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## EDITORIAL.

ENVY wags a dirty tongue.

BISHOP HOOD makes a rattling, strong, closing reply to Dr. Price this week.

WE publish a common-sense article sent to the STAR by Prof. Booker T. Washington.

LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE opens on Wednesday. Let the students be on hand so as to make their classes.

BISHOP I. C. CLINTON has sent us a schedule of his Conferences. Thanks. Now will Bishops Walters and Holliday do the same?

BISHOP G. W. CLINTON changes the Tennessee Conference from the second to third Wednesday in this month. His full notice came too late for this issue.

AN unfinished article with no name signed accompanied with one dollar reached us last week from San Francisco, Cal. We would like to know the author.

THE General Steward requests the Conference Stewards to send him general fund by post-office money order instead of personal checks. See his notice and take heed.

AS an appropriate means of celebrating the end of the century the Wesleyan Methodists of England at their recent Conference voted to raise \$5,000,000 as a twentieth-century fund for educational, missionary and Church extension work. Here is food for thought for our denomination.

WE have two or three more articles on woman ordination which by urgent request we will publish, after which we will close down on the subject, as the advocates and opponents are simply giving us a rehash of arguments and the readers are getting tired of it. Dr. J. H. Anderson presents a new phase of the subject this week.

AS SOON as we can get the Children's Day reports from Atkinson College, Clinton Institute, Lancaster High School and the Palmetto School the Children's Day Supplement will be published. Let the proper authorities of these schools send us their reports at once. Let the Connection see what deadheads failed to raise this collection.

SOME of the Conferences make it a business to fight transferencees and poison the people against

them. It is wicked. Let the bishops call a halt on this tomfoolery and notify the jealous fighters that if they are not satisfied they can transfer or hand in their parchments. Zion has been largely built up by transferred men. Successful ministers do not fight transferencees.

THE *Christian Advocate*, of New York, says that at a called meeting of the General Board of the C. M. E. Church held recently in Nashville, Tenn., an assessment of one dollar was laid upon each bishop, presiding elder and pastor, and one cent upon each child in the Sunday-school in order to provide a nucleus for the immediate establishment of a Sunday-school department in that Church.

THE Langston National Monument Historical and Emancipation Association of Alexandria, Va., is selling Souvenir Journals and taking subscriptions for the Langston monument to be erected at Washington, D. C. It is a worthy object and race-lovers should respond liberally. Mr. Langston was a brilliant leader and was true to his race. Copies of the Souvenir Journal can be obtained by addressing President Magnus L. Robinson of Alexandria, Va.

AS AN orator, J. C. Dancy, as he usually does, made a big hit at the Douglass monument ceremonies at Rochester, N. Y., and his speech, which is a gem, beautiful in thought, is being published in full by the race papers and several white papers. Mr. Dancy, with his pathetic and silvery voice, is a natural orator—earnest, thoughtful, logical, conclusive—and he electrifies his audience which generally bows before the shrine of his eloquence. He is the most gifted black orator to-day in this country.

WILL the secretaries of the Kentucky, Missouri, Michigan and Canada, Allegheny-Ohio, and California Conferences who got pay for their work please send us immediately for publication the appointments. Where the ministers are stationed is deeply interesting to Zion Connection, and we hope the bishops and secretaries will always see that the official Church organ gets the appointments. The secretaries take special pains to see that local white papers get them. Why snub the STAR OF ZION and then criticize the Editor for not publishing what he cannot get?

WHEN a minister carries his wife to Conference, unless he has friends there who will feed and lodge her free, he ought to have pride enough to pay for her board. To carry her to Conference and drop her down uninvited on the people and make no financial arrangement for her stopping is sponging. It makes the hostess mad and the wife feel embarrassed. Any minister who will carry his wife to Conference and put her in this predicament ought to have his back fed with 39 lashes. If you cannot play the man at the Conference let your wife stay home. No minister who is to care for the Conference is under any obligation to get her a place.

THREE times has a World's Sunday-school Convention been held. The third and latest has just taken place in London, England. The Cunarder "Catalonia,"

sailing the last of June, carried a boat-load of American delegates. A bird's-eye view of the big meeting and its salient features is to appear shortly in the Sunday School Times, written by Dr. Wm. Wright, of London, who delivered the welcoming address to the delegates. A report of the indications of the convention as to Sunday-school progress in foreign lands will appear in the same publication, written by the Rev. Henry Collins Woodruff, president of the Foreign Sunday School Association of the United States.

FROM the fight started by Prof. W. F. Fonvielle for more lay recognition, and backed up by Editor Dancy, Dr. R. S. Rives, Revs. J. W. Thomas, E. George Biddle, G. H. Miles, W. J. Sides and others, it is beginning to look to a man up the tree that more prominent and talented laymen will be honored with some of the general offices in 1900. It is useless for ministers to kick and howl against it. This question is gaining headway and will eventually win. There are three or four general offices in Zion that could be filled very conveniently by such brilliant men as Fonvielle, Atkins, B. A. Johnson, J. P. Scott, G. C. Scurlock and others. We do not mention the great Dancy because he has a general office.

THE STAR is one of the most widely read Negro papers in this country, and those persons who copy poems and articles from books and papers and sign their names to them and send them to this paper as their own, will soon be detected and exposed. Some persons were exposed last year. If any cannot write their own thoughts they will please not write at all for the STAR. Another plagiarist has been spotted, and we have sent him the letter from a white gentleman containing the following:

N. Y., SEPT. 19, 1898.  
Dear Mr. Editor: In your last week's paper there is an article, entitled —, purporting to have been written by — of —. That article was originally written by me, and was printed in *The Herald of the Coming One* a few months ago. Mr. — has evidently plagiarized it, word for word. Now, if you wish to teach the fellow a lesson, do so; but do not use my name in relation to it.

THERE is no correspondent to-day of the STAR whose articles are attracting more attention in and out of our Church than those written by Dr. J. H. Anderson. He takes time to "think" and "say something;" and all the candidates for the STAR had better keep their eyes on this prancing dark horse. His shelling Dr. John Mouth Henderson and calling him "a higgel-haggle writer, in his normal mood easy, graceful, vain and catchy, but under nervous and mental strain labored, excited and impulsive, flying the track, and reasoning wearisomely at random," has wrung from the greatest white religious editor in the South, Dr. Hoss, of the *Christian Advocate*, this compliment:

This is fine. 'Easy, graceful, vain and catchy' are adjectives that take our ear, and 'reasoning wearisomely at random' fits a number of our friends. We are half-minded to appropriate it.

EDITOR T. THOMAS FORTUNE seems to be in the slough of despond. He is reported as saying at the League meeting in Rochester, N. Y., that he had lost confidence in the race. Frederick

Douglass years ago was in the same despondent mood and remained so until a woman at a public meeting where he was pouring out his woes arose and said, "Frederick, is God dead?" It cheered and inspired him, and he took courage and went forward battling for his race and lived to see the day when the chains of slavery fell from their limbs. Let Mr. Fortune remember this. Never lose confidence in a race as long as it is against great odds making wonderful progress in nearly all the walks of life. It is as certain as death and taxes that the Negro race will get to a place some day where scoundrels and bullies who imagine they have supernatural powers to do as they please and also think they hold in their hands the keys of earth, heaven and hell will have to quit their deviltry and treat them in a legal and decent way.

## AN ABLE PRESIDENT.

When T. Thomas Fortune, because he has lost confidence in his race, declined to be elected president of the National Afro-American Council, the delegates immediately turned to Bishop Alexander Walters, D. D., and informed him that he was the only man in sight now that could keep the organization together to help legally fight and crush out the wrongs perpetrated against the Negro. He was unanimously elected and this makes him the logical leader of our race. If the race will rally to him he says he is determined under God to make the organization a success. He thinks of calling a meeting soon of the National Council somewhere in the South to consummate plans for the continuance of the work. The Bishop is pre-eminently a man of brains and character, a religious and political leader and instructor, an orator, debater and writer, intensely loyal to and enthusiastic over the future of his race. Editor Fortune, in the *New York Age*, says:

The election of Bishop Walters as president of the Council was a fortunate outcome of the matter. He is able and earnest and has plenty of faith, and Mr. Fortune will give him all the support in his power. We need an organization national in character, but it cannot be obtained unless the thoughtful men and women of the race take hold of the matter.

## A CHANCE TO SETTLE IT.

Rev. D. C. Covington, pastor of Clinton Chapel, better known in Charlotte, N. C., as Big Zion, and his good people are raising money to finally settle the complicated, vexing and costly lawsuit of said church which has been before the civil and supreme courts for the last six years. This case is too well known throughout Zion to need rehearsal. But for Bishops Hood and Lomax and Dr. R. H. Simmons, who are thoroughly familiar with our Discipline and could not be tangled up on the witness stand by expert lawyers, that church would have been lost to Zion long ago.

The deed is a little defective, and Rev. Covington for \$375 will now secure a good, sound one for this church which will stand the test of all ages. This will be a big feather in his cap and will cause the local and general Church to give him a rising vote of thanks. He raised \$240 on it in his rally

last Sabbath and will raise the balance—\$135—in three weeks. There will be a grand jubilee among the members and friends when it is settled. Elder Covington, who is an aggressive and progressive young man, and conducts an Afro-American Sunday column in the *Charlotte Observer*, the leading white paper in North Carolina, is a very successful pastor, and has managed the affairs of this old historic church in a very commendable manner. Any church in Zion will be safe in his hands.

## MEN LIKE THESE WANTED.

SOME of the ministers that have joined us from the great M. E. Church are quite intelligent, loyal, excellent gospel preachers and splendid church workers. Rev. J. Sulla Cooper is a polished speaker. Bishop Hood says he is one of the finest preachers of the age. He is building a fine church for Zion at Hartford, Conn.

Rev. John F. Moreland is an able gospel preacher. His preaching is full of unction. He is also a successful pastor, a church builder and financier. He began the erection of one of the finest churches in Zion in Harrisburg, Pa., which will be completed by Rev. J. H. McMullen in a few weeks from now. He did a great work at State-street church in Mobile, Ala., and now he is putting new life into our church at St. Louis.

The brave and brainy Dr. W. H. Coffey, of the First A. M. E. Zion church in Providence, R. I., is not one whit behind Revs. Cooper and Moreland on any line in church work. He is a master speaker, whether in the pulpit, on the conference floor or on the lecture or political platform. He is drawing large congregations, and the fine church started some years ago by Rev. J. B. Colbert will soon be finished by him. Bishop Walters this week writes us the following about Dr. Coffey:

Dr. Birchmore and I are in Providence, R. I., helping Dr. Coffey in a grand rally. He collected to-day one thousand and sixty-five dollars. Coffey is a great financier and, like Moreland, a valuable acquisition to our Zion. He has broken all records as pastor of this church.

There can be no righteous objection to men like these filling any church in Zion. They have made their marks in Zion. They did not get the very best churches when they came to us. They had to work up to their present places. Let all others who come do the same.

## HIS WIFE LOOKED BACK.

Remember Lot's wife—St. Luke 17:32.

The story of Lot's wife is very interesting and instructive. Is it true or fabulous? The Jews believed it to be true. Christ, who must have known whether the account was true or false, made no effort to have the Jews doubt or disbelieve it. If it were a mere fable, Jesus would have said so. On the contrary, He cites the incident of the death of Lot's wife as something to be remembered. Christ must therefore considered it history. We should do likewise.

But why remember that sad historical occurrence? Because it is replete with solemn admonitions. Lot's wife perished because of her