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Editorial.

Do not associate with liars.

HONEST people will surely succeed.

POSITIONS often make small men big—in their own estimation.

ADAM AND EVE had the earth at one time. Their experience should be a warning to those people who want it to-day.

THE Wilmington (N. C.) *Messenger* says nearly 1,400 colored people have left that city since the riot there. There is nothing startling in this announcement.

MINISTERS write us nearly every week that when the STAR arrives they have to wait until their wives read it first. God bless their wives. They know a good paper when they see it.

SINCE Rev. James D. Crothers of Zion, is looked upon by the white papers as a rival to Paul Lawrence Dunbar, we run another poem of his this week for critical examination.

EVANGELIST R. ALONZO SCOTT has just held successful revivals in Le Roy and Saratoga, N. Y. He will open up at Binghamton, N. Y., the 30th inst., and at Union Wesley, January 12th. See his full appointments in next issue.

BISHOP J. W. HOOD is still a great general and worker and his Conferences rally to his call with an enthusiasm that is highly commendable. The Bishop writes:

The Central North Carolina Conference goes up head again on general fund—\$3,000. The Home and Foreign Missionary Societies raised \$199. General fund, missions and special assessments reach a total of \$3,500.

BISHOP J. B. SMALL requests every minister in his district to organize a mite society in his church at once and also raise one dollar Thanksgiving collection and send to Dr. Warner immediately. Good. Bishop Small and his noble men are preparing to lead the other episcopal districts in raising Church extension money.

REV. R. WILLIAMS, who left Bethel and joined Zion in 1895, wants to return. Presiding Elder G. W. Brazelton, of Zion, in Tennessee, has an article in last week's *Christian Recorder*, pleading with Bethel to take him back. Zion has no objection, and since he refused to go to his last appointment, Bethel ought to take him back.

REV. J. B. COLBERT thinks there

should be an extra session of the Board of Bishops called December 29th at Washington, D. C., as he wants his missionary matter explained. We learn that some other General Officers want their matters explained. If a meeting is imperative, let it be called in Charlotte, N. C., after the holidays are over.

SPECIALLY important articles to be published in the next issue must always reach us not later than Wednesday or Thursday. Articles coming on Saturday hereafter will have to bide their time. We hope those brethren who lazily wait until the last minute to write and then write, "Please publish this at once," will cut this out and paste it in their hats.

It may be interesting to know that for the first time, perhaps, a lay delegate—Mr. P. H. Davis, of Beaufort, N. C.,—was elected fraternal delegate to represent the North Carolina Conference in the Virginia Conference. If the "Cannon Ball" man does not fling a ball at this new move, you may know it is not contrary to law. Prof. Fonvielle's agitation is beginning to bear fruit.

ON account of failing health, Dr. Lyman Abbott, age 63, who ten years ago succeeded the late Henry Ward Beecher as pastor of the famous Plymouth church in Brooklyn, New York, has resigned the pastorate and will hereafter devote his time to editorial work on *The Outlook*. Beecher was positively a more brilliant orator than Dr. Abbott, but Dr. Abbott easily excelled him as a scholar, thinker and writer.

EDITOR CHRIS. J. PERRY, of the *Philadelphia Tribune*, is not at all pleased with Bishop Hood's political address. He sneers at the Bishop and calls him an apologist. If Brother Perry will read the Bishop's political record in "Men of Mark," written by the late Rev. W. J. Simmons, he will find that he does not belong to that class of race demagogues. The next time Bishop Hood writes politically he will try and think of Brother Perry.

A Strong Leader.

The *Daily Times* of Philadelphia, discussing the political situation in North Carolina, says:

Next to Bishop Hood, Prof. S. G. Atkins, of the Slater Industrial Academy and State Normal School of Winston, N. C., is generally accepted as one of the most intelligent and honest advisers of the colored race. He fully agrees with the views presented by Bishop Hood, and these prominent leaders of the colored race are now accomplishing a great work by struggling to bring the two races into harmony on a basis of substantial unity of interest:

The *Times'* photograph of Prof. Atkins is correct. He is a man of unusual intellectual power, with capacity for accurate thinking, and he expresses his thoughts lucidly and with many of the acquired charms of oratory. He is a brilliant educator.

Blackest Ingratitude.

Several of the leading white Republicans of North Carolina, since they have been licked by the Democrats, are showing base ingratitude to the Negro voters by saying that they have been no benefit to the Republican party, that they

favor their disfranchisement and the organization of a lily white party, and that the Negro ought to be colonized. Last week the *Hickory (N. C.) Press*, a white Republican paper, gave the Negroes to understand that they may continue voting the Republican ticket but they must not expect to hold offices again. The Negro is not losing any sleep over what these wet-eyed Republicans of this State are saying, for he knows that because of such silly talk the Fusionist party for a long time to come is dead and smelling to heaven and will soon be shoveled up and dumped overboard by the Democratic party. If the Fusionist party of this State has no further use for the Negro, the Negro has no further use for it. That party is cutting its own throat by such nauseating advice and counsel.

Tribute To Negro Soldiers.

The *Philadelphia Press* says that at the 24th annual meeting of the W. C. T. U. held two weeks ago in Philadelphia, Mrs. Helen Crawford, superintendent of the work among colored people, paid the following grand tribute to the Negro soldiers:

"Their rise is like the woman's, only a question of human progress. They have good material in them and were the nation's reserve force in the War of the Rebellion, regiment after regiment coming to the battle front and retiring with great loss. Brave Theodore Roosevelt, with many of the Rough Riders, would in all probability be sleeping in the cold arms of death on a foreign soil to-day had not the colored cavalry thrown themselves into the heat of the battle and turned the tide at El Caney. God bless the brave colored lads; consider my hat off to them. Their deeds will never be forgotten."

The above is a very appreciative compliment. Despite insults, opposition and falsehoods, the patient Negro soldier in every American war has bravely and honorably proved his military manhood, equalling the white soldier in exposure, suffering, endurance, fighting and loyalty.

Bishop Hood's Opinions.

We clip from the *Philadelphia Daily Times* and publish for the benefit of the readers the political part of Bishop Hood's address which he delivered two weeks ago before the Conference at Carthage, N. C. He gives what he conceives to be the causes which brought on the bitter race feelings and the disgraceful race riots in the late election in North Carolina. It will be read with deep interest far and wide, because for the last thirty-five years Bishop Hood has been regarded as the foremost political and religious leader of the Negroes of this State. The great *Philadelphia Times* of December 5th editorially says:

There is a general discussion of the relations of the two races in the South in all sections of the country. There has been much heated, violent and partisan discussion on both sides, but the true aspect of the issue is best presented by the more intelligent and conservative representatives of both races, who substantially agree in their views of the present conditions.

Bishop J. W. Hood, of Fayetteville, N. C., stands at the very forefront of the colored race in this State, and at a recent meeting of his Conference at Carthage, he expressed his views with great candor and told the precise truth as to the causes which have led to the race war in North Carolina."

A Tough Problem.

How to deprive the illiterate Negroes of North Carolina of the ballot and not the illiterate white men of theirs is giving considerable worry to the ablest leaders of the Democratic party of this State. The *Columbia (S. C.) State* two weeks ago stated that Mr. Joseph Daniels, Editor of the *Raleigh (N. C.) News and Observer*, and member of the Democratic National committee, in order to have a clear and intelligent view of that part of the South Carolina Constitution which pertains to suffrage, has written Governor Elerbe of South Carolina the following letter:

"As the result of the late election there is considerable feeling in the State in favor of some constitutional provision that will eliminate the Negro as a political factor; will you do me the kindness to send the provision of the constitution of your State regulating the suffrage, and write me the methods employed to eliminate the Negro, without depriving the illiterate white man of his vote? Any advice that you can give will be appreciated."

This surprising letter will arrest immediate attention. Any discrimination in the ballot based upon race or color is unfair and cruel and should have no sanction among the proud Anglo-Saxon race that boasts of its superiority over the darker race. It is not the fault of the Negroes that they as a mass are ignorant. For 240 years American civilization made it a crime to educate the Negro. To compel the Negro to enjoy less rights and privileges under the law simply because Jehovah made his skin black is inhuman and un-Christian and gives the lie to the Declaration of Independence and to the Constitution of the United States. If disfranchisement will come on account of ignorance, and no citizen ought to be deprived of his vote, let it apply to white and black alike. Unless this is done, then any bill to disfranchise should be snowed under by the Legislature. Ignorance is ignorance, whether it be found in a white person or black person.

SHOOTING STARS.

Rev. B. J. Jones, of Dayton, Tennessee, has started off well and is raising money to build a brick church.

The popular writer, Prof. W. F. Fonvielle, we are informed, was elected by the North Carolina Conference a fraternal delegate to Cuba.

Rev. L. W. Stewart, P. E., of Blackstock, S. C., says that Sister J. A. Stevenson, a faithful member, died November 22nd. She told her husband and six children to meet her in heaven.

Dr. G. L. Blackwell, President of Zion's Publication House, preached a scholarly sermon from the text, "Peter, Satan desireth to sift thee as wheat." Surely he is a man of great power.—*Eastern Herald*.

Sister Amanda M. Miller, of Johnson City, Tennessee, writes that Rev. B. B. Brown of Pocahontas circuit is sick, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Miller and has not been able to return to his work.

Rev. W. B. Fenderson, who writes his third and last article on "How to Study the Bible," has thoroughly organized his church in a way that he believes will bring strong and pleasing results in behalf of all of our Connectional claims.

Rev. J. S. Settle, St. Matthew's new pastor, came down last Saturday and preached his first sermon here. His congregation enjoyed his sermon and expressed themselves as being well pleased with their new pastor.—*Maxton (N. C.) Blade*.

Rev. J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelphia, thanks these brethren who gave one dollar each to the Book Concern: Revs. J.

H. Love, John Hooper, S. B. Hunter, Wm. Sutton, W. J. Moore, H. H. Bingham, D. T. Mitchell and Bishop C. R. Harris, and Rev. H. C. Phillips who gave 80 cents.

Rev. M. M. Edmonson and members and friends had a rally two weeks ago with books and gleaners and collected \$219.55 to pay on the church debt. Thos. Hall, Sr., collected \$35; Miss Bertha Dickerson, \$27; Mrs. Jones, \$36. Bro. Edmonson is a mighty nice man and a splendid preacher.

Presiding Elder William Lyons writes: Our quarterly meeting at Greeneville, Tennessee, was a glorious success. The pastor, Rev. H. L. McKinney, is a scholar and preacher. He has a V. C. E. and a Mite Society. Professors Davis and Hebrew are some of his able members. The college is moving on nicely.

Rev. S. W. Hutchings, Portland, Me., writes: Our Zion mission here met with a sad loss in the death of John H. Jones who was one of the crew of the ill-fated steamer Portland which with several vessels went down in the recent severe storm and hurricane that swept over New England destroying hundreds of lives. Brother Jones was a trustee, preacher's steward, a zealous Zionite, earnest and devout Christian. Fortunately his body was recovered and sent home and his funeral which we conducted was largely attended. The floral offerings were many. He was 57 years of age. He leaves a wife, mother, sister and a host of friends.

Rev. Y. J. P. Cohen, of Winnsboro, S. C., writes that Presiding Elder Stewart, of the Columbia district, held a grand district conference at Brown's chapel from November 8th to 11th. It was largely attended. Revs. J. R. Izard, C. C. Crawford and D. D. Moore preached powerful sermons. All are good speakers. Nearly all the churches asked for the return of presiding elder and pastors. Collected during the Conference, \$29.55; from delegates, \$15.36. A financial donation was given to pastor, E. Hinton, ex-presiding elder, to assist in the completion of the above chapel. W. H. Davis and H. W. Stewart were elected delegates to the conference.

Rev. J. Francis Robinson, upon whose invitation the Hon. Geo. H. White, member of Congress of the United States, is coming to the city, is receiving every encouragement from the prominent officials of the several governments here represented—civic, provincial and federal. Lieut.-Gov. Daly, will, on Monday next, at 1:30 p. m., give a luncheon at Government House, in honor of this distinguished colored man, who stands eminently high in the councils of State and Nation, and who indeed is the most prominent man of his race who has ever visited Halifax. Rev. J. F. Robinson will be a guest at the luncheon, and leading citizens are also invited. The Academy of Music no doubt will be packed next Sunday afternoon. The Hon. J. W. Longley will preside on this occasion. The Hon. Mr. White will be the guest of the Mayor during his stay in the city. His Worship has secured rooms for the distinguished visitor at the Halifax hotel, as he did for Rev. Dr. Lorrimer, the eminent divine who some time ago lectured in Halifax.—*Halifax (N. S.) Acadian Recorder*.

PREMIUMS.

A chance for every ministers whose conference meets between now and the 25th of December, 1898. To the pastor that raises the highest amount of the 10 cents per capita tax according to membership:

First premium—your choice between a handsome, beautifully bound Bible, History of the A. M. E. Zion Church, by Bishop Hood, and The Human Heart Illustrated, by Bishop Small.

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A. J. Warner, General Secretary of Church Extension.

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