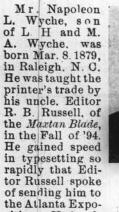
#### BITS FROM JERSEY.

BY REV. W. H. DAVENPORT. That which passes for autocracy

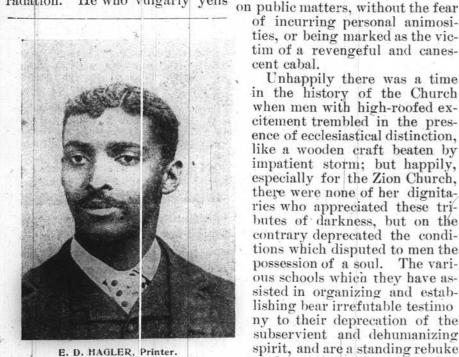


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N. L. WYCHE, Printer.

sition. 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.

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



Mr. Edward D. Hagler was born in to those who may to the because of conduct because Charlotte, N. C., November 4, 1865 He began the printer's trade as an appren-

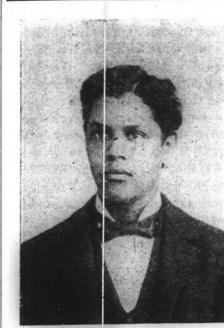
# THE STAR OF ZION.

## 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 the brightest students that has gone from that institution.

He began the printer's trade in der Mr. Andrew W. Laboo, and later under Mr. Willie E. Hill, and after serving full apprentice-Africo-American Presbyterian edited by Rev. D. J. Sanders, D. D. ny to their deprecation of the He began work in the A. M. E. subservient and dehumanizing Zion Publication House September,

he now satisfactorily holds. He is Church without any consideration also the proofreader of the office. as to authority to warrant it? When Mr. Slaughter left here it Lookout there; you will reflect was not the intention of Manager The heads of the Church. 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 dev-

il 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 that he regarded Mr. Smith as one to as long as there is the least of the finest yoing men and one of scent of powder smoke in the

We have waged war against ordaining women to Holy orders in the absence of Biblical the Industrial Department of Bid- authority and shall cease firing dle University November 1891, un- 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 ship, worked in the office of the 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.

Mr. James M. White was born in Con-

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. O., where he attended the public school until 14 years of age; then he entered Boydton Institute in 890 and graduated in 1893. At this school he began the printer's trade under Prof.

Ambrio Fields.

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. Weslev 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





tice with STAR OF ZION in 1880, and afterwards worked with the Georgia Bap tist, then accepted Foremanship Augusta Sentinel, Edited by Prof R. R. Wright, Later he was instructor in Printing Department of Haines Indus trial 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 1a 1893, bought interest in the Charlotte Enterprise. Afterwards he founded and edited the Twin City Times. He was also or e of the proprie-tors 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 graduat. ing 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 Africo-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.

of their strange belief in human infallibility.

"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 devel-

oped, just in that proportion does

he recognize the right of others to

to think and to express their

thoughts. Those who are strug-

gling and striving to reach this

happy end will find ample encour-

agement in these free-thinking

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 im-

pleadings, and indifferent and deaf

to the opinoin of others is reaping

the tragical consequences of her

Other men have views which if

stifled may break out in unex-

pected 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

of incurring personal animosi-

ties, or being marked as the vic-

tim of a revengeful and canes-

in the history of the Church

when men with high-roofed ex-

citement trembled in the pres-

ence 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 tri-

butes of darkness, but on the

contrary deprecated the condi-

tions which disputed to men the

possession of a soul. The vari-

ous schools which they have as

sisted in organizing and estab-

lishing bear irrefutable testimo

spirit, and are a standing rebuke

Unhappily there was a time

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own conduct.

cent cabal.

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 there-

of. 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.

T. J. COLES, Printer.

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.

Trusting that the columns of



#### 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 Regis-ter and Elwood Express He began work on the STAR under Editor Dancy in Went into the mail service in '90; 1886. 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 Foreman-

question is not to be settled by hisonly. He intimates that Zion Connection had distinguished herself But Zion must not do things simply to be "in advance of other Churches," but do such things as 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 wass regarded as such by the founders of the Methodist Church.

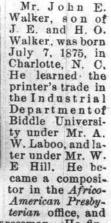
Mr. Wesley was a close Bible student, and of all that are born of woman, there was none broader than he, and his broad religious views led to the establishment of the grand old Methodist Church, and if he could not find Scripture for ordaining women to Holy orders, where do we get it from? I think the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

That is right, brother. A good are not "strict Churchmen," but

Where is the Biblical authority for ordaining women to Holy or-ders, is the point at issue. The forts he was enabled to enter Livingstone College where in a heated contory, but by the Bible, and that test 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 by ordaining women to Holy orders successful teacher. He has recently in advance of any other Church. cast his lot with us, and bids fair to be a printer of no mean ability.

may lend credence to it, but would will stand the criticism of and 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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for a time served as pressman. He fin-ished the Normal Department at Biddle point, but not in your favor. Do University, June, 1894, and is now a you mean to say that our Bishops member of the class of '99 of that institution. He is also local Editor of this ship, he became Foreman of the simply a set of loose fellows who publication House which position allow just anything to go on in the than he is.

J. E WALKER, Printer.