Bishop Holliday's article. We can take care of the whole crew. Henderson and Astwood do not enjoy our vitriolic style in a controversy and are therefore calling us tough names. We intend to sock it to them until they take their mouths off of the Bishop and Zion.

THE warning to "write short" applies to presiding elders also. Unless they keep down to 800 words in their reports we will have to keep their articles down for them. We hate to cut their reports but will have to do so unless they comply with our request. Some of our presiding elders are sending in quarterly reports of their districts but we can only publish one report a year from them. Let them be satisfied with an annual report. Let the presiding elders sometimes write articles of about 500 words on how to make the system a greater success, duties of pastors, how to build up churches and such like. Write something that will be food for thought.

### PROMINENT PASTOR GONE.

Rev. Francis W. Puryear, pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church St. Louis, Mo., who has been in feeble health for almost two year's with Bright's disease, took his bed July 6th and rapidly declined until Sunday the 10th inst. when death claimed him. Bishop G. W. Clinton had arranged to have Dr. Goler go and assist him till his Conference met in September. Dr. Goler and the Bishop went two Sabbaths ago to help him in a grand rally, but found him dying. They went to his bedside and watched a little while and his last words were, "I am well." They went to the church and took hold and despite the gloom which overshadowed everything raised over \$80.

Dr. Puryear was 38 years old, had been reasonably successful as pastor, succeeding in reducing the heavy debt to \$1,350. He had acquired in 17 months a practice second to no physician of color in that city and was regarded as the best Negro doctor there. He was

an educated divine. Bishop Clinton preached his funeral. Quite 30 ministers and 2,500 people attended it. His wife took his body Tuesday after the funeral to McMinnville, Tenn., for interment. A successful career is ended. May God console and care for the sad family. Dr. Goler, being in temporary charge of the church, will hold the fort till the new pastor arrives which will be between July 19th and August 1st.

### GOING FOR BISHOP AND US.

"Dr. Smith of the Star is a fighter with full fledged military commission."—The Christian Recorder

Dr. J. M. Henderson and Editor Astwood who, in their comparison of Zion and Bethel are always publishing, slurring, misrepresenting and "trying" to show Zion up to a disadvantage, will say Amen to this. That know-all man Astwood says that Bishops Walters, Paty (for Pettey), Harris and Clinton are his personal friends, and that he will not say one unkind word against Zion; and in the next breath exclaims that Zion is smaller, weaker and younger than Bethel; that when the Census is taken in 1900 Bethel will leave her a considerable distance behind, and that our Publishing Department (he calls it Book Concern, not knowing that our Book Concern is in New York), is just as inferior to his as New York is to London. All of the Bishops may be his friends, but they will not be able to hold us in check when he falsely slurs Zion.

We got the best of Editor Johnson on his Scripture about Ephraim and Judah, for in his reply last week he was silent as the stars on it. We want the Zion brethren to send us a little money so that we can make a Thanksgiving or Christmas present either of eyeglasses or Bible to him so that he can get his Scripture straight. In his parting shot he says:

"We regret that we have no word of justification for the action of his bishop in question and can only endorse the action of our own. If the men expelled have been received back into our Church on the face of their original credentials or others obtained from Zion, as is intimated, we will only be too ready to retract the emphatic language employed in the one case and apply it with intensified force in the other."

By consulting the STAR of June 16th, Editor Johnson and all the rest will see that Bishop Holliday says that Dr. Trower who was expelled has gone back to Bethel. Let our brother-editor find out as soon as possible whether this is true or not so that we all may know whether Bishop Holliday (as he charges) or Bishop Derrick (whose action he endorses), is guilty of "tacit endorsement of licentiousness." We rest the case pending investigation.

### HE'S TOO ANGRY TO ARGUE.

Our bone-crushing, nerve-clipping reply to Editor H. C. C. Astwood's misrepresentations and slurs of Zion and her departments has choked him with rage, and the very polished (?) and kid-gloved gentleman who says he would not degrade his paper to the level of debasing personalities uses nearly a column of briefer type calling us these sweet names: "Inflated, big-head, insolent, editorial hydrophobia, hysterical, low-tired eloquence, discourteous, fumings of its coarse-grained editor, individual editor, editor's vulgar verbosity, contemptible insolence, narrow-minded and prejudiced editor, rainbow-chasing editor."

This is the kind of language which dear Brudder Astwood when angry, will use when he begins work in a few weeks from now as a missionary for Bethel in Cuba. Most of his religion is in his mouth. We regret that he ran against a buzz-saw which cut his fingers, but facts are blunt things which have no respect for anybody's feelings. He calls us all of those hard

names because we claim that Zion has the largest and finest Negro Publishing House in the world and challenge him to get Manager Henderson to take an honest inventory of everything in Bethel's Publishing House and we would have Manager Blackwell (whom he ignorantly calls Bradley), of our House to do the same for public inspection. He won't accept our challenge. He also said that we published that Zion had 800,000 members. We denied the statement being published either by us or any one else, and told him if he didn't prove his charge that we would regard him as a man of fabrication and would not give a piece of Confederate money for all the religion he thinks he has. He fails to produce proof. He said Bethel was the mother of Zion. We insulted him by saying that the great M. E. Church was the mother of Zion and Bethel. Since the angry gentleman is abusing us because he is incapable of arguing these questions we will let him off this time without a roasting. He wants Zion to call a halt on us as editor and to give us a good deal of disciplining before she thinks about putting on us the Episcopal robe. The crack of the slave-driver's whip is not heard in Zion.

### VERY BADLY SQUINT-EYED.

Seeing that Editor Johnson, of the Christian Recorder, needed reinforcement, the Bethels last week ran in hot haste after their great giant and mud-thrower, Dr. J. M. Henderson, who is a great bragger, diseased with towering egotism, and pitchforked him again into public notoriety by giving him a portion of the editorial columns to assail Bishop Holliday and us with billingsgate. Giving this roaring giant a portion of the editorial columns made two editors for the Recorder last week.

Trying to be humorous, the fog-horn giant says:

"Dr. Smith is editor of the STAR of Zion and no doubt was selected for that office because his type is about the measure of the Zion ideal."

And Dr. Henderson, who is only called to the front when his people want some mud and abuse thrown at Zion, has never been a General Officer nor been appointed on any important church committees, because outside of these traits his type is not the measure of the Bethel ideal. One of the Bethel Bishops told Bishop Small six months ago that Henderson was a crazy crank, and would fight Bethel as quickly as he would Zion. A Bethel Bishop told us on the train last April that Henderson lack the "genius" of common sense. Compare his "daguerreotype" with ours and take your choice.

This hare-brained zealot who talks in the spirit of bravado for scenic effect says of us:

"His eagerness to blow the trumpet of Zion, is to his admirers conclusive proof of his great loyalty. Noise and frequency are all they seem to require of him so long as his sonorous blasts are in favor of Zion. He is not restrained to the observation of such inconvenient things as facts, propriety, honor, decency or justice. All he is required to do is to make a big noise in favor of Zion."

The above from Bethel's mind-reader is not worth answering and shows that his claim to the dime museum stage should no longer be neglected by managers of freak shows.

This is the kind of fodder that the Bethel giant feeds his people with about us:

"The editor of the Christian Recorder could never enter the arena to combat such a foe without accepting fearful odds. A gentleman cannot contend with his hostler because the hostler is likely to fling at him the dirt of the stable."

Since Editor Johnson, whom he justly styles a gentleman, cannot contend with a hostler, we suppose, syllogistically speaking, this is why the Bethels got something that it did not consider a gentleman and gave it a portion of the editorial column last week to contend with a hostler. How about it? And since Dr. Johnson, as he says, "could never enter the

arena to combat such a foe without accepting fearful odds" (and he has entered it twice in two weeks,) we presume the giant has been ordered to enter it for him. Well, we accommodated him once, and will do so again, if he goes on at this rate, notwithstanding we know that if we handle a frog we will get warts on our hands. When we contend with a gentleman we deal with his logic, but when supercilious disputants who are not any too good to rob a blind kitten of a pan of milk get off cheap witticism on us we generally look at their tongues without feeling their pulse and give the medicine that will cure them.

Henderson, who would rather be in a fight than in a revival, strikes Bishop Holliday in this wise:

"Bishop Derrick's Conferences saw fit to exclude certain men whom they deemed unfit to serve as pastors among our people. Bishop Holliday saw fit to take up some of our rejected or ejected men. We have no fault to find. Bishop Holliday knows the Zion people better than we do, and if what is unfit for our use can still be useful to Zion, why should we make a fuss? We should simply recognize in such things the fact that Bethel is operating on a higher plane. Zion does her work according to the standards that her people demand, and we do the same."

Henderson and Editor Johnson have not told us why their Conferences excluded these men and did not take their licenses. It is strange that one of these "rejected and ejected men" "unfit for Bethel's use" has gone back to Bethel (as Bishop Holliday says, "to his old home and habits,") and has been warmly received, and the University Herald, of Bethel, says the other fellow is begging and crying and says he will die if they don't take him back. He will be slipped secretly back after this storm blows over. Henderson, knowing that Bethel has taken back one of these "unfit" ministers, knew what he was talking about when he said that "Bethel operates on a higher plane."

Henderson is greatly impressed with Prof. Fonvielle's journalistic ability and says when Zion knows how to appreciate it the editorial side of the STAR will keep pace with its splendid new type and form. Fonvielle and Bruce-Grit are two of the greatest Negro correspondents living, and we will vote for Fonvielle any time to be Editor of the STAR or occupy any other general office in Zion. He is able to fill any position in Zion outside of the ministry; and as a printer, ex-editor and business manager, poet, writer, teacher and classical graduate of Livingstone College the next General Conference should honor him with something.

The giant Goliath of Bethel still "smarting" under the centennial blows that he received from Bishop Walters, the STAR, and Bishop Hood's History, yells:

"A Church, the General Officers of which must go about giving concerts in order to raise their salaries, is not a subject for our arms, but is an object deserving the pity of all."

This is certainly news to Zion. The General Officers, according to law, can only get their salary from one source in our Church—from the general fund. The statement is wickedly false, and unless Henderson, the blow-hard and chin-walker of brilliancy and astuteness, can produce proof, the bones of Ananias and Sapphira fearful that he may outdo them will wriggle in the grave with envy.

Rev. R. A. Morrisey takes a shot at Rev. Chambers this week through the Star of Zion, in answer to the charge he raises against the establishing of what they are pleased to call the "Petticoat Ministry." Dr. Smith lands a rejoinder to Editor Astwood of the Defender, respecting the claim of Zion to now have the best equipped Publishing House run by colored people, in the world. In these tilts many interesting facts are brought and we hope the brethren will keep the floor clean, but on with the dance.—Charlotte (N. C.) Independent.