

YOUTH'S CORNER



The First Step
Being Somebody
Doing Something
Helping Someone
Somewhere

A CONTRIBUTION TO ANOTHER

A mother's influence over the inmates of her home is immeasurable. The impression that she makes upon her children is the most lasting. Even when a man is treading the way of dissipation and ruin the memory of mother is a chord that may be counted upon to vibrate in response to righteous appeals when practically every other chord once existing in his moral nature has gone dead. What an incentive there is to a mother to get the offspring whom God has given her a high and worthy example! And how beautiful it is to find a son or daughter venerating the character and paying tribute to the life of a mother who in old age, yet lingers on earth to bless her loved ones! We came across the following conspicuous instance of this in our reading a few days ago, which we cannot resist the temptation to reproduce.

The impression made upon Seneca's mind by his mother Helvia led him to pay her this tribute in later years. You never stained your face with walnut juice or rouge. You never delighted in dresses indelicately low. Your single ornament was a loveliness which no age could destroy. Your special glory was a conspicuous chastity. And later he says: "Happy he who has such a mother! Faith in woman beats with his blood, and trust in all things high comes easy to him; and though he trip and fall, he shall not blind his soul with clay."

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS GOES TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

Nineteen Twenty-three Session of the Sunday School Workers Meets in the Capitol of the Hoosier State June 13-18. Indianapolis, Ind. (Special) This city will entertain the Sunday School Congress June 13-18, 1923 according to an announcement made here this week coming from Rev. Henry Allen Boyd, of Nashville, Tenn., and confirmed by Doctors B. W. Ferris, Lewis Morris and others, who are already making preparations to take care of the throng of Sunday School workers that will be in attendance. There will be an entertainment committee, reception committee, and a committee on homes. It will be the Mecca of Sunday School workers for the year. The announcement was created as a New Year present to the Baptist forces of the city and state. The Rev. Henry Allen Boyd was in Indianapolis Sunday the 17th, but not a word came from him about the Congress, although Indianapolis was chiding with other cities. It was thought that since he dropped no word, white there that she had lost other chance. The announcement created general satisfaction and the Baptist leaders are being congratulated on this opportunity to entertain this national gathering that is to be held in this city.

REV. E. GEO. BIDDLE OUTLINES PENSION PLAN FOR THE GENERAL CHURCH

Dear Editor: While being personally cognizant of the need, I have been giving pray

...rial study to the pension system of the Methodist Episcopal, the Baptist and the Episcopal Churches...

I have in mind the following plan for our Church: first, that every minister on our roll, 65 years of age and over, be paid \$7.00 per year for the years he has been on our ministerial roll. If he has been on the same length of time he shall be charged \$5.00 per year to be deducted in annual \$5.00 instalments from his annual pension not \$7.00 per year for the length of his ministerial service in our church. Let me illustrate. A Zion minister at his 65th year of age, having been on our roll for 40 years would be entitled, at the rate of \$7.00 per year to \$280.00 but at the rate of \$5.00 per year for the same length of time, he would be indebted to the pension fund \$200.00 to be deducted from his annual pension in four annual instalments, so that when he is 65, instead of receiving \$280.00, he would receive \$230.00; the next year his pension would be \$287.00 less \$50.00, and so on until he is 68 years of age, when he would have paid the last instalment. His pension would now increase \$7.00 annually. His next payment, when he would be 69 years of age, and having been on the roll 44 years, at the rate of \$7.00 per year would be \$308.00, increasing \$7.00 per year as long as he lived and remained on our ministerial roll. If he lived to be 80 he would be receiving \$385.00 per year.

ZION AT LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

By Rev. J. M. Draper.

Dear Editor: As I unfolded The Star this morning and began to read I saw where that high churchman and tall spearman in the person of Rev. A. Shinn, D. D., was placed at Payne chapel A. M. E. Zion church in the North Arkansas conference in the city of Little Rock, Ark. We must say we only have one Shinn. He knows no failure. Dr. Shinn is a man who brings things to pass wherever he goes. The church is safe in his hands. His helpful wife has repeated herself standing by her husband. She does not believe that failure belongs to her church. She is the greatest hope of his success, and when they shall have reported to the conference the church will say just as we say—great is Dr. Shinn. Payne's chapel is safe.

ROSELAND, LA. FACTS UPON FACTS: AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION.

I want to thank the connection for the amount of \$6.00 sent me from the widows' fund in December for the year of 1922. I am seventy-three years of age and have never seen the righteous forsaken nor distressed, begging bread. How much bread could I have bought with connection money at the rate of fifty cents per month or twenty and a quarter cents per week?

WOOD TEMPLE A ROOM THE ZION CHURCH, EVANSVILLE, IND.

I wish to inform the many readers of The Star of the great work that is being carried on under the leadership of our great pastor, Rev. J. R. Davis, who looks at all things with a business eye. He has brought our church up ninety per cent. We want to thank our good bishop, Rev. E. A. Wallace, for his selection in sending us a God-sent man. We love him and his good wife. May they live long to render service in the church. May God bless our pastor.

DR. MARTIN B. M. BUTLER, A. B., PH. D.—ST. PAUL A. M. E. ZION CHURCH, MARYVILLE, TENN.

By Prof. John S. Beaman, A. B.

The student who is now attempting to write about a man known for years. His name, Prof. John B. Butler, who is superintendent of the American School in the Phillips one islands, was my teacher in the State Normal School, Elizabeth City, Md. He was the only subject of whom I write, and is one of the best and most efficient teachers in the world. Therefore, you know that I am assured whereof I talk and what I may say is true. We should not forget "Father Butler." He was one of the great preachers of Zion while thinking we had others. Some reasons why the great Butler family stands out so brilliantly on the pages of history. Their father was an outstanding character for goodness and integrity. Dr. Martin B. M. Butler is unsurpassed and dignified. Wherever there are gathered many dignitaries, he is looked upon as being one of Zion's bishops. As touching intellectual and many other qualifications the office should be honorably filled by him and of such hopes he strongly maintains. There is no young man who has a brighter omen if given a fair chance, yes, just a man's chance, than he. There is no person in Zion better qualified to fill any position than he. He is well prepared, and this done in the best schools of our land and he does not make any great output about it, as some others do. He stands as one of the foremost in intellect among any of the men of thought. When you are looking for brain, you can find it in him. In short, he is all that goes to make a full man. Zion is not safer in any person's hands than in his.

A WORD TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Dear Editor: I am sorry to hear that the church is in a state of confusion. We are looking for a man who has built up a church and knows how they are built up. Butler, the pastor of M. E. Zion church in Easton, Tenn.

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LOOKING AFTER LITTLE THINGS.

Whenever anything is to be done that concerns a group of people there must be some definite plan and that plan should be simple and practical. To most people who assemble to enjoy a public meeting, there is no thought given to the hours of hard work that went into the preparation. They take it for granted that everything for their convenience and pleasure will be at hand just when and where needed. Perhaps this ought to be, but it means that somebody must keep busy doing little things that seem unimportant. It is always hard to have plans made that overlook no detail. It is easy enough to have a committee arrange for the big, outstanding things that everybody would think about first. These are the noticeable parts of a program or entertainment or assembly of any sort. But it does not suffice to have only these and nothing else. The responsibility of having the things microscopically arranged for the whole matter move a definite action.



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However, the easiest thing to find is one who does not do a thing and who is willing to let a lot of important things be must be tied to the hands of the church who can help place our great Zion where it should rightly stand; men who are on the alert for the cause of Christianity, the Church and God; men with experience, tact, ambition and ability. The Revs. J. W. Martin, W. J. Hambright, Corrothers, G. C. Alayne, E. D. W. Jones, I believe without question in a few years our Zion will not stand in a second place among the Methodist bodies in America, but will take the lead, as it belongs to it, among the colored Methodist bodies in America.

ITS NEEDS

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Need an Accurate Tabulation of Membership.

We need men who will give an accurate account of membership in their parishes, thereby maintaining the dignity of the rank and file of the ministry. Also presiding elders who will not sustain them in robbing the church of its rightly known number of members. Every preacher has an accurate record of membership in full, including accessions and probations. These are from the cradle roll up. These are some of the reasons why we should let us pray mightily for God's Kingdom to come in our hearts and let us learn the declaration of the blessed Master. We who are getting a little something for our labors let us have brotherly love. Help us to help each other. A Lord, and each his neighbor's cross to bear. And feel each other's care.

FAMILY ALTAR

There is plenty of our brethren who would sacrifice to build the walls of Zion if they could depend upon the department to send them \$25.00 per quarter. If the department had this little sum, could not she utilize it for the edification of souls and the spread of the Church to the glory of God? The Church needs this money more than the individual.

We could have built at least two churches in that amount. This money that has been wasted. If there are 4000 members in the Zion connection it stands to reason that at least a thousand of them are raising missionary money for the Church. We understand the word Method, it surely means a system by which a person or people do business.

The Church needs trained men. Can the Church expect to get trained men to take a church with light or to train wives without something to sustain them? I believe that if our efforts could give their time and talent to the various departments of our great Church would not be behind numerically nor along any other line. But inasmuch as this is true among the actual teachers, it is also true with the Episcopal bench. If the chief aim cannot be without something to travel on or work without something to work with, how can the men be trained? We admit we need trained men from the trenches and we are sure that we have trained men at the head of our Churches. But not a sufficient number of them. We believe that if they were not overworked our home department would not suffer. We have an efficient man at the head of our Home and Foreign Missionary work, but what can any man do with hands tied? Without the head the hands are paralyzed. And without the hands the head is in a terrible condition. We have trained men and a plenty of them in the Church who can help place our great Zion where it should rightly stand; men who are on the alert for the cause of Christianity, the Church and God; men with experience, tact, ambition and ability. The Revs. J. W. Martin, W. J. Hambright, Corrothers, G. C. Alayne, E. D. W. Jones, I believe without question in a few years our Zion will not stand in a second place among the Methodist bodies in America, but will take the lead, as it belongs to it, among the colored Methodist bodies in America.

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