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EDITORIAL.

WINTER is almost here.

A WEAK man cannot build up a weak church.

THE critic never turns up his nose at the pocket book.

EVERY minister should canvass in his town for students for Livingstone College.

DR. WARNER authorizes us to state that he will publish the amounts and names of contributors to the Church extension department.

THE learned Bishop C. R. Harris, of Salisbury, N. C., will next week reply to Bruce Grit's able letter in the STAR on the National Afro-American Council.

THE white Methodists of this country propose to try to raise \$20,000,000 as a twentieth century fund to be applied to education, missionary and other Church work.

DESPITE the exciting campaign in North Carolina the entire Negro race will rejoice to know that Hon. Geo. H. White, colored, was re-elected to Congress.

THE Bethel people had better postpone their General Conference because last week's *Christian Recorder* says that perhaps the world will come to an end in 1900.

BISHOP HOOD draws splendid lessons from the lawsuit and recent victory of Clinton Chapel, which would pay every pastor to read from his pulpit to his members.

IN *The Christian Index* article in this issue, the statement "he comes to the admissions of Bishop Walters" is a typographical error. The word "comes" should be "corrects."

WE are greatly pleased with the short articles in this week's STAR. If all of our writers will only follow suit a great many more subscribers can get a hearing. Dead-heads need not send us articles.

EVANGELIST R. ALONZO SCOTT has an interesting advertisement and a sweet hymn on Frederick Douglass this week. Pastors that desire to make money to go on their salaries should accept his offer.

BISHOP C. R. HARRIS, D. D. was at the Publishing House last week looking well and cheerful. He is interested in the question of

Lay Representation and says there are at least three general offices that laymen might fill.

BISHOP HOOD replies to us again on the pro rata business. We agree on the law relative to the December payment, but since we cannot agree on the other two issues raised, we step back and let the other General Officers split hairs with him.

OUR handsome church—St. Luke—in Wilmington, N. C., was only twenty feet from Editor Manley's printing office which was destroyed by angry white men last week. We hope it was not damaged. Possibly Pastor M. L. Blacklock will write us.

WHAT has become of the federation committees in the A. M. E. and A. M. E. Zion Churches? Will this era find them any further apart? Have their negotiations for union ceased?—*S. W. Christian Advocate*.

The federation committees no longer exist. Organic union with these two Churches is a thing of the past.

THE *Atlanta (Ga.) Age*, edited by W. A. Pledger and A. M. Hill, favors a conference of representative Negroes and desires Bishop Walters to put a lecturer in every nation on earth to show the condition of the Negro in this country so that they will become interested in the race.

COMMENCING with the November issue Rev. J. B. Colbert has changed the name of his paper from *The Varick Christian Endeavorer* to *The Missionary Endeavorer*. Why leave out the word "Varick" in the new name since you had it in the old one? Dr. A. J. Warner has a paper called *The Missionary Herald*. As one missionary paper is all that we need now the Doctor ought to change and name his paper *The Church Extension Herald*.

THE *Mobile (Ala.) Register*, the leading white daily paper of that city, devotes nearly a half column of brevity to a report of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Bishop J. B. Small and wife in State-street church, and says it was grand and attended by the best colored citizens of that place and other cities. We publish an account of the brilliant affair by S. M. Dudley as it is fuller and contains all that the *Register* has respecting the anniversary.

IT is now definitely settled that the Republicans have both branches of Congress, having a majority of 26 in the Senate and 21 in the House. This victory is an indorsement of the President's war course and expansion policy. It is also a victory for the gold standard and protective tariff for the next six years at least, if not longer. The business men are rejoicing, for it means an era of prosperity to the country. More laboring men will now find employment.

BISHOP A. WALTERS has another interesting proposition in this issue concerning the National Council and calls for a discussion of the points therein referred to. Being deeply interested in the uplift of his race he has agreed to serve the organization without salary or traveling expenses. He says he has decided to go in for Federation and to invite to become members of the Council all the bishops, presidents of societies, lead-

ing editors, presidents of schools, etc.

DR. A. J. WARNER's appeal for a thanksgiving collection of one dollar or more should be heeded by every pastor who is interested in the spread of Zion. The people will respond cheerfully if the pastors will put the matter before them clearly. Brethren, do so. The articles of endorsement by Bishops J. W. Hood and G. W. Clinton and Rev. J. S. Caldwell are evidence that the general Church is becoming awakened to the necessity of sustaining this department.

WHEN we referred in the last issue to the two sanctified Zion editors constantly rocking the Editor of the STAR, we had no reference to friend J. S. Caldwell. He is a grand man with a bright future, and has too much common sense and religion to be snapping at us because our conduction of the STAR may not suit him. Caldwell is alright. The two Siamese twin Editors will never make us lose our individuality nor change our style of writing, no matter how much they criticize us in their papers along these lines.

SON, REMEMBER.

Every Zion minister must agree with the Editor of the STAR of Zion politically or suffer himself to be abused editorially in the STAR.—*Zion Trumpet*.

The sanctified (?) or holiness (?) man, E. Geo. Biddle, is after us again. Because we call him a Democrat every time he meddles with us, he calls it "abuse." Let's see. There was a colored preacher, of the New York Conference, named E. Geo. Biddle, that used his *Zion Trumpet* and the STAR OF ZION two years ago to "abuse" Bishop J. B. Small and the Centennial delegation, of which we were a member, because they, by the order of Zion's great Centennial then in New York, went, as the representatives of the A. M. E. Zion Church, to Canton, Ohio, to pay respect to Mr. William McKinley, the standard-bearer of the Republican party. Does Rev. Biddle of 1898 remember that Rev. Biddle of 1896? Why did he politically abuse that Zion delegation, abuse Mr. McKinley and the Republican party, and now kick because he thinks we are abusing him politically? It makes a difference whose ox is gored, doesn't it? When Rev. Biddle lets us alone, we will let him alone—not before. We are just as useful to Zion as he is, and until we advance as far in holiness as he "imagines" he has advanced, he need not expect us to be silent and kiss the hand that so unbrotherly and revengefully smites us from time to time.

REV. CHAMBERS ANSWERED.

Rev. S. A. Chambers, the fearless and sensational correspondent, who leaped into national prominence in a day by fiercely attacking and leading the fight on "Woman Ordination" in the STAR, turns the mouth of the cannon and hurls a few balls at us this week, because the STAR carries certain medical advertisements. We cannot answer him, because we had no hand in the forming of the agreement.

The Southern Newspaper Union, a white firm of Charlotte, has had control of the advertising columns

of the STAR, of five or more columns, ever since our Connectional paper has been located in Charlotte; and it looks as if the agreement then entered into will last for years unless an end is put to it by the Board of Publication. This firm has been told repeatedly by the Manager and Editor what ads are objectionable, but they soon forget our telling and run in their medical and tobacco ads.

The ads mentioned by Rev. Chambers are certainly not the kind for any Negro paper, and we would advise our readers not to bite at the baits. The Negro that is not satisfied with his color and hair is a fool. No amount of grease, liquid, powder and quack medicine will improve his complexion and hair. For firms to advertise that they can make knotty, kinky, curly hair straight, and remove the black skin and make a Negro a mulatto, half white or white, to do what our Creator did not see fit to do, is an insult to every self-respecting Negro. We have utter contempt for any Negro who feels sorry because Jehovah made him black. If the STAR can get rid of the character of ads on the last page, so that the ads mentioned by Elder Chambers can be substituted, they will be in keeping with the character of our Connectional organ, and as an advertising medium to ministers and members will be a big bonanza for the Book Concern and Publishing House.

DANGEROUS ADVICE.

When the report on the state of the country came up for discussion in the General Conference in 1892, Rev. E. Geo. Biddle argued that the Negroes ought to kill the bad white people if they didn't quit killing them. This was queer advice for a sanctified man to give. Last year Doctor W. D. Clinton advised the Negro to take the Bible in one hand and a Winchester rifle in the other and do the same. Last week Rev. W. H. Davenport advised the Negroes to use matches, shot-guns, dynamite and the lyncher's rope.

Remember that these gentlemen live North, and were up there when they spoke and wrote these incendiary words. Suppose they come South and speak these words in hearing of some of the white newspaper offices and also put their suggestions into action. If they get across the Mason and Dixon line alive again the Southern Negroes will build fine monuments over their graves. It is very dangerous advice, and out of harmony with the teachings of Christ Jesus concerning enemies, and of the gospel that two of them preach, and of course will be repudiated by sensible Negroes everywhere.

For the Negroes to raise a race war in any part of this country would mean their extermination by the whites. Ten million Negroes would be worse than fools to go to war with fifty million whites. Since two-thirds of the Negroes of this country will live and die in the Southland, it is to their interest not to be led by thoughtless, frenzy agitators, but to make friends with the whites who give them employment. The white man is determined to rule this country, especially the South, at any cost, and the Negro cannot

afford to be at dagger's point with him. Let the Negroes continue to be law-abiding, respectful and patient, wait on the Lord, be industrious and economical, get education, property and money, and prejudice and hatred will then pass away like mist before the rising sun.

SHOOTING STARS.

Bishop A. Walters is traveling through the Virginia Conference visiting his churches.

Rev. T. P. R. Moore is doing well at Morganton, N. C. His revival resulted in 23 conversions and reclamations and 9 added to the church. He is hopeful of raising all his finances. His people keep him supplied with meat, flour and vegetables.

Colonel but now Governor Roosevelt, Congressman Geo. W. Ray, Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff and other prominent politicians have sent checks of \$10 each to Dr. J. H. Anderson on his church improvements in Binghamton, N. Y.

Rev. J. T. Matthews, the popular pastor of the Moseley-st. A. M. E. Zion church, of Norfolk, Va., is hustling for Conference, raising general fund and other moneys. The church is in fine condition and the members desire his return another year.

Rev. H. Bell, of Goldsboro, N. C., is a very fine man, full of good sense, an excellent worker, and an intelligent and stirring preacher. He is moving on gloriously with his fine church and will make a report at his annual Conference that will be worthy of hearty applause.

Rev. John H. Love, E. D., the able pastor of St. Peter's church in Newbern, N. C., has written a very fine pamphlet on "Divine Election Under the Old and New Dispensations and Divine Personal Election to Salvation." It is a knotty subject, but this talented divine piles up strong argument.

There has been received at this office a copy of the *Star of Zion*, the organ of the A. M. E. Zion Church in America. It is an eight-page weekly paper. The *Star* shines brightly in what we are informed is its new dress. It is ably edited, and its columns filled with well written contributions and news of interest to the Church and race. We shall welcome a continuance of its visits.—*Toronto (Ont.) British Messenger*.

Bishop J. B. Small and his wife, Mary J. Small, of the A. M. E. Zion Church who have been married 25 years have celebrated their silver wedding at York, Pa., and Mobile, Ala. The *INDEX* congratulates the well-matched pair upon their happy married life and trust they may be spared to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. This pair is one of the many to show that marriage life is no failure.—*Christian Index*.

Miss Carrie E. Wright, of Africa writes: We have all been sick, but are up now, thank God. This government and natives are having war in the interior, but the government is subduing the native hostilities and very few lives are lost on our side. Elder Cartwright sends love to you and the brethren. My address is Brewerville, Monserrido County, St. Paul river, Liberia, W. C. Africa. Maybe I will get the STAR now.

AN ABLE PREACHER.

REV. S. H. V. GUMBS.

Rev. R. J. Strothers, of Newburgh, N. Y., is a valuable man. There is no church in Zion Connection that is too large for him. As a preacher, he is up to date. As a logician, he is fine. As a theologian, he is efficient. He possesses every quality which is needful to make up a great man. His sermons are being published in the daily papers of the city, and have brought forth the highest praise. His speech at the 25th celebration of the pastorate of Dr. — of the Presbyterian church, was said to have been masterly.

Fishkill Landing, N. Y.