

LOCALS.

Friends of Dr. Chas. M. Alston and Dr. Worth Williams wish to congratulate them on their success in passing the State Dental Board at Raleigh, N. C., and trust that they may have continued success in their chosen life's work.

Dr. Smith, pastor of Clinton chapel, A. M. E. Zion church, preached Brother John Brown's funeral Jan. 30th assisted by Rev. Mitchell, pastor of Grace A. M. E. Zion church, and Dr. S. D. Watkins, manager of the Publication House. The deceased was a long standing member in Clinton chapel until he moved to Lynchburg, Va.

Bishop Kyles was in the city and met with the local committee of the Publication House and had a splendid meeting. He also preached at the East Stonewall A. M. E. Zion church and met all the pastors of the city on some special business. Bishop Kyles stopped with Dr. S. D. Watkins, 510 E. 8th St.

Dr. Lee was with his son, Collins Lee, last Sunday at Henry's chapel and Crammer's mission at Maysville. Despite the inclemency of the weather they had a successful time. He raised one half Tercentenary and part of his general claims.

The hustling pastor of Little Rock A. M. E. Zion church, Rev. H. P. Lankford, and his good people raised \$300 on the assessment. This shows that we have loyal Zionites who are not moved with every little disgruntled person who is trying to denounce and impede progress.

The manager, Rev. S. D. Watkins, is busy every Sunday going around assisting the pastors and representing the Publication House. He will be in Gastonia next Sunday assisting Rev. Nicholson and his good people.

Dr. Lee will spend next Sunday in Rock Hill, S. C.

The inter-denominational union and Zion union will have their regular meetings, interdenominational on Monday at 11:00 and Zion on Tuesday. They are creating a sentiment of Christian union and fellowship among each other.

Rev. C. V. Ramseur, the bustling pastor of Old Connersville Circuit, one of the Publishing House's regular visitors, never fails to call to see us. We are also proud to have him come as well as the other pastors of the city.

Dr. W. J. Walls, editor of The Star of Zion has been confined to his room after having returned home from Philadelphia. He also attended the Price-Braithwaite wedding in Salisbury, N. C. His condition is much better now and he will soon be at his office.

Mr. Morrow Patton, of E. Stonewall St., died at his home Thursday night, and was buried Sunday. Funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. R. T. Mitchell, pastor of Grace church.

Mr. John Brown, of Danville, Va., died Friday. The remains were brought to Charlotte Sunday. Funeral services were held at Clinton Metropolitan church Monday at two o'clock. Deceased was once a member of this church and a resident of Charlotte.

There will be a special program at Grace A. M. E. Zion church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock under the auspices of the Livingstone Alumni Association of the city. Music will be rendered by the Livingstone Quartet. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mr. Henry Etheridge, of Biddleville, who has been quite ill, is able to be up again.

Dr. and Mrs. E. French Tyson entertained the members of the Grace A. M. E. Zion church choir at their home on the corner of Liberty and S. Brevard. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

The members of the missionary society of Gethsemane A. M. E. Zion church rendered an excellent program on Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock. It was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Maggie Craine, of Washington Heights who has been very sick, seems to be improving at this writing.

ROME THE ENEMY OF THE MEXICAN PEOPLE.

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present time has the Catholic church been the enemy of the Mexican people, but ever since her establishment in Mexican territory.

We shall not attempt to show our people all the ways in which the Roman Church has been the enemy of the Mexicans, but just one incident which took place at the time of the independence in 1810. Let us turn back the pages of our history for a moment and contemplate what manner of dominion and power the Catholic church had in the days when that devout man of God, Rev. Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla thought for the first time to make Mexico an independent nation, free from the tyranny of the Spanish Government. It was expected that she would use it in favor of the nation, and to carry on the plans of liberty, it being her mission to help those who were oppressed by slavery, and to help those who were suffering for righteousness' sake, and to console the broken hearted, but to the disgrace of our nation and to the eternal shame of the leaders of the Roman Catholicism, since that time the church has stained her hands with the blood which was shed by the death of martyrs of our independence.

Our heroes made one mistake. They believed that to set Mexico free from the Spanish Government was to set her free from the dominion of the Roman Catholic church. They ignored the fact that those so-called followers of the Lord Jesus Christ were the greatest enemies they ever had. There was never a better chance for the church and the people to come together and fight for a noble cause. But in those days the principles of Christianity—of peace, love, charity and tolerance—were forgotten even by those whose mission it was to impart them upon the earth. Hatred and opposition were aroused in every way and in every place against those who fought to redeem the Mexicans from slavery (like those against the work of the Protestant church last year) by the leaders of Romanism.

The following statements that have been collected by Senor J. E. Hernandez y Davalos and Senor Genaro Garcia of Mexico, will show, by the eloquence of their facts and without any commentaries, how wicked and traitorous was the action of the leaders of Romanism, in condemning the sacred cause of Mexican Independence.

The bishop of Mexico, Dr. Francisco Javier de Lizanda y Deumont, sent to the congregations of his diocese an exhortation, that they should not help in any way Senor Hidalgo in the revolutionary cause, declaring in the same, dated September the 24th, 1810, that "he felt a martyrdom to hear that the revolutionaries were preparing themselves to shed blood, not knowing the unhappiness that they were to participate in, by not following the ways of peace." He used of the Roman fallacy to maintain his statement, threatening them with the danger of their souls being lost, if they would not shut their ears to the cries that had been raised in Dolores and San Miguel el Grande. He threw imprecations against Hidalgo, and called him "evil spirit, and precursor of the Anti-Christ and Liotrephes that sought his own fortune."

The same bishop of Mexico in an edict given the 11th of October 1810, confirmed the excommunication decree, issued by the bishop of Michoacan, saying that "the faithful Christians were under the obligation, and punishment of mortal sin, and of permanent excommunication, save that they would observe this declaration."

The 24th of Sept. 1810, the bishop of Michoacan, Senor Manuel Abad y Queipo, threw an excommunication against the chiefs of the insurgents together with those that followed them, calling Hidalgo "Perjurer" and Allende, Aldama y Abasolo, agitators of the public order, corrupters of the people, sacrilegious, and perjurers that have incurred in the highest excommunication of the canon: Siquis suadent Diabolo. And he also declared excommunicated any person that will assist them, help or favor them in any way. And, as if this was not sufficient, declared that also those who will enlist under their banner were also excommunicated.

The viceroy Francisco Venegas sent a letter to the Rev. Father Guardian of San Fernando, asking him that he should exhort all their subjects, in the pulpit, in the confessionary and even in the conversations in society, to inspire all the inhabitants of the Kingdom, to their faithful adherence to the cause of the Supreme Government.

The Congregations of Ecclesiastics of San Pedro sent to the viceroy an

official letter communicating to him a resolution taken among themselves; that it was, "their most earnest desire to warn all people from the confessionaries pulpits, and private conversations, of the danger of associating with the revolutionaries, and exhorting them to remain true and faithful to legal authorities that were ruling the nation."

The Inquisition renewed all charges against Hidalgo which they had formed in 1800, and the 13th of October 1810 an edict was sent out, and asked him to appear before them and answer all charges made against him, in which all insurgents were excommunicated. The said edict ends like this: "And we command that this letter, shall be posted in all the churches of our district, and that no person shall take it off, dash it, nor conceal it, under the punishment of excommunication and five hundred dollar fine"

The Friars of the "Colegio Apostolico de Pachuca" sent to the viceroy an edict, dated October the 13th, 1810, in which they promised to send to the different towns, groups of men to persuade the people that they should not undertake the cause of Independence.

Dr. Agustin Iglesias, rector of San Angel, D. F. sent a letter to the viceroy in which he offered him, his faithful services and also his property to help fight against the insurrection.

Dr. Eusebio Sanchez Pareja, rector of Alfajoyucan, Hgo. informed the government of the revolutionary plans.

The 13th of February 1811, Senor Manuel Gutierrez de la Concha reported to the government the victory he had obtained over Hidalgo's troops, with the help of a group of priests.

The clergymen of Puebla, manifested their loyalty to the King by an edict dated 27th of October, signed by more than 290 priests. Bishop Manuel Rodriguez de Aguirre of Zacatecas reported of his services rendered to the King, against the cause of Independence, and also calls Hidalgo "the fourth Herod."

Bishop Antonio Begoza y Jordan, wrote a letter to the viceroy 27th of August 1811, in which he offered all his property and his own person in favor of the royal cause.

This and many other statistics will prove what has been said about the work of the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico, at the time of the Independence.

Even today, when the constitution of Mexico declared the separation of the church and the state, these chief leaders of the Roman Church are trying to rule the country and keep the people in ignorance, far from true civilization, and education; and to sink them down to a lower state of slavery. Shall we let these men rule and ruin a nation? No! No!! The country cannot have at the head of its government and of its churches men who are but thieves, murderers, drunkards, adulterers, blasphemers and sodomites.

As Miguel Hidalgo cried out for liberty on the night of the 15th of September, 1810 and said: "Long live America! Death to the bad government!" so may God today help the Mexican people to cry once more for independence from the power of the Roman Church.

SELECTS NEGRO SECRETARY OF RACE RELATIONS.

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locally, between the white and Negro churches, especially by state and local conferences between white and Negro ministers, Christian educators and other leaders, for the consideration of their common problems.

4—To array the sentiment of the Christian Churches against mob violence and to enlist their thoro-going support in a special program of education on the subject for a period of at least five years.

5—To secure and distribute accurate knowledge of the facts regarding racial relations and racial attitudes in general, and regarding particular situations that may be under discussion from time to time.

6—To develop a public conscience which will secure in the Negro equitable provision for education, health, housing, recreation and all other aspects of community welfare.

7—To encourage efforts for the welfare of Negro workers and the improvements of relations between em

ployers, Negro workers and white workers.

8—To make more widely known in the Churches the work and principles of the Commission on Inter-Racial Co-operation, and especially to support its efforts to establish local inter-racial committees.

9—To secure the presentation of the problem of race relations and of the Christian solution by white and Negro speakers at as many church gatherings as possible throughout the country.

The Chairman of the Federal Council Commission is John J. Egan, of Atlanta, President of the American Cast Iron Pipe Company, and also Chairman of the Commission on In-

ter-Racial Co-Operation and Mr. Will W. Alexander of that body is to be associated as one of the Secretaries of the Federal Council.

The Federal Council's announcement of the formation of its Commission last summer was received with great commendation by both the white and Negro press. Since that time its plans have been developing and the selection as secretary of its Commission of a worker and churchman so well known among white and black, North and South, gives good promise of substantial results in this effort to bring the great influence of the Christian Church to bear upon the welfare of Negroes and the co-operative relations of the races.

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