

BITS FROM JERSEY.

BY REV. W. H. DAVENPORT.

That which passes for autocracy

Mr. Napoleon L. Wyche, son of L. H. and M. A. Wyche, was born Mar. 8, 1879, in Raleigh, N. C. He was taught the printer's trade by his uncle, Editor R. B. Russell, of the *Maxton Blade*, in the Fall of '94. He gained speed in typesetting so rapidly that Editor Russell spoke of sending him to the Atlanta Exposition. He has been with the *STAR* for nearly three years and is one of the swiftest compositors in the State. He generally sets up the editorials on the *STAR OF ZION*. While pursuing his trade he succeeded in graduating from the Normal Department of Biddle University last year.



N. L. WYCHE, Printer.

and austerity in Negroes in authority, and their intolerance of expressed opinion at variance with their own is not so much a manifestation of innate qualities of usurpation and tyranny as it is an illustration of that mental paralysis and contraction brought about by whiplash lessons taught them by ignorant plantation overseers, conscienceless masters, and the super-injection into themselves of the principles and qualities which resulted in their own mental and physical degradation. He who vulgarly yells



E. D. HAGLER, Printer.

Mr. Edward D. Hagler was born in Charlotte, N. C., November 4, 1865. He began the printer's trade as an apprentice with *STAR OF ZION* in 1880, and afterwards worked with the *Georgia Baptist*, then accepted Foremanship of *Augusta Sentinel*, Edited by Prof. R. R. Wright. Later he was instructor in Printing Department of Haines Industrial Institute. In 1887 at the request of Bishop Holsey he accepted Foremanship of *Christian Index*, Jackson, Tenn., for 5 years, Dr. F. M. Hamilton, Editor. There were no colored workmen on this paper until he took charge. He was also Editor and Proprietor of the *Afro-American Sentinel*, of Jackson, Tenn., then in 1893, bought interest in the *Charlotte Enterprise*. Afterwards he founded and edited the *Town City Times*. He was also one of the proprietors of the *Vineland (N. C.) Hustler*, now edited and owned by E. W. Smith.

Mr. Thaddeus J. Coles, son of W. R. and R. E. Coles, was born in Salisbury, N. C. His parents then moving to Aiken, S. C., he attended the Immanuel High School, graduating from said school in 1890, with honor. He later attended Lincoln then Biddle University, graduating from the latter with honor in 1897, receiving the degree of A. B. He began the printer's trade in 1890 and has since worked in the offices of the *Georgia Baptist* and *Afro-American Presbyterian*, as well as the A. M. E. Zion Publication House. He is also a job printer of no mean ability, having worked as such in the job office at Biddle University.



T. J. COLES, Printer.

"sit down" or hysterically shrieks "shut up" is paying tribute to the practices of a darksome period—the recollection of which has cursed our existence and blighted our career. In that period it was not ours to inquire the reason why. Mindless, we were simple machines operated by the will of others. But in proportion as the Negro mind is the more broadly developed, just in that proportion does he recognize the right of others to think and to express their thoughts. Those who are struggling and striving to reach this happy end will find ample encouragement in these free-thinking times.

The dismemberment of China is the outcome of her crawling into herself, and her denomination of the outside world as "heathen." Spain, oblivious to merciful implorings, and indifferent and deaf to the opinion of others is reaping the tragical consequences of her own conduct.

Other men have views which if stifled may break out in unexpected quarters at an unexpected moment, perhaps to the dismay and demoralization of authorities and possibly to the disintegration and death of the institutions with which they may be connected. It is the smothered blaze that should be carefully watched. Men should feel free to express their opinions on public matters, without the fear of incurring personal animosities, or being marked as the victim of a revengeful and canescent cabal.

Unhappily there was a time in the history of the Church when men with high-roofed excitement trembled in the presence of ecclesiastical distinction, like a wooden craft beaten by impatient storm; but happily, especially for the Zion Church, there were none of her dignitaries who appreciated these tributes of darkness, but on the contrary deprecated the conditions which disputed to men the possession of a soul. The various schools which they have assisted in organizing and establishing bear irrefutable testimony to their deprecation of the subservient and dehumanizing spirit, and are a standing rebuke to those who may be moved to certain forms of conduct because of their strange belief in human infallibility.

Camden, N. J.

FROM A NOTED WOMAN.

Rev. J. W. Smith, Editor *STAR OF ZION*: I do not know you personally and I have not seen a copy of the *STAR* for nine months until this week. But I am so delighted with the tone and make-up of your journal, that I am minded to send this line in acknowledgement thereof. Next to the delight in accomplishing great things is the exquisite pleasure which comes from true appreciation of such endeavor, therefore I add my congratulations to those you have already received. My pleasure comes not so much from the change in form and size (though that is also a great improvement), as from the change in tone and contents.

Trusting that the columns of the *STAR* will always be filled with the moral and spiritual food so necessary to the development of our hungry and thirsty race, I am

Truly yours,  
Ida B. Wells-Barnett.  
2939 Princeton ave., Chicago.

OUR EFFICIENT FOREMAN.

RY EDITOR J. W. SMITH, D. D.

The *STAR* boasts in the fact of having one of the most competent Foremen in Negro journalism—Mr. J. E. Smith, whose cut we here produce. He was trained under Mr. H. P. Slaughter, the Nestor of Negro Foremen, who is now in the Government Printing Office at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Smith, son of John T. and Mariah S. Smith, was born September 12, 1875, in Charlotte, N. C.; attended the city graded school and finished the prescribed course therein May, 1889. He entered



J. E. SMITH, Foreman.

Biddle University and graduated from the Classical Department with the degree of A. B., June, 1897. President Sanders told me last year that he regarded Mr. Smith as one of the finest young men and one of the brightest students that has gone from that institution.

He began the printer's trade in the Industrial Department of Biddle University November 1891, under Mr. Andrew W. Laboo, and later under Mr. Willie E. Hill, and after serving full apprenticeship, worked in the office of the *Afro-American Presbyterian* edited by Rev. D. J. Sanders, D. D. He began work in the A. M. E. Zion Publication House September,



H. A. KELSEY, Printer.

Mr. Harvey A. Kelsey, born in Chester County, S. C., learned the printer's trade in Kansas and worked on the *Barton County Democrat*, *Great Bend Register* and *Elwood Express*. He began work on the *STAR* under Editor Dancy in 1886. Went into the mail service in '90; promoted from \$800 to \$1,000 first 12 months. Was in the service three years. Came back to the *STAR* in '96. During Mr. Dancy's time, he was Foreman of the *STAR*. He also edits the *Charlotte Independent* and wields a waspy pen.

1894, one month after the office was opened under Bishop T. H. Lomax. When the *STAR OF ZION* was moved by Editor G. W. Clinton from Salisbury to Charlotte he began work on it as a journeyman printer until the present management assumed control, when Mr. Slaughter resigning the Foremanship, he became Foreman of the Publication House which position

he now satisfactorily holds. He is also the proofreader of the office. When Mr. Slaughter left here it was not the intention of Manager Blackwell to make Mr. Smith Foreman, because he thought him not sufficiently experienced. While he was casting about for a Foreman Mr. Smith went to work and so quickly prepared himself that the Manager soon saw he was superior to any that had applied for the place. There is a moral in this.

Mr. Smith is a loyal Zionite and the accomplished Superintendent of Clinton Chapel here. He is very obliging, full of Chesterfield politeness, although he has found himself at times "between the devil and the deep sea" trying to satisfy the Manager and Editor when their instructions unknown to each other concerning the conduction of the paper would conflict. He knows what the "Trials of a Foreman" are. There is a bright future before Mr. Smith.

CANNON BALLS.

REPLY TO REV. B. J. BOLDING.

BY REV. S. A. CHAMBERS.

The gentleman of Chambersburg, Pa., laid off his coat, rolled up his sleeves, threw aside his silk beaver, thrust his fingers through his hair, foaming at the mouth and came dashing at us with his eyes flashing fire, breathing out epithets peculiar only to himself, shouting, as he advanced, "Shoo! shoo! begone! begone!" trying to scare us off the war path, but we have not given back one inch, and never intend to as long as there is the least scent of powder smoke in the air.

We have waged war against ordaining women to Holy orders in the absence of Biblical authority and shall cease firing only long enough to wipe out our gun and sink something or be sunk.

The brother fired at us with a 2-inch gun, and dodged around the corner and peeped to see what effect it would have, but he missed his mark and his target stands as before. He quotes a lot of ancient history which does not enter into the discussion as proof either pro or con.

Where is the Biblical authority for ordaining women to Holy orders, is the point at issue. The question is not to be settled by history, but by the Bible, and that only. He intimates that Zion Connection had distinguished herself by ordaining women to Holy orders in advance of any other Church. But Zion must not do things simply to be "in advance of other Churches," but do such things as will stand the criticism of and bombardment coming from whatever source it may.

"Mr. Wesley did not recognize women as preachers."—*Bolding*. That is just the reason why we fight it: because it is unscriptural and was regarded as such by the founders of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Wesley was a close Bible student, and of all that are born of woman, there was none broader than he, and his broad religious views led to the establishment of the grand old Methodist Church, and if he could not find Scripture for ordaining women to Holy orders, where do we get it from? I think the brother let his pen slip when he made this frank acknowledgement favorable to our views.

"The reason he did not recognize them was because he (Mr. Wesley) was a strict Churchman."—*Bolding*.

That is right, brother. A good point, but not in your favor. Do you mean to say that our Bishops are not "strict Churchmen," but simply a set of loose fellows who allow just anything to go on in the

Church without any consideration as to authority to warrant it? Lookout there; you will reflect upon the heads of the Church. The heads of the Church need to



A. B. HUGHES, Assistant Foreman.

then President of said school, and in 1892 became Foreman of the Midland (Va.) Express Publishing Co., organized by Prof. Fields, and later of *Our Helper* owned by Miss C. B. Hatch, teacher in the above named Institute. He has also worked in several other offices and is now assistant Foreman in the A. M. E. Zion Publication House.

be just as strict now as Mr. Wesley was.

Women preachers were not in demand in Wesley's day, and they are not in demand now; so there is neither Scripture nor excuse for licensing and ordaining them to preach. Women preachers are becoming more and more offensive every day. It was out of curiosity that crowds gathered to hear them when they first started out but that has ceased to be.

The General Conference has a right to nullify anything that is not founded upon Scripture. It



J. M. WHITE, Apprentice.

Mr. James M. White was born in Concord, N. C. During his childhood he attended the local schools as opportunity afforded, and by dint of his own efforts he was enabled to enter Livingstone College where in a heated contest he won a silver medal for oratory. He graduated from the Normal Department of that institution in 1896, with honor. Since then he has proven a very successful teacher. He has recently cast his lot with us, and bids fair to be a printer of no mean ability.

may lend credence to it, but would that make it valid in the absence of Biblical authority? I Tim. 2:11, reads: "Let the woman learn in silence with subjection." Does this favor women preaching? If so, how? The Apostle Paul was

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J. E. WALKER, Printer.

for a time served as pressman. He finished the Normal Department at Biddle University, June, 1894, and is now a member of the class of '99 of that institution. He is also local Editor of this paper and a practical printer. No more obliging man is there in the whole office than he is.

Mr. Albert B. Hughes, son of H. T. and D. A. Hughes, was born in Raleigh, N. C. His parents then moved to Oxford, N. C., where he attended the public school until 14 years of age; then he entered Boydton Institute in 1890 and graduated in 1893. At this school he began the printer's trade under Prof. Ambro Fields, then President of said school, and in 1892 became Foreman of the Midland (Va.) Express Publishing Co., organized by Prof. Fields, and later of *Our Helper* owned by Miss C. B. Hatch, teacher in the above named Institute. He has also worked in several other offices and is now assistant Foreman in the A. M. E. Zion Publication House.