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## FACTS UPON FACTS

### Hints to Young Preachers.

By S. A. CHAMBERS—CANNON BALL.

When you are about to act every interest should be considered that is likely to be affected by your action.

Pray for the peace and prosperity of the church. They shall prosper that love thee.

When you find a public man who knows exactly what to say, and where and when to stop, you have found a rare gem, and discovered the eighth wonder of the world. We should never talk ourselves to death. "Silence is eloquence."

No one is allowed, by law, to sow discord in the local and certainly not in the general church.

All systems of human governments are defective to some extent. Therefore, we will be making, amending, and repealing laws until the Christ of God returns who shall rule in righteousness. We need not be alarmed when any system fails as this is only the work of finite beings.

We have observed that, in church and state, those who are out usually find serious fault of those who are in, but when they get in they are usually fashioned by the atmosphere which they move. It is best to take a position position while you are in it.

When a thing is done it is the duty of every loyal minister to hold peace and work in unison with the action done, whether the thing done is altogether in accord with his notion or not. To do otherwise is discord which is a strict violation of disciplinary injunctions.

Never always be picking at the bishops. We pay them two thousand dollars and two hundred traveling expenses to look out for the best interest of the church, and study their needs, and report to us the results of their findings, that proper steps may be taken to strengthen that remains, and they should be heard unless we can prove beyond reasonable doubt that they are unfaithful in their recommendations. This will be hard to do.

It is hardly possible for two men to differ and both be right. It may be so in extreme cases but they will not be of frequent occurrence. And when you have to decide with the one or the other it is well to carefully and prayerfully consider what the man says who is in position to know best what he is talking about, and who knows most about the thing under consideration.

If most people would talk what they absolutely know they would not speak another word in four days.

We need many things but we do not need enemies. Therefore, we should avoid making them if possible. When once made they are hard to unmake. The effort to undo often intensifies what has been made.

A biting dog will bite anybody, and a kicking mule will lift up his heels against his master.

Our daily conduct furnishes data for the pages of our history; and the moment that our hearts pulsate for the last time the book will be run off of the press and it is up to us as to whether or not we would like to have it read.

Beware of these local church historians who can tell you all that ever happened in the church from Alpha to Omega. They usually know too much and have too much to tell the new pastor. They "cut first stick of timber for the old man" and have carefully noted mistakes of all of the pastors.

When you have said what ought to be said you have said enough. To go beyond this is excess. Excesses always do more harm than good, they destroy the good that has been done.

Lincolnton, N. C.

## ON THE WING.

By REV. B. J. BOLDING, D. D.  
The handsome Pennsylvania Ave. Church Baltimore, Md., has been thoroughly renovated. The main auditorium has been decorated by one of the best artists in the city.

The versatile and cultured Dr. E. D. W. Jones is making a record in this important city. The church is crowded at each service and is indeed in better financial and spiritual shape than ever it has been since we moved into this church.

Rev. Dr. J. A. S. Cole the former pastor deserves great credit for the able manner he handled this complex situation Zion is safe now in Baltimore.

The church has taken on new life. The parsonage looks like a new house. Zion in Baltimore is now in a prosperous shape.

Rev. Dr. F. M. Jacobs of New York should feel proud of this church because he loaned the \$2000.00 that enabled us to get this valuable property. The City of Baltimore and Zion Church will ever remember that prince of financiers Rev. Dr. J. F. Moreland who came to our rescue and took the mortgages on the property and relieved the situation. Zion is now alive in Baltimore.

We must mention James T. Butler and Thos. Thomas as two great men who have also stood by all the preachers and the church. I hope some day to again pastor this great church.

Petersburg, Va.

## A Word From the West.

By REV. W. M. WITHERSPOON.

Mr. Editor, from what I can hear from among the men of this Conference you need not fear for I think you will get every vote in this Conference unless you get out of the race. All you got to do is to get more votes than P. E. Blackwell. Probably you will be the Bishop of this district.

From what I can learn P. E. Macon is up against you but you have my prayers not as I wish P. E. Macon any harm but I am sticking to my man; I think P. E. Blackwell is a Maconite.

Mr. Editor we had a glorious revival this year at Moore's Chapel, twenty-one were happily converted. Eighteen of them were saved at Zion church. Revs. Holley and Smith rendered valuable services at the meeting, pray for us.

I am planning to meet Bishop Blackwell in the annual Conference with every dollar of my claims raised.

Dr. D. J. Adams my P. E. will be with me on the third Sunday in Nov. I am planning for a red letter day when he comes, if we had a few more men that could build a church in four days like P. E. Blackwell has done we would soon build up this Conference. I thought I could build churches faster than anybody else but P. E. Blackwell can build faster than I can.

I am planning to come to the General Conference in May whether I am a delegate or not I will be there. Dr. Clement you will hear from the boys later they are coming to Charlotte in May of 1912 to see you where they want you.

Cleveland, Ark.

## FOR SALE

Household furnishings for sale. Bedroom suit, parlor suit, extension table, sideboard, ragget picture frames, kitchen table, hallrack etc. Call at 609 S. Myers St.

## AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Thompson's News Bureau.

### President Taft at Work

President Taft is again at the White House, after "swing around the circle" hard at work on his annual message to Congress. That he will be grounded on the tariff, the cost of living, and all of that that affe the plain people without saying. The colored men hope for a ringing declaration of the evil of lynching, and other declaration for the weak. The document will be the most significant and conservative state papers that has ever been read with eager interest by American.

That President Taft is with the people, white and reason of his meeting face and speaking frankly to of thousands of his fellow all will have to agree.

Prof. W. S. Scarborough, president of Wilberforce University, nominated and re-elected Taft could easily carry Ohio. Harmon who is the strongest in Prof. Scarborough's opinion democrats could name.

All in Reading

The executive committee in charge of the reception and banquet in honor of Mr. William H. Lewis, Assistant Attorney-General of the United States, announces that all is in readiness for the function which is to be held next Monday evening at True Reformers' Hall. The decorations will be superb, the menu will be all that Epicurus could ask, the music will be divine, and the speeches and "gridiron" features will be new and original. The ladies will have reserved seats in the gallery. The committee on reception is made up of Messrs. T. H. P. Clarke, L. M. Hershaw, Charles E. Hall and C. J. Pickett, who together with Messrs. Henry Johnson, Dr. C. Summer Womley, R. W. Thompson, Oliver Randolph, W. Calvin Crase, W. T. S. Douglass, F. H. M. Murray, Daniel Murray, D. G. W. Cabaness, Joseph H. Stewart, E. M. Hewlett, L. Board, J. C. Napier, Robert Terrell, James A. Cobb, R. Tyler. The guest will number about 250. The promoters will be the "best ever."

### Alexander Crumwell School Dedicated.

The Alexander Crumwell School at Ivy City was dedicated Tuesday in the presence of the officials of the city schools and a large crowd of citizens. Addresses were delivered by President J. F. Oyster and other members of the Board of Education; W. M. Davidson, Assistant Supt. R. C. Bruce, and J. W. Cromwell. Mr. Cromwell presented an oil painting of Historical Research of New York. The school building, one of the finest in the District, is named in honor of the scholarly Dr. Alexander Crumwell, for many years rector of St. Luke's P. E. Church of Washington.

### Jeanes Fund Board To Meet.

It is definitely announced that the Board in charge of the million dollar fund set apart by Mrs. Ann T. Jeanes for the benefit of the rural schools of the South will meet at the White House December 14 at 10 a. m. The report of the year's work will be heard and recommendations will be considered. Mr. Booker T. Washington will be present. President Taft is a member of the Board, and has

deep and constant interest in all that the board is doing for the enlargement of the Negro opportunities in the country districts of the Southland. The vacancy caused by the death of Bishop Grant will be filled. Bishop G. W. Clinton, of the A. M. E. Zion Church, is strongly endorsed by the press of the country for the place, and Bishop Elias Cottrell, of the C. M. E. Church, and Prof. H. T. Keating, president of the Western University at Quindaro, Kansas, are mentioned as possibilities. The colored members of the Board, besides Dr. Washington, are Hon. J. C. Napier, Major R. R. Moton and R. L. Smith, of Texas.

### Mdodana—Powell Nuptials

By MISS RAYMOND BLAND.

On the 21st day of June 1911, Miss Willie O. Powell was married to Rev. David B. Mdodana at high noon, Trinity Chapel A. M. E. Zion church. The church was beautifully dressed in wreaths and clusters of flowers very costly ferns and pot flowers of all descriptions.

The bride wore a very costly Mesaline silk which was beautifully trimmed in silk flowered faces and silver looking braids she also wore a long white silk veil and was carried in the church by her father Mr. B. P. Powell.

The waiters were dressed nearly alike all in brocade dresses. The bridesmaids were Misses Lizzie Kelly, and Bertha Powell.

The bride's maid wore a Mesaline silk (white). The groom wore a fine black suit. Rev. Mdodana's home is in Capetown Africa if no mistake is made he is from Africa any way not sure its Capetown. Three of the brothers came to America when he graduated in the English language at Raleigh. The oldest one has married a lady of Raleigh and gone back to Africa to enlighten his people. Rev. David B. is pastor of the Missionary Baptist Church Maxton, N. C. Miss Powell is a dear young woman. She graduated at St. Augustine Raleigh, taught school at this place for three or four years in Tenn., one year. To know her is to love her we hope for her much success in life. We were sorry to give her up but had to.

They were joined in wedlock by the Revs. Tillman and Turner. At the reception we were served with cake, cream, and fruit punch. The present were many and very costly ones.

Miss Powell is a great Sunday School worker she doesn't shun anything. We wish for the Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Mdodana much success and a long and happy life. The march was played by Miss Perry of Maxton, N. C. The visitors were many from other places. Southern Pines, N. C.

### Rosy as a Girl

Summitt, N. C.—In a letter received from this place, Mr. J. W. Church, the notary public, says: "My wife had been ailing for nearly 12 years, from female ailments, and at times, was unable to leave the house. She suffered agony with her side and back. We tried physicians for years, without relief. After these treatments all failed, she took Cardui, and gained in weight at once. Now she is red and rosy as a school girl." Cardui, as a tonic for women, has brought remarkable results. It relieves pain and misery and is the ideal tonic for young and old. Try it. At druggists.

### Opportunity.

I can start any honest or energetic boy or girl in a pleasant and profitable business if they are willing to do a little work after school hours. For information write Mr. A. R. Stewart, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

## FOR OVERCOMING GRAVE

By WM. T. BIDDLE.

I'm striving hard 'gainst imbedded sin Which doth so easily beset; I'm trying hard to apprehend, But have not apprehended yet.

The things behind me I forget, And ever press toward the mark; But inward foes my plans upset, And make the way appear so dark.

The things I would not do, I do; What I would do, I do it not; The very course I now pursue Is blighted by unholy thoughts.

Lord Jesus lend a helping hand, Oh set the captive prisoner free; And help my feeble soul to stand, To gain its oft sought liberty.

Then, I shall over all succeed, And over all the victory win, Yet still I'll all this merits plead: To over come myself and sin.

### Aggressive Expansion for Old Zion Church.

Editorial: Charleston (W. Va.) Advocate.

The lady of the country takes an unusual interest in the upbuilding of the churches these days. The Zion Church is

in a future even more prosperous than the past. It must go forward—never backward. It thought it wise to elect up to ten Bishops at St. Louis in 1904. It did the same thing at Philadelphia in 1908. Two vacancies have occurred since the General Conference of three years ago, and there is an agitation on the part of some short-sighted "economists" to leave these vacancies unfilled and try to get along for the next four years with the present Bench of eight Bishops, two or three who are physically unfit to perform their Episcopal duties as they should be performed. This means that the great A. M. E. Zion Church, boasting of a membership of a half-a-million, is plodding along under the management of just about six active Bishops. With possible vacancies during the next quadrennium, it can easily be seen that the church would be in a bad way by 1916, allowing the average loss of two Bishops to a quadrennium, based upon past experience.

A really effective prelate is not an expense to the church. He is an asset. He brings in more than he takes out. The church is sure of a margin of profit in dollars and cents—to speak from a commercial standpoint—if a man exerts himself and is alive to his opportunities along both business and spiritual lines. He will pay his own salary in a single quadrennium, without drawing on the existing resources of the church.

Without a Bishop in the broad expanse from Alabama to the Pacific Coast, there is a vast stretch of virgin soil which the Zionites, by pursuing an aggressive policy of expansion, could make to blossom as the rose, with Zion churches and Zion prestige everywhere. If four Bishops, young, virile and spiritually magnetic, are "made" at Charlotte next May and stationed wisely, it is not an extravagant prediction that in another four years the church will have added more in membership and increased more in dollar money than these men will draw in salaries, and the glory of the church will be 100 per cent greater than it is today, because of the missionary work that it will have done through the infusion of new blood and new enthusiasm.

If the Zion Church wishes to maintain itself as a truly national organization, it will have to adopt a policy of "aggressive expansion" sooner or later. The sooner the better.