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The Bench Of Bishops As I Saw Them At Asbury Park.

REV. W. H. DAVENPORT.

Bishop J. W. Hood impressed me as a man of considerable reserve force. He has keen eyes which on occasions move about restlessly. He is swift or slow as the circumstances warrant. He is quick to seize every event that would improve the interest with which he is connected. He knows what he says, and says what he knows. Were he a farmer he could "hoe his own row." He has helped his Church by giving encouragement to the youth.

Bishop Lomax is plain and emphatic. He is an organizer of considerable merit, and has in him the element of an agitator. He fears nobody. He allows no man to overawe him. He is a Bishop and that is the highest office in the gift of the Church. He is also evangelical.

Bishop C. C. Pettey lives in an atmosphere of letters—an atmosphere which no doubt pleases him. He assumes a position without giving all his reasons therefor, voluntarily placing himself at temporary disadvantage, knowing that he can rise at will and crush his opponent. He would not seek fight nor would he run from it. He is conscious of his strength and is serene and happy. He is careful of his words and a forceful speaker. He is cautious. He signs no papers without reading them.

The predominating quality in Bishop A. Walters is goodness. The pressing throng at Ocean Grove bear testimony to this statement. Young, active, buoyant, energetic, sympathetic and intelligent, he marches right into the hearts of the people, white or black, learned or ignorant, and sits down, supreme. He is not by nature combative, but in a fight, he could "mix it up" pretty lively. He could go into several parlors when some other men must content themselves with standing on the door-sills.

Bishop I. C. Clinton is the very personification of deliberate and measured dignity. He is dignified without being stiff, and goes along unconcernedly, unswelled by the praise of men. When one rotes in him the absence of airs, and his simplicity of manners it is not hard to find a reason for the high esteem in which this powerful preacher of the "Palmetto State" is held by the South Carolina and Georgia Conferences.

Bishop C. R. Harris is constructive and analytical. Were he worked up in an argument, he would cut and slash his opponent unmercifully, rendering him ridiculous. Affectionate, the Bishop would take that same opponent in the next moment and fervently and sincerely embrace him commending his courage. He has a

great mind. He ought to be, as he doubtless is, very instructive in his discourses.

Bishop G. W. Clinton is a man of great nervous energy. He is magnanimous and liberal. He knows what he knows, he knows it as well as anybody. He is quick to see and to speak. He is modest. He will stand up in the fray and fight to the last ditch; but he is not by nature revengeful. His splendid physique and his studiousness and eloquence have made him a valuable addition to the Board of Bishops.

Bishop J. B. Small is careful, cultured and dignified. Tall and carrying a head that looks us, he has a very imposing appearance. His feelings can be wounded and his memory is not bad. He would encourage the legitimate aspirations of youth and would give to every man what he thought was his due.

Bishop Jehu Holliday is full of the Spirit of God. He loves the brethren, for love predominates in him. His very appearance commands a certain reverence. He draws sinners because he lifts up Christ in himself. On evangelical wing, he is sweeping through the Southwest.

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Camden, N. J.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

BY BISHOP JEHU HOLLIDAY.

Dear Dr. Smith: Please give this notice a place in the STAR for the ministers of the South Arkansas and North Arkansas Conferences.

Dear brethren, please remember the grand rally that is to take place at Wilmot, Arkansas, on the first Saturday and Sunday in October, 1898, to raise money to pay for the building of Walters Institute. I shall expect every minister in the South and North Arkansas Conferences to send or bring one dollar; and I ask every member of the A. M. E. Zion Church of the said Conferences to do likewise. I shall expect every minister who has charge of a church to take up a public collection for the Institute and bring it, or send by post office order to Rev. E. M. Martin, P. E. Let us rally and we will be able to finish the building and be ready to open school in it in a very short time. The building is 40x60 feet, two-stories high.

Pastors of the Kentucky, Missouri, Allegheny and Ohio Conferences respectively. You are hereby requested to raise the special 10 cents per member for Missions and Church Extension purposes and report the same at the ensuing sessions of your Conferences. By order of the Board of Bishops. A handsome prize will be awarded to the pastor raising the highest amount.

Jesse B. Colbert, General Secretary Missions, A. J. Warner, General Secretary Church Extension.

REV. J. H. MANLEY, D.D.

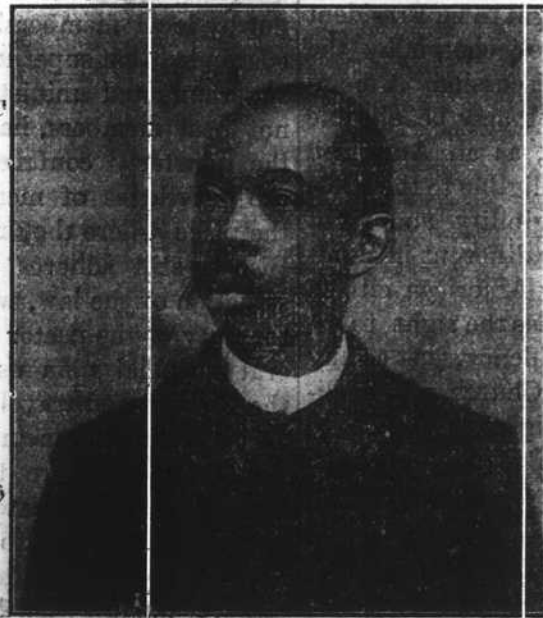
Great Pastoral Success—Episcopal Honors Await Him.

BY W. H. PARKER.

Old Ship church in our city has been remodelled and re-dedicated. It is a beauty. That powerful preacher and chief pastor of the district, Bishop T. H. Lomax, D. D., preached the dedicational ser-

mortgage of several hundred dollars on the church. The members are very exultant in their praise of the efforts of their pastor."

Dr. Manley's ability and work has attracted the attention of the white and colored press. He is a man of destiny. He is constantly climbing the ladder of fame. The Daily Times of Pensacola says, "A slight figure and form, one would



Rev. J. H. MANLEY, D. D.

mon which has been the talk of the city and has received [more commendations than any sermon he has ever preached here.

In four months Dr. J. H. Manley has made it the Metropolitan church of the city. Crowds can be seen on the Sabbath on their way to it long before services begin. "The successful pastor, who is Zion's sweet singer, a witty lecturer, able financier and practical preacher, is known throughout the country, and the above qualities are an epitome of his eventful career."—A. M. E. Zion Quarterly Review.

He has been a success wherever he has pastored, raising thousands of dollars and increasing the membership and congregation of his churches by the hundreds.

He is one of the most popular men that pastored that important church at Knoxville, Tenn., which had such grand men as Bishops Pettey and Walters and Revs. Jacobs and Warner. The Virginia Conference paid a high tribute, to his ability by a strong resolution regretting his departure offered by Doctors Fisher and Winfield and Revs. T. R. V. Harrison and Caldwell. During his stay in Petersburg, Va., he raised \$4,582.99 and increased his congregation from 250 to 600. The Florida Sentinel says: "He is worthy of the name of financier, and in a few months has raised sufficient moneys to pay off a

hardly think that Rev. J. H. Manley as he stands in the pulpit would be able to stir up an audience." The Cecil county News of Elkton, Md., says, "Rev. Manley lectured in Knoxville, Tenn., to 1,000 hearers." The Knoxville Daily Journal says, "For speaking with plain, common sense and useful suggestions, Dr. Manley is the one to hear."

The New York Age says, "Rev. J. H. Manley, D. D., is known in America as the sweet singer of Zion. He has done a work in West Florida that has attracted the attention of the race all over the country. He has exhibited rare skill and exceptional capabilities as a leader in every position in which he has been placed. His oratory and preaching are practical, eloquent and at times earnest and convincing. As a pastor he possesses a skill in conducting his church in the most beneficial manner."

The Montgomery Daily Journal says, "Rev. Manley has a reputation as a builder and organizer co-extensive with the Union, and he enjoys the confidence and support of the Bishops of his Church to a rare extent. He is frequently spoken of as a strong possibility for the next election of bishops. He has only been in Montgomery three months, but during that time he has shown himself to be a wise, conservative and progressive

A FEW CANNON BALLS!

Why Didn't Bishop C. R. Harris Quote the Whole Verse?

REV. S. A. CHAMBERS.

We are glad that the day has come when a man in a lower rank can differ with one in a higher without being regarded as saucy or impolite. It is with some degree of reluctance that we venture a reply to the very able article from the pen of Bishop C. R. Harris which appeared in the STAR a few issues ago favorable to that ill-founded ordination of women to holy orders with authority to expound the law and the gospel, which authority has only been Scripturally invested in man from the earliest dawn until now.

He kindly refers us to Galatians 3:28 as the "Magna Charta of woman's rights in the Church;" but if the learned Bishop had quoted the whole verse it would have been seen with a half an eye that it does not even remotely furnish proof for his position nor dimly cast a light by which my opponents may see their way out of the pit into which they have fallen. The Bishop only clipped off a little bit of that verse and threw away its antecedents which were so very indispensable to the meaning of the whole. Of course by this method the Bible could be made to mean most any thing.

The whole verse reads: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Just how the learned Bishop can make this the "Magna Charta to woman's rights in Church" as respects the distribution of office is beyond my comprehension and is a riddle as badly tangled as that of Samson's. We understand this Scripture to have reference to the broad and sweeping terms of free grace and to the scope of a free salvation. The Jews verily believed that salvation was of them and for them, but the Apostle here has it clearly understood that in Christ Jesus all races, colors, sex and conditions of men have a hope. But as to the fact that he was giving us a code, just here, by which to be governed in the distribution of office in the Church is indeed a new discovery.

He further says that "If it means any thing, it means that male and female stand on equal footing in Christ's Church." So far as the spiritual benefits to be derived from a relation with Christ's Church are concerned they are on "equal footing," but when it comes to holding office and ruling in the Church they are not and cannot be Scripturally, judicially nor physically placed on "equal footing" with man. Does the Bishop mean to convey the idea that he is in favor of women presiding elders, bishops and general officers? It certainly seems so from his argument. Click, click! Ready "gin." Rock Hill, S. C.

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