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THE EDITOR'S CHARGE.

The Editor Violates Established Rules.

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

I believe in all courts when the plaintive has stated his side of the case, and the defence begins, he is allowed to finish before the plaintive puts in any rebutting testimony.

The Editor's side of the case had been before the public for several weeks before it was possible for me to put in my defence.

It seems to me that fairness required the publication of my full statement before the Editor put in his rebutting statement. But instead of that, he put in about half of my statement, and being unwilling to trust it with the public for a single week unanswered, he sent with my half statement, his rebuttal.

If he had waited a week, and then sent out the balance of my statement, he would still have had the advantage of being able to send out his rebuttal along with my completed statement.

A man with two hundred backers, 200 to 1, might be generous. He certainly ought to be fair.

Two hundred will constitute a majority of the General Conference. But he has control of the STAR, and seems to feel that he can conduct it as he pleases, regardless of the rights of others.

He says he did not use the word "insincerity." No; but every intelligent person knows that when you charge a man with having motives different from what he states for himself, you charge him with insincerity, no matter what words you use.

He admits putting in the sub-heading, Franklin's name. He thus made Franklin the subject of that article, which was not intended. "A Defence of the N. York Conference" would have been more suitable; and that would not have created the same amount of prejudice, nor would it have misrepresented my purpose.

I will not charge that he had an evil intention; but I know that the effect has been evil, as I was sure it would be when I saw it. But sometimes, in calling attention to things of that kind you simply make matters worse, and so I let it pass.

He admits one complaint that I made of his making me appear as saying "My Ministers"; but he forgets that I told him that he had misrepresented me by other sub-headings, but I could not call the exact words to mind.

He does not like the term "biting wrath." Well, I shall not insist. But what means all this roasting twice in a nearly two column article? Is it simply the burning fiery furnace of his displeasure, "heated one seven times more than it is wont to be heated?"

I ask no favor. He is at liberty to write all he wants to write, and so long as he sticks to the truth, I shall not even answer him again unless he writes something which needs an explanation to straighten it.

He has told us a great many times he has built a brick church and parsonage. I also have built some churches. I rebuilt the first brick church we had in N. Carolina. I built the outer wall on the old foundation; but I planned and superintended the entire internal structure. For six days in a week

I handled the saw, mallet, chisel, hammer, and plane.

When I took charge of the S. Carolina Conference, we had six churches; when I left it we had 86; and on some of those churches I worked with my own hands. I have inspired the building of hundreds of churches, and given thousands of dollars to assist in erecting them. Much of it was given when the salary received, was less than half what it is now. Not because the money was not raised, but because the Bishops chose to permit it to be used to build up the Connectional Institutions.

When I entered the itineracy the Connection numbered 5,000 members, now we report more than 500,000; and it is well known that I have contributed my share toward this wonderful growth.

If the building of one brick church entitles the Editor to the bishopric, then it seems to me that what I have done gives me a right to express my opinion about matters, so long as I attack no man's moral or Christian character, without being roasted, as the Editor calls it, by himself and as many as choose to help him. He forced me to give my reason for not supporting him for the bishopric, and still he is not satisfied.

He admits that the only thing he has had to complain of has been my opposition to his official aspirations.

Respecting my answer to his request for my support for the Editorship, I think he puts it on a little thick. I fear the long musing has magnified the matter in his mind.

It is well known that I seldom give a man a direct promise to support him for office. I am much more likely to write him a criticism, which I think may be beneficial to him in case he gets the office he is seeking. I think it was something on this order that he received from me. For notwithstanding what I then wrote him, I voted for him both in 1896 and in 1900, because I considered him the best of the candidates then in the field. And I can always be counted upon to take the best in sight at the time I am called upon to act.

At Washington Mrs. Smith came to me and asked me not to oppose her husband for the Editorship. If she has good memory, she will call to mind the fact that I told her that I had no thought of opposing him, that I had urged him to stick to that position.

Now I hope I shall not be compelled to write more upon this matter.

Concord, N. C.

Bishop Harris' Appointments and P. O. Address.

OCTOBER.

30 New Pleasant Valley, Hope Hull, Ala.

NOVEMBER.

1 Big Zion, Letohatchie, Ala.
3 Haynesville, Ala.
4 Mt Olive, Haynesville, Ala.
5 Letohatchie, Ala.
6 Sandy Ridge, Ala.
8 Temple Gate, Fort Deposit, Ala.
10 Hopewell, Searcy, Ala.
11 Indian Hill, "
13 Forest Home, "
15 Greenville, "
17 Garland, Ala.
18 Brewton, "
20 Stockton, "
22 Spring Hill church, Battles, Ala.
23 Zion chapel, "
25 Central Alabama Conference, Battles, Ala.

DECEMBER.

27 Salisbury, N. C., 802 W. Monroe St.
8 Winston Salem, N. C., Slater School.

REV. G. L. BLACKWELL, D. D.

Exceptionally Qualified to Be General Steward.

BY REV. J. FRANCIS LEE.

It is not our design to boom men for certain general offices, but since men, high up in the Church, have spoken of both men and measures, we presume it no breach of decorum to express our opinion concerning the fitness of an individual.

To our mind there are at least four qualifications necessary for a General Steward: honesty, literary training, business tact, a thorough knowledge of the Connection.

Upon the first, great stress has always been laid. It figured very largely in the election of a certain Bishop, and is said to have been the first thing that attracted the attention of the Church toward him. A well trained man is better prepared for every position in life. There is a certain development of mind, quickening of energies, and an awakening of powers that fit the man for life's battles.



Rev. G. L. Blackwell, D. D.

Business tact is necessary for the concentration of forces, the successful management of enterprises, and the utilizing of means within our reach. In a certain city, it is being said "No more politicians for Mayor, but business men." The Church is an institution whose success depends to a great extent upon business tact. A thorough knowledge of an institution is highly essential, if we would conduct it economically and systematically.

That the subject of our pen, Dr. G. L. Blackwell, possesses these qualifications, there is abundant evidence. His honesty has been well tested by the Church permitting him to handle large sums in the management of the Publication House. His business tact was clearly shown in the building up of this great institution for the Church, which is second to none but Livingstone College. It is in less than four years bringing into the Church a revenue.

There is no question as to his literary training, for his years of preparation at Livingstone and Boston University stand out for themselves. The present Discipline, the production of Dr. Blackwell, is said to be the best the Church ever had.

He knows the Connection, her territory, her polity, her men and her needs. He has made a record of great usefulness in the Church. He was the first man within the borders of Zion to raise three thousand dollars in a single rally. This he did while still a student, and cleared the great Boston church of debt. In less than three years, he freed Zion Wesley church from debt, and built up one of the greatest congregations in Zion in Philadelphia.

Dr. Blackwell has sacrificed a great deal for the general Church. He lost his health at Boston, re-

ceived a very small salary while Dean at Livingstone College and also while manager of the Publication House at Charlotte.

It might be said in regards to the General Stewardship that other men in the Church have records equally as brilliant. Let us admit this in fairness to all other candidates; yet, Dr. Blackwell has one decided advantage over them all. He is and has been working with Dr. Caldwell as General Secretary for over three years and knows more about the office than any other man; hence his election would bring no novice to the office. He thoroughly understands every detail of it. If the Church really wants a man for General Steward who is exceptionally well qualified then, she will turn to Dr. G. L. Blackwell.

Worcester, Mass.

Facts Upon Facts.

READ THEM.

BY REV. S. A. CHAMBERS.

The Church is a divine institution and human agency cannot run it in the absence of supernatural guidance. And man may as well drop the matter as a self-imposed task or prepare to blush at his inevitable failures. The finite must abide the counsel of the infinite.

We should strive to make our will God's will and not our's his. Our will is often substituted for God's will.

He is a dead soul upon the altar of whose conscience burns no fires of remorse for wrong done to themselves or to others.

It is good to tell your children of Christ; better to send them to Christ; best to lead them to Christ.

Abuse is not argument and criticism is not logic.

He who consults no circumstances is a reckless adventurer. But he who consults every little circumstance is a coward.

Never speak all that you think. Thoughts are free things. They ride on every passing breeze and inhabit every brain at will. To publish every thought would be gross folly—action devoid of judgment, reason, or consideration.

The man that knows and knows that he does know is well informed; but he who knows enough to know that he knows nothing, when, what he knows is compared with what he does not know, is better informed.

In all matters that pertain to the kingdom of Christ Jesus, he should be allowed a chance to figure in their solution and control the index finger pointing out the that he decrees, and do that. If we strive to get grace enough to make us do unto all men as we would have them do unto us, this will complete sanctification. This is the standard. There is none higher. To attempt more would be a vain effort to transcend the man Christ Jesus, and go beyond the holy angels. When this height is attained God will be loved with all our mind, soul, and strength and our neighbor as our selves. Then peace, like a parental dove, will brood over the church, races, and nations—everybody will be happy—religion fully realized.

Bowlin Green, S. C.

ZION APOSTOLIC BAND.

Deepening of the Spiritual Life.

BY REV. E. GEORGE BIDDLE, B. D.

Mr. Editor: As a plan or method for The Deepening of the Spiritual Life of our Church, we recommend the inauguration of a Zion Apostolic Band, with "Holiness to the Lord," as the motto, and the following Seven Rules of life and activity, which it will be seen are abundantly substantiated by the word of God:

First.—Entire consecration to God;—of spirit, soul and body;— of time, talent and means. Romans xii: 1-3; 1 Thes. v. 23.

Second.—Loyalty to the Church, no schisms in the Church. The "Higher Ground" to be attained in the Church, through the church, and by the church as "the body of Christ," "Even as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it." Eph. v: 25-27; 1 Cor. i: 10; 2 Cor. xiii: 11.

Third.—Complete separation from all worldly organizations, secret societies, lodges, &c., in which the godly and the ungodly are "Yoked together" in open violation of the word of God. 2 Cor. vi: 14-18; 1 Jno. ii: 15-17; Am. iii. 3.

Fourth.—Total abstinence from all noxious, narcotics and drugs; trusting Jesus as "The Lord that healeth," without resorting to poisonous and debasing drugs, either to prevent or to restore from sickness. Judg. xiii: 4; Ex. xv: 26; Psa. ciii: 1-3; 2 Cor. vii: 1; Matt. ix Chapter.

Fifth.—Tithe offerings for the salvation of souls; "for the spread of scriptural holiness;" for the extension of our Church. 2 Chron. xxxi: 10; Neh. x: 38; Prov. iii: 7-10; Mal. iii: 10.

Sixth.—Holy living day by day; showing forth "the life of Christ in our mortal flesh." Abiding in, and the Triune God abiding in us. Psa. xxxiv: 1; Psalm xci; Gal. ii: 20; 2 Cor. iv: 11; John xv: 1-8.

Seventh.—Watching, waiting and working for the personal return of the blessed Master, even according to His promise. John xiv: 1-3; Acts, i: 11; Titus ii: 11-14; Heb. ix: 28.

"He which testifieth these things saith, 'Surely I come quickly. Amen.'" "EVEN SO COME LORD JESUS."

Carefully read over these above rules, prayerfully search these scripture references and see if the Word of God is not indisputable with us. Years ago, when Bishop Hood's Book of Sermons was first published, we were greatly blest by reading his wonderfully strong sermon therein on "Consecration." We have always thought that if our ministry and members would be so consecrated to God, we would soon lead all other Churches in the blessed work of soul-saving.

If space in the STAR will permit, we will write a series of seven short articles, explaining and if necessary defending the above seven rules.

New Haven, Conn.

Notice.

Dr. F. K. Bird, the eminent Presiding Elder of the Wadesboro District and his faithful Pastors together with a host of Missionary workers, have just closed a most successful District Conference which convened at Marshville, N. C., October 1903. Rev. Alexander Hatwood and his good people spared no pains in caring for the delegates. The reports of Pastors, Delegates and Missionary workers were indeed grand.

Many thanks to the Presiding Elder, Pastors and Friends, for the interest you all took in the Publication House. You gave me for books and Star subscription \$48.60.

J. M. Hill, General Manager.

That home is an object of pity that has no one in it to say, "Let us pray,"—Rev. S. A. Chambers.