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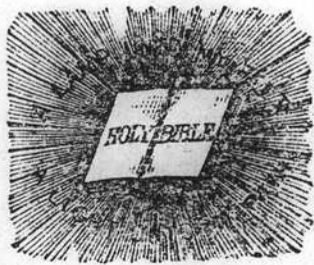
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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1918.



"For, lo, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing of birds is come; and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one; come away!"—Solomon's Song—1:11-13.

EDITORIALS.

VARIK CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR ANNIVERSARY.

Again we are directing the attention of the VARIK Christian Endeavorers with their hosts of friends and older people helpers, to the 22nd Anniversary which comes off on May 12, 1918. And to Prof. Aaron Brown's supreme efforts to make it the most interesting, distinguishing and profitable in the history of the organization. An effort of special importance is, to gather in many souls for Christ as to report an increase of revenue to the treasury-head of the department. This is as it should be: subordinate the financial to the spiritual always was the real purpose of this society in the mind of its founder—to secure souls for the kingdom first, and secondly to enlist the interest of the young people in the church work. Let us make an unusual effort to bring to Christ many unsaved souls, and at the same time work the financial part of the interest. While it is not a "revival" in the common acceptance of that term yet it is a distinctly spiritual campaign for souls as well as for an increase of the financial reports from the local societies.

CLAMOR FOR NOTORIETY.

If any of the hard-working and self-sacrificing men in the Church merit notoriety they are the men that are doing pioneer work in the far off sections and isolated fields of Zion's operations, such as California, Oregon, Arizona, Washington, the Dakotas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, and even down in Florida, Texas and other sections of the lower South where Zion Methodism is sparse compared with her thickly populated centres. These true men of God, out on the frontiers, in lonely and isolated parts (so far as having Zion companionship is concerned), toiling against all odds, stern opposition and competition, where Zion is scarcely known if known at all; out on the prairies so to speak (though operating in large cities) with no missionary aid, hardly a letter of encouragement from their far-off friends; toiling, praying, weeping, prospecting and worrying, struggling with adverse circumstances, sometimes the supplies of life and sustenance and most times, not pitances of salaries, sorrowing nights, and gloomy days, hoping against hope, "fightings without, and fears within," these are the men that ought to be boomed, praised and encouraged, but strange to say, the men occupying the big church pulpits, the medium church pulpits with a living salary; the third rate pulpits, with a comfortable living; and even General Offices or other highly lucrative positions, often demand or try to demand all the booming, complimenting and "cracking up" in the Star of Zion and from the church authorities, forgetful of the poor laborers in Zion's vineyard. So many there be, who sell themselves and only of themselves, their interests and ambitions, and who being blessed with special providences and human favors, urge and argue for further recognition and favors, clamor for further notoriety. Perhaps the Editor of the Star of Zion is in a position to discover this selfish spirit in its more prominent manifestation than any one else knowing what demands are made upon the paper. May we not hope for a speedy substitution for selfish interests, the interests of our more deserving and less fortunate brethren?

THE A. M. E. ZION QUARTERLY REVIEW.

The current (January) issue of the A. M. E. Zion Church Quarterly Review is a gem. It is the best specimen since the incumbency of Dr. C. C. Alleyne as Editor. The mechanical make-up is good; the material quality is excellent; the engraving designs are skillfully wrought and placed; the contents are of a high order of literary merit, thought and suggestion. The publication shows Dr. Alleyne to be a distinctively progressive personality, and he has a peculiar aptitude for the distinguished position in which the General Conference placed him.

Following are the contents of the brilliant magazine: Beautiful and pathetic Easter frontispiece—"He is not here, He is Risen." Embellished out of the late Dr. Joseph Charles Price, A.M., D.D., founder and First President of Livingstone College; Leading Educator, World's Negro Orator, followed by a brief biographical sketch and his splendid achievements. "The Duty of the Church to Establish Right Relationships Between the Races," by Bishop Geo. W. Clinton, A. M., D. D., LL. D., Charlotte, N. C. "Black Races Not Doomed," by Rev. T. E. Roach, First A. M. E. Zion Church, Providence, R. I. "Negro Children and Death," by Prof. Joseph S. Cotter, Sr. "The Life and Character of Joseph Charles Price, A.M., D.D.," by Rev. J. W. MacDonald, D. D., of Waterbury, Conn., with a cut of his humble birth home. "Were Price Living To-Day," by Rev. William J. Walls, Broadway Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion Church, Louisville, Ky. "How Sleep the Brave," (poem) by William Collins. "Miracles Showing Creative Power," By Rev. Edward F. Barrow. "Unsubdued," (poem) by S. E. Kiser. "The If of Christ's Divinity," by Rev. Stephen A. McNeill. Cut and Biographical Sketch of Rev. Prof. W. O. Carrington, Dean, at Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C. "A Comment on The Vials of Wrath Poured out Upon The Wicked Powers," by Bishop J. W. Hood, D. D., LL.D., Fayetteville, N. C. "Life and Death," (poem) by Irene Elliott. Cuts of Rev. P. A. Wallace, Pastor Fleet Street Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., with Biographical Sketch. The same of Rev. E. D. W. Jones, A. M., D. D., Pastor Favor Street Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, Rochester, N. Y. "The Brave Heart," (poem) by Charles C. Earle. The Sermonette, Editorials, news and miscellaneous sections bristle and sparkle with gem thoughts, timely propositions and mature, up-to-date discussion and comment. A beautiful cut and sketch of the late Mrs. Julia F. C. (Mosley) Madison, wife of Dr. E. L. Madison, Pastor St. Lukes A. M. E. Zion Church, Wilmington, N. C., is among the important obituaries. The Quarterly Review is not only a high class literary magazine, but is also adapted to all casual and home reading, and, therefore should be in every A. M. E. Zion home. The price is \$1.00 per year; 25c per copy. The Editor's office is 87 Win-yah Ave., New Rochelle, N. Y.

The popularity of this growing periodical is revealed in the fact of its rapidly increasing circulation. Since Dr. Alleyne has added to it his new features and injected his real personality of spirit, rain, efficiency and progressive and resourceful ability into it, the magazine has taken a jump forward, and steadily adds to its momentum into popular favor with the readers of such current literature.

IMPORTANT DATES—TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

- May 8, 1918, New Jersey Annual Conference, Asbury Park, N. J. May 14, 1918, Semi-Annual session, Albemarle Conference. Commencement Edenton Normal and Industrial Institute; meeting of the Trustees same Institution, Edenton, N. C. May 15, 1918, meeting of the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference, Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church, Washington, D. C. May 12, 1918, Variak Christian Endeavor Anniversary. May 19-23, 1918, Commencement of Livingstone College, special meeting of the Board of Bishops (First Report on Connectional Debt Paying Rally Campaign), meeting Trustees of Livingstone College. Dedication of New \$50,000 Dormitory for girls. June 19, 1918, Michigan Annual Conference, South Bend, Ind. June 26, 1918, W. New York Annual Conference, Ithaca, N. Y. The various other Connectional Schools, please send to this office, dates of the Commencements at your institutions and oblige, —Editor.

The Rev. W. H. Davenport, A. M., D. D., Dean of Theology at Walters Institute, Warren, Ark., contemplates and perhaps has begun the erection of a new modern A. M. E. Zion Church commensurate with that popular location and A. M. E. Zion centre. Dr. Davenport is a constructive character. He built the beautiful church at Bayonne, N. J.; started and brought to partial erection the fine structure at Redbank, N. J.; made material improvements on the great State Street A. M. E. Zion Church, Mobile, Ala. and the Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, Camden, N. J., and at other points where he pastored. The Dr. is a many years popular, versatile and widely read correspondent to the Star of Zion. That he will succeed in his new project at Warren, Ark., is not a question. Dr. Davenport is said to be a well informed and apt theological scholar and instructor.

Dr. P. A. Wallace, A. M., D.D., Pastor of the Fleet Street Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., is not only repeating himself in distinguished pastorates at previous points notably Big Wesley, Philadelphia, Pa., but is carrying Fleet Street forward from her splendid status acquired under her former distinguished pastors. The crowds attendant upon his ministry are large and steadily increasing. The church revenue is almost doubled in comparison with the past. The membership has taken a jump forward to more than one-third the number when he assumed charge of the church two years ago. Dr. Wallace is popular in the cities of Brooklyn and New York. He is also Connectional figure and spirit as well as being of special local service.

It is really gratifying how the good pastors are reporting the Easter and Home Missions collections to Dr. John C. Dancy, Secretary of Church Extension and Home Missions. They seem to realize the stern needs of these very much pressed departments and are desirous of assisting in relieving the tension upon them as well as the strain upon the mind, heart and business pressure of the hard working Secretary. Very few if any of the pastors will hold back the money to report it even to the spring and summer conferences, but will do the dutiful, prompt, business-like and generous act of remitting at once. Dr. Dancy is feeling real good, and he is hopeful of relieving the situation very materially through the assistance and promptitude of the faithful pastors. The department under Dr. Dancy's supervision is making a distinctive advance in its betterment and development.

THE AMERICAN INDIAN AND THE WORLD WAR.

Of course the Indians on the American Reservations in the West are not familiarly informed of the world war only in isolated cases, but those of the younger breed and who are under civil education, influences generally are. A few only of these have found their way into the ranks of the National Army, the Indians not being admitted to citizenship, debarring them. Doubtless they would make good fighters because coming from a war-like race and loving the wilds of excitement as created by battle. They are an independent, brave and stoic race who are not afraid of death. They would brave anything in battle and not flinch. Those of the educated class manifest reliable evidence of patriotism to a commendable degree for a conquered race and wards of the Government in the land once their own proud possession. At the different training schools they take up the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. work of the military relief service with an appreciative zest and will, and their contributions to Liberty Bond and Thrift Stamp purchases are liberal according to their ability and circumstances. Those admitted to the military service are associated with the Negro troops and without their demurring. The companionship is acceptable and compatible. Doubtless could there be constituted a military unit of the young educated Indian they would bring honor to themselves and the country. And, we believe they would not only show qualities of high grade fighting, but would prove true and loyal to the government.

COMMENCEMENT OF LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE.

President D. C. Suggs, the faculty and students are busy as bees making preparation for the entertainment of the large concourse of friends and visitors whom they are expecting in attendance at the Commencement of Livingstone College, May 19-23, 1918.