

# YOUTH'S CORNER

LET'S SMILE MORE.

By Emma Gary Wallace.

It takes nearly four times as many muscles to frown as to smile. Think of the waste of energy when we do overmuch frowning!

Smiles are of several different kinds, and while we are buying smiles, we might as well pick out the loveliest and most becoming of the lot.

There is a smile of greeting which is genuine and lights up the face, making the plainest one beautiful. How it warms your heart to meet a friend and to see that radiance of spontaneous pleasure! The eyes as well as the lips smile, and the whole expression says, "Well, well, I am glad to see you!" This is the sort of a smile which makes friends.

Then there is the smile of appreciation which speaks of an inner satisfaction or pleasure.

We should not be too stingy of such smiles, for we really owe them to the musician who delights us; to the friend who brings us a lovely flower; to the small son or daughter who whispers tenderly, "I love you, Mamma;" or to the postman who stops a moment on his busy round to make sure whether a letter with an uncertain address belongs to us.

One of the happy things about the appreciative smile is that it has a reflecting quality. It nearly always awakens an answering smile on the countenance of the other person.

One of the finest games in the world is to develop skilfulness in painting smiles on the faces of other people.

The smile of amusement is the twin sister to a hearty laugh. Specialists declare that when an individual stops laughing the condition of health needs careful investigation.

Many times the depression evinced is the precursor of mental disturbance. When a patient in an insane hospital laughs in a hearty and normal manner it is considered a most hopeful symptom.

People who are too busy to smile, are sure too busy to laugh. It is a wholesome thing to cultivate a sense of humor.

The old saying that "We might as well laugh as cry" has a good deal of truth in it and there are lots of funny things in life to make mirth bubble up if we will only cultivate the habit.

A sense of humor saves many a difficult situation, even as a soft answer is so effective in turning aside wrath.

Many times the depression evinced sequential things of life too serious. It is much better to "Pack up such troubles in an old kit bag, and smile, smile, smile."

Some people never see the humor on our side of anything, while others get a lot of fun out of life because they see the smile-able things about them.

Life is a splendid moving reality—not a mere picture and we might as well make our experiences count in as happy way as possible.

—Christian Herald.

## COMMON SENSE TEACHING.

By Rev. M. Edward Church.

After a long time of silence I attempt to give to the readers of the well edited Star of Zion a few of my personal observations under the head of "Common Sense Teaching." Common sense teaches us that out of the

22 eminent and worthy sons in the race for the bishopric, each of us have a choice. It is our God given and heaven born privilege. Why should we be chided and railroaded for exercising a member privilege? Common sense teaches that the only way to avoid criticism is to stay out of the high offices. Presidents and kings have been criticised. Jesus the righteous was criticised.

Common sense teaches that Alabama with its great membership should have a resident bishop, and the surest way to have a resident bishop is to elect a man who resides in this state.

That does not necessarily mean that Alabama should be an Episcopal district, for we have had three bishops coming into Alabama for the past 20 years.

You may ask has Alabama any bishop timber? My answer is, yes.

Rev. W. L. Hamblin, the popular and successful presiding elder of the Montgomery district has been an eminent success from the humblest mission point to the leading pulpit in the state.

He is a great preacher, and a very dignified and graceful presiding officer. He is a big brother indeed. He

## HOROSCOPIC VIEWS OF THINGS GOING ON IN ZION.

By Rev. J. C. Brown.

Quarterly Meeting.

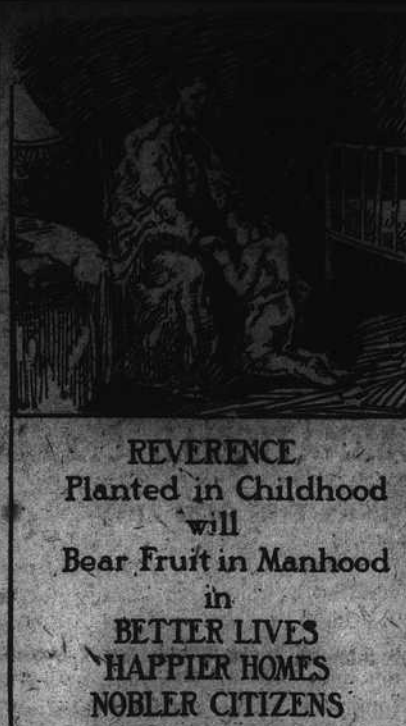
Friday night and Sunday, February 1st and 3rd, was an event long to be remembered in this city. Rev. W. W. Slade, presiding elder, was with us and preached as never before. Everybody who knows Dr. Slade will give him credit with being a real cyclonic pulpiteer of the new type. He is enthusiastic and fiery. He sways the people at will and carries them by storm. Dr. Slade is not only a great preacher, but a sweet singer, and a convincing pleader with the unsaved. He is the choice of a host in Zion for bishopric, and will be hard to beat.

We are told that there will be five bishops elected at the General Conference in May. We are unable to say who these will be, but I believe the members of the General Conference are going to elect men that are able to take care of our dear old Zion.

I am sure Dr. E. D. W. Jones, who is a polished pulpit orator, a splendid logician, a sarcastic debater, and powerful preacher, will make a good bishop.

Dr. W. J. Walls is one of the greatest orators and preachers of the race, will make a good bishop we will all be glad to follow.

Dr. W. W. Slade in whom God's ministers have a friend and brother, has a will that unflinchingly withstands the criticism of opposing forces, and wins for him the respect



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BOYS AND PRAYER.

By Gordon Law.

A high school boy is responsible for this. We had been discussing all sorts of things and finally reached prayer. The boy, a seventeen-year old high school student, said: "I have never made up a prayer in my life. I have always used the Lord's prayer." We wondered how typical this might be of other boys.

A simple questionnaire was sent to over two hundred twelve-to-seventeen year old boys. The questions asked were:

When do you pray?

What do you pray for?

Do you use your own prayers or do you use a form of prayer such as the Lord's Prayer?

Have your prayers helped you?

How?

Forty-one replies have been received, a sufficient number to enable one to form some idea of the general prayer life of boys. Twelve of the forty-one wrote that they used both the Lord's Prayer and prayers of their own composition. Eleven boys returned the questionnaire unanswered. Fourteen boys said they used their own prayers only.

The interesting point brought out by the investigation is this: Out of forty-one average American boys only sixteen had been in the habit of praying for specific things. One, twelve years old, wrote: "I use the prayer that begins 'Now I lay me down to sleep!'"

Granting that the above is by no means an exhaustive investigation of the prayer life of boys, it is at least suggestive and to any one interested in boys it will provoke thought, perhaps action.

We wrote to a keen college professor who is a lover of boys and an author: "Please send us a short note on prayer. We want to send it to boys who are not quite clear regarding what prayer is." No man in America is better qualified for this task than Dr. Charles A. Hawley. Here is his note.

"Jesus always thought of God as every boy thinks of his father when he is a good companion. Jesus knew that he came from His Father and was going back to Him so He tried every day to please Him. When He prayed He talked to His Father and His answer was a clearer knowledge of what God wanted Him to do. He never teased His Father nor thought of Him as a kind of Santa Claus from whom to beg things. He and God His Father, were daily companions. Jesus told us to think of prayer as He did—just companionship with our Father, God."

There is no point in discussing the efficacy of prayer at length here. One boy wrote: "My mother was sick and I prayed. She got well." Another boy said: "Prayers have kept my mother alive once in the time of death." An Italian boy wrote: "They have helped me in my lessons and also kept me out of temptation."

What fools we are. We teach boys and girls many admirable, second best things and fail so consistently in teaching the big things. We are content to shoot aside the mark. Boys and girls need to be taught to pray intelligently.



## REV. WILLIAM M. ROBINSON, D. D.

Presiding Elder of the Lancaster District. He is one of the leading ministers of our connection in South Carolina. He is a man highly esteemed by both races, and can be trusted in any position that the Church imposes upon him. He is a candidate for the Secretaryship of the Brotherhood.

believes in a better supported ministry and has proven it by encouraging every church on the Montgomery district to increase the pastor's salary 20 per cent. He has the elements in him that commend him to the bishopric.

Common sense teaches that we need a bishop in Alabama who knows and can sympathize with our condition down here.

Had Jesus stayed in heaven He would not have been acquainted with our sorrow and our grief. Common sense together with past experiences has taught Alabama this very important lesson that together we stand, divided we fall.

The state primary held last week at Mt. Zion church, Montgomery, Ala., demonstrated this fact.

The majority of Alabama leading lights got together and indorsed a candidate for each position.

Common sense teaches that Alabama cannot get all the general post-

and admiration of even his opposers. Dr. E. L. Madison possesses all the qualifications required for the exalted office. He is a profound theologian. He is kind, manly, true, a lover of the church, broad and liberal, honest in his convictions.

Dr. J. F. Lee, like Plato, is truly a master. As a theologian he is deep and sound; as a writer caustic.

The above named five men will make splendid bishops. Dr. J. F. Lee would rather stay where he is, but the Church needs him at the top, and if we can get him to get in the race for the bishopric, it will be wise for us to elect him.

By all means give us Drs. E. D. W. Jones, W. J. Walls, W. W. Slade, E. L. Madison and Dr. J. F. Lee for bishops.

Then our next choice is Drs. W. H. Davenport to the Star of Zion, and E. M. Argyle for the Review.

Dr. Davenport and Dr. Argyle are easily, in my opinion, the strongest and ablest writers of the race.

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# FAMILY ALTAR

A STILL SMALL VOICE.

Loyalty and Efficiency, Not Partiality.—Other Considerations.

By Rev. A. L. Wilson.

In a recent article to The Star of Zion, the writer in expressing his views relative to the election of a Secretary of Education said, "I believe whoever is elected to that office should at least be one that has spent some time at the chief institution of our Church, viz., Livingstone College, because I feel that naturally he would be more interested in raising the standard of our schools, than one that has not been trained in the schools of our denomination."

I still hold to the unchangeable view relative to the schools of our denomination, not that I am partial, but because of my loyalty and interest in the Church.

No one doubts or will question the efficient service that has been rendered by the present incumbent of that office, but as he is aspiring for Episcopal honors in the Church, and no doubt will be elected, I feel that Livingstone College, the chief institution of our denomination has trained enough men in the last quarter of a century to find a man that has been trained within her own schools, efficient for the office of Secretary of education. This is one of the reasons that the lamented Joseph C. Price, gave his life for the upbuilding of Livingstone College and the cause of education generally throughout the A. M. E. Zion church. That our beloved Zion might be able to train its men for any service that the Church might demand. Dr. W. H. Goler, who succeeded him preached the same doctrine and sought to instill the same ideas of J. C. Price. When Dr. Price came on the scene we had no Livingstone College. He was the father of this our great institution, and he fathered it for a purpose, and that purpose was for the "higher education of the Negro, and especially that the Zion Church might be prepared to train its men for whatever service that might demand."

The writer of the article appearing in the last week's issue of the Star under the caption, "Efficiency not Partiality" says "I think that Zion is too modern to confine itself to such a narrow view." Zion has never been narrow neither the men that make up Zion, but there are principles and causes that lie dearer to the heart of the men that have been trained in Zion. There are institutions that lie dear to their hearts.

Had I been a member of the A. M. E. Church and were advocating the election of a Secretary of education, I would say give us a man from Paine College or Lane College, or were I a member of the A. M. S. Church I would advocate the election of a man from Morris Brown University, Wilberforce or Paul Quinn College in Texas, because these are outstanding institutions in their respective denominations, preparing men to fill any position within the bounds of their Church. But I happen to be a member of the great A. M. E. Zion Church and I see Livingstone College the chief institution of our Church that for years has been preparing men for future usefulness to the Church. I therefore advocate the cause of any man that has been trained and well seasoned in this institution. It is an institution that has prepared more than two men, it has prepared scores of men that are making good in the Church.

Had there been a Livingstone College when Price came on the scene, he no doubt would have been a product of the same. Dr. W. H. Goler who succeeded him was trained where he came to Zion from the "mother" Church.

Bishop Wallace received his theological training at Lincoln at a time when we had no theological seminaries. There is a number of other men rendering efficient service in the Church that had to resort to other institutions for their theological training because of the lack of