

Manager's Column.

ONLY ONE RULE.

We notice from reports sent in by the different persons that several ministers have positively refused to pay up their back dues to the STAR, or to renew for another year; or if they renew, it is only for six months. This treatment of the STAR, to which they like so much to write and express their sentiments, is rather cruel. But we serve notice upon all such now that if their subscriptions are not paid promptly the dear STAR that they love so well will be cut off without ceremony. All must abide by the one rule. This applies to every subscriber to the STAR OF ZION and will be rigidly enforced by the management.

We have been pained at the failure of some men whom we have hitherto regarded as good men, but who have been receiving papers from us to sell for several months, (and they must have sold them) who have failed to remit a penny for the same.

These brethren—pastors, for the most part—certainly should care more for the Department they are continually praising so much. We shall publish the amount paid and amount due of all our salesmen in December. Brethren, if you don't care to be exposed, please settle up now.

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The Evil of Deferring Conferences.

Some of the Bishops, the powers that be, have done us more harm than they know by postponing some of their Conferences. The Publication Department is dependent to some extent on the subscriptions paid at the Conferences. Our bills for paper and other material were made to fall due about the time the Conferences were to have been held. They fell due as we expected, and we are in a dilemma. As a result there may not be any issue of the STAR next week, so as to allow us to meet obligations which must be met forthwith, whether the STAR twinkles next week or not. It is more important to meet these bills than it is to publish the paper for next week. We have strained every point and used all means in sight to meet our Fall obligations and would have been able to meet them if these Conferences had not been postponed. For the sake of the Publication Department alone we hope that hereafter there will be four strong Conferences held in November no later than the middle of the month.

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MONEY RECEIVED.

From October 25th to November 11th. Subscription to STAR sent in by Bishop G. W. Clinton, cont'd:
 Revs A L Cowan, St Elmo.. \$1 00
 J H Starling, Concord.. 1 00
 J M Cornell .. 1 00
 L D Donaldson, Grady.. 1 00
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 W R Riley .. 75
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 C S Whitted, St Elmo.. 1 00
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 J L McDonald, Harriman 1 00
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 Miss L. Darnell, Cincinnati, 1 00

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 Jas Givens, Muddy C'k Forks 1 00
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 W Ballard, Plymouth, N C.. 1 00
 S E Robinson, Maxton, " 36
 O L W Smith, Monrovia, Af'a 2 54
 W M Pate, Slate, Tenn 1 50
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 T B Hillard, Raleigh..... 1 00
 W F Lee, Ithaca, N Y..... 1 00
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 J H Branner..... 1 00
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Yours truly,
G. L. Blackwell.

The A. M. E. Zion Publication House situated in Charlotte N. C., is a credit not only to the Zionites but to the race. The building has been put in repair and the rooms for the general officers are neatly and comfortably arranged. Manager Blackwell deserves commendation for the magnificent work accomplished since he has had charge of Zion's publication interests. We bid our brethren God speed in this good work.—S. W. Christian Advocate.

ONCE MORE.

BISHOP J. W. HOOD, D.D., LL.D.

Mr. Editor: I do not like to write so often, but the Editor will keep saying things which do not fit the facts; therefore I must again call him to the book.

He admits my correction, but says, "Of course that law was made with the belief that each Bishop would raise the entire assessment levied on his district."

Not so. The assessments were not dreamed of when that law was made. The assessments were an after-thought, and nearly the last thing adopted before the close of the General Conference. It came into my mind after some other provisions had failed. I wrote the assessments, showed them to Bishop Lomax, he approved, and I offered them to the General Conference and they were adopted.

Respecting the Editor's suggestion, I think that he overlooks the fact that the greater part of the \$4,000 taken from the Bishops last year and paid to General Officers and others, remains unpaid. Possibly these belated Conferences may enable the General Steward and General Secretary to even up matters.

Though not pertinent, yet I may add that the first district has raised its assessment each year since the General Conference, and it is assessed at the average of \$833.33 for each Presiding Elder's district.

We shall do our full share.

Fayetteville, N. C.

ZION'S GREATEST NEED.

BY BISHOP GEO. W. CLINTON.

Mr. Editor: A few weeks ago it was suggested through the columns of the STAR that the forthcoming Thanksgiving day, November 24th, be observed in all our churches and a special effort be put forth to raise a Thanksgiving offering for our Church Extension department.

I wish to again invite the attention of the whole Church to this matter and urge our pastors throughout the entire Connection to give out the Thanksgiving service next Sunday, and urge the people in general and all church members in particular to turn out and observe the day with becoming reverence and gratitude and emphasize the service by a liberal contribution to our Church extension work.

Zion's greatest need to-day is a Church extension fund! If we raise the amount asked for by the Church extension secretary, I am sure the Church will be given a forward move such as it has not had in twenty years. There are important points which could be taken and built up if we could give or loan them from \$100 to \$300. The opportunities now presenting themselves are rapidly passing from us, and others are taking advantage of them. We lost a good brick church at Kansas City, Mo., which was offered for \$900 by paying \$50 cash, on account of another party hearing of it and putting down \$100.

Do Zion ministers and members desire to see our Church increase 25 per cent during the remainder of this quadrennium? If so give us a liberal Thanksgiving contribution throughout the Church for the Church extension cause, and I

will call the Board together and with the counsel of my colleagues we will appropriate the money for the immediate use of the churches which need it and can use it to the greatest advantage. Let Zion's watchmen and members for once awake and try their strength.

All contributions will be published. Please report the amounts raised at once. I suggest the following themes and texts to pastors who have not already selected subjects. Fruit bearing Christians the glory of God.—Text, John 15:8. God the source of all good gifts.—James 1:17. The Best way to prove God.—Mal. 3:10. The Reciprocity that pays.—Proverbs 3:10, 11. A Cause for great Thanksgiving.—Acts 14:17. The True Method of Thanksgiving.—Psalm 116:12-14. The Result of a Widow's Gift.—I Kings 17:16.

LITERARY NOTES.

RUDYARD KIPLING FOR EVERYBODY.

If continual talk about him in the newspapers is an indication, Rudyard Kipling must be the most popular of living authors. A vast number of readers must therefore, welcome a pretty and wonderfully cheap edition of his "Departmental Ditties, Barrack-Room Ballads and Other Verses," just issued by the famous cheap-book publishing house, Hurst & Co., 195 Grand St., New York, at the price of only 35 cents. You may get it of any bookseller, or from the publishers, who will send their complete catalogue to any applicant.

"THE BLACK CURTAIN."

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston, announce a new and charming book from the pen of that most fascinating writer, Mrs. F. H. Loughead, which in plot and narrative skill well sustains her reputation won by "The Man who was Guilty," and "The Abandoned Claim." The scene is laid among the foothills of California not far from San Francisco. The hero and heroine, unknown to each other, simultaneously take possession of the same section of government land in the woods. The friendly contest as to which is the rightful owner is an important and interesting part of the story. A certain black curtain in the hero's cottage figures conspicuously, but how closely connected it is with the story, which includes a charming romance, remains for the facile pen of Mrs. Loughead to relate. All our readers are urged to write the publishers for a copy. Price, \$1.50.

"THE BOYS WITH OLD HICKORY."

This volume covers the closing period of the War of 1812. The author, Everett T. Tomlinson, in his writing for young people, does not aim to be entertaining alone, and having studied boys carefully during his association with them as a teacher, he knows well how to arouse and maintain their interest while he depicts historical events on sea and land, and gives them correct views of the same. In the present volume one follows the brave heroes of those times, who have their first experience on the ocean, taking passage on a privateer for the Gulf of Mexico, and after many adventures take part in the battle of New Orleans, of which a vivid description is given. The events presented are stirring enough to arouse the highest spirit of patriotism in the reader, as well as to inspire him to desire for further knowledge of similar events, thus arousing in him a taste for good reading. The book is one of the best the author has put forth, and should be in every boy's personal library. Price, \$1.50. Write the publishers, Lee & Shepard, Boston.

"THE CONTINENTAL DRAGOON."

This is one of the most thrilling productions of that eminently gifted author, R. N. Stephens. The book deals with the stirring scenes of the Revolutionary War, and is valuable not only as a literary production but as a correct history of those times. The scene is laid near Yonkers, N. Y.; the situation of the British and American camps is given, the exact time and circumstance of the first engagement stated, and every bit of fiction is founded on absolute facts, so that by reason of the fiction the fact is more in-

delibly impressed upon the mind. Then too, no fictitious names are given to the heroes, but actual happenings in the lives of men who made themselves both famous and infamous in that bloody struggle are portrayed in that pleasing style so characteristic of the author. Battles of the heart were fought and won in those days, too, and these the author weaves into the story in such a delicate way as to hold the reader fascinated throughout. We urge our readers to procure a copy of the publishers, L. C. Page & Co., Boston. Price, \$1.50.

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