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Shaking The Plum Tree.

ENCOURAGING OUR OWN.

By E. D. W. Jones.

Not to congratulate Bishop Kyles on the splendid address delivered at the recent Christian Endeavor Convention would rob me of a privilege that I should regret not taking all of a life time. Rarely have we ever read a presentation that meant so much to the race as a religious factor in America and in fact never before have we heard the subject discussed. It is new. The writer had to be original and thus gave to the world its first shock as to the important part the colored man has played in its religious development. All things original are profound. The first production from any mold is always a surprise. Bishop Kyles' address was a finished literary product as to reason, thought and eloquence. That is the highest type of eloquence that can be put to expression, deep and penetrating, in written words. He deserves to be congratulated and presented to the students of style, diction and choice of language as a real type of scholarship and learning, to which we are all striving to attain. It was indeed a memorable masterpiece and will go a long way in convincing ourselves of our own strength and our friends of the larger things they may expect from us in the line of our growth.

Zion Church has been rendered a service, for he is the exponent of the religious life and thought of the Church and his display of high mentality, deep spiritual research and wide survey, but show what the Church can wrought out of determined and consecrated manhood.

Zion steps a peg higher in world affairs and proves its right to a place side by side with organizations and movements that are seeking to solve its problems and soothe universal heartaches by portraying the truth as it is found in the influences that the gospel of the Son of God tramp to the ultimate and final good.

Along the same line Dr. Walls comes in for a share of praise for his pointed and direct rebuttal to the statement of our mutual friend, Dr. Wright. Union or no union we will not surrender a single historic triumph nor a single sacred tradition that has made our fathers immortal and the Church a potent influence in achievement. He is correct. He is always sound and safe in his defense of his Zion. He has made a fine Editor, The Star a popular weekly and no man is better able than he to stir us to thoughtful consideration of the latest movements in Christian circles and speak in intelligent and precise language the position of the Church to all changing orders in our religious life.

Dr. Medford was so unselfish in his review of candidates, especially when he referred to the exceptional ability of Dr. Walls and his fitness for leadership in the Church. Dr. Medford looms to Episcopal proportions himself and I wonder not after reading him why he is so favorably spoken of by his brethren. Some candidates cannot see anything in anybody but themselves.

It might be well to mention to all candidates that Zion Church has never elected a selfish man to the bishopric. Zion Church has never elected one who sought to climb there on scattering scandals on fellow candidates. Some candidates seek to magnify their virtues by circulating false rumors about other candidates. The man who does that will never be elected to anything in Zion Church and if there is such an one running he had best stop now, for he is wasting his energy and vital time that might be employed in more certain accomplishment. The writers to The

Star have so far shown themselves above such ignorant and silly portraiture of envy and villainy.

Dr. Anderson, our old Roman, yet stands by his guns and defies time to weary him in defense of his convictions or to enfeeble his ambition so that he will not strive for the best attainments.

Dr. Argyle, always ruggedly honest and intrepidly outspoken; Dr. A. C. Crooke, magnificently grand in his humble appeals for advancement and progress, who is read all over the Church because of his seriousness in addressing himself to the affairs of the Church; Dr. Davenport, true and tried, who is without a doubt, a ranking member of the highest and best scholarship the race has produced and one of the few born editors of our group; these stalwart men have aided Dr. Walls as regular correspondents to The Star, to keep its columns free from calumny and mud-slush which only comes from sources of mud-environment and sources who deceive themselves as to the methods to be used to rise

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The White House Receives Its Dead.

HARDING RESTS IN EAST ROOM.

Flag Draped Casket Drawn Gently Into Capital From Trip Across A Continent.

Tens of Thousand Pay Silent Tribute in Washington.

Washington, Aug. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The White House tonight received its dead.

The flag-draped casket of Warren Gamaliel Harding, twenty-ninth President of the United States, stricken while leading his country back from shell-torn fields to paths of peace, was drawn gently tonight into the capital by a funeral train that had crossed a continent.

Nine hours late was the train, which east of Chicago, crawled through great crowds reluctant to end their tributes. It was after 10 o'clock when it arrived, but tens of thousands who stood hours beneath

a blazing sun and through a humid evening still stood sorrowfully from railroad plaza to the White House.

Tenderly the casket was carried from train through the terminal, past the new President and his cabinet, standing in silent salute.

Tenderly it was placed on an artillery caisson. Tenderly it was drawn through the lane of silent thousands to the great mansion that had been Mr. Harding's home.

The guard of honor—marines, seamen and soldiers—lifted it from the caisson under the portico of the White House, and carried it for a night of rest into the East room in which had lain Lincoln and McKinley.

But for a Night

Then the new President, his cabinet, high officials of the government, and military escort withdrew, leaving to Mrs. Harding her dead.

For only one night will it be hers. Thursday the nation makes its claim, carries the honored coffin to the rotunda of the capitol, mourns during the funeral services in which

Ministerial Vacation.

By Rev. T. H. Jones.

In various parts of the country the ministers are organized into alliances, both denominational and inter-denominational; composed of the city pastors and augmented by a large number of pastors and preachers from the smaller towns and surrounding country.

The value of these unions, properly operated with sincere purposes, are inestimable. The ministers are helped, and an influence disseminated for good throughout the realms of these unions. In such unions there is great strength.

But we are now at the season when a large number of the unions are forced of necessity to vacate.

Such a point in our career must in most of us, produce both regret and joy. Regret, because we have been grappling with problems relating to the welfare of the world and the salvation of souls in general, and with questions related to our various denominations and churches specifically. Because of our deep interest in the world of humanity, our profound love for the Church of our choice; because of the joy and profit gained through our ministerial association, the pleasant exchange of views, and many other reasons are the production of such regret.

But on the other hand, our circumstances demand vacation—wisdom dictates that at all times we do the best, no difference about the pain produced, do the best. Do it and rejoice in our ability and strength to do it.

We live in a strenuous age, a hustling age, and age of complex problems with which to deal such as have not confronted the constituency of any other age. Yet, every age has issued its problems.

The ministers of the gospel are week after week, yea, hour after hour, whether walking, sitting, praying, or sleeping, concerned with these problems. Then because of the monotonous strain weekly on our several charges; weekly preparation and sacrifices of our union sessions, we are in need of the vacation. We therefore rejoice as we go forth with the tension relaxed and the monotony broken.

It is also noticeable that the summer months in some sections and churches are the months of special hustling for financing the churches and pleasure and happiness of their parishioners. Socials, rallies, picnics and such like, to which in many instances, the pastor's presence is in demand; hence he cannot be present at the union sessions. This, often, would defeat the sessions. Hence another necessity for vacation so as to avoid such defeat.

We note that there are many broad-hearted congregations and reasonable officials, who are kind enough to grant their pastors a few weeks' vacation. God will especially bless such officials, and congregations.

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1865—WARREN G. HARDING—1923

Watching The Barkers.

WARREN G. HARDING—MRS. A. J. BAGGETT.—THE RALEIGH DISTRICT.

By W. H. Davenport.

Warren G. Harding, President of the United States, is dead. Calvin S. Coolidge, Vice President of the United States, according to the Constitution, succeeds to the Presidency. Not since the days of John Quincy Adams has Massachusetts been represented in the presidency. The first President from Massachusetts was John Adams, the second President of the United States, and the father of John Quincy Adams. Disease and death have at-

tended the trips of the last two Presidents, Mr. Wilson having not recovered from the affliction which overtook him on his last journey.

About fifteen years ago at Beaufort, N. C., we were chairman of the committee that recommended the admission of Mrs. A. J. Baggett into the North Carolina conference and the ministry of our church. She had passed from our memory until a few weeks ago when a pamphlet from her came to our desk, and yet we could not recollect her. It was therefore a great and pleasant surprise when we ran into her a few days ago at Dunn, N. C. She was conducting an evangelistic service for the Rev. G. W. Harrell, our

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France Issues an Official Order That Her Colored Subjects Are Not To Be Insulted By Americans.

Americans Violating This Order To Be Punished Says French Premier.

Paris, July 31.—The hatred of Negroes as carried to all parts of the world by white Americans for the avowed purpose of causing universal discrimination against people of color, received a severe setback here at the hands of the French Foreign Office.

The order, or, as it is termed here, official Communique, issued against American propagandists meets with general approval on the part of

Frenchmen everywhere. The Americans and other tourists in France who publicly voice their objection to finding Negroes in restaurants, theatres and dance halls, must keep quiet, henceforth or they will be put out.

This in short, is the meaning of an official communique issued tonight by the French Foreign Office, following numerous incidents in which visitors have tried to draw the color line. Colored Deputies recently protested to Premier Poincare on the subject and called for reproof by the Government of any interference with the liberty of France's colored citizens.

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