

OBSERVATIONS.

By W. L. Edge, P. E.

I wish to speak of the men and their work and worth. There are many bright shining lights in the good old state of "Here we rest," some of whom are worthy of any honor that the General Church sees fit to thrust upon them, and yet we are not unmindful of the host of men and women throughout our Zion that are worthy of any position in the Church. We have men all over the Church who are bringing things to pass.

But permit me to call the attention of the many readers of The Star to some of our men. Dr. W. L. Hamblin, the polished presiding elder of the Montgomery district and a candidate for the bishopric, is known throughout the General Church as one of our General Officers and a man who knows the Church and its needs. I am sure the Church will make no mistake to elect him as one of our Bishops at the forthcoming General Conference, as well as Drs. E. D. W. Jones, C. C. Alleyne, E. L. Madison, W. W. Matthews and many others that space will not permit. Dr. J. Wingfield, candidate for Secretary of Education for our great Church, is a worthy man and we are sure that he is fully prepared and worthy of this position. He is one of the leading educators of the race and will bring results. Let us not forget his work at our Lomax-Hannon College at Greenville, Ala. He is not looking for salary, for his salary is much more than this position pays. Neither does he desire the position as a stepping stone to the bishopric, but only feels that he can do a larger service for God and the Church of his choice.

Mr. O. W. Adams, Editor of the Birmingham Reporter, one of the leading Negro papers of the country, is a worthy candidate for Church Extension Secretary. Hon. O. W. Adams is one of our laymen of broad experience. He is big-hearted and is fully prepared to do large service for the Church of his choice. He has spent all of his life in Zion Church. Let us elect him at the forthcoming General Conference it will be a credit to the race.

Prof. Aaron Brown, of Florida, is in the race for the secretary of the V. C. E. Union. He has made good but let us put him on salary and carry his expenses with our other general officers and then he can do us more good.

Other Bright Stars.

Dr. J. C. Laramore, the tower of strength, and the successful presiding elder of the Opelika district, is leader of the Alabama delegation. Dr. Laramore is not a candidate for anything, but worthy of any position in the Church. He stands for the best interest of the Church and will stand for that at the next General Conference.

Dr. J. V. Catledge is presiding elder of the Union Springs District. It is said that Zion Church has not produced a greater man than Catledge. Whatever he says is true. See him.

Dr. W. S. Dacon, the cyclone of the Tuskegee District, is a presiding elder and preacher of no mean ability.

Dr. L. D. Workman, presiding elder of the Central district, is a candidate for Brotherhood. Talk with him and Dr. Whitted. Then see what Riley has to say.

Dr. W. H. Finley is succeeding fine on the Wetumpka district. He has fought many hard battles for Zion and is yet a great preacher. Think of him.

Drs. Noah D. Crawford and W. D. Speight are looking toward the Bench of Bishops. Both are great men.

Dr. C. J. Stinson is a great educator.

Dr. T. R. Gains will be at the General Conference. He is on the job.

Dr. M. C. Glover is contending with Dr. Jacobs for General Secretaryship.

Space will not permit further, but I would like to mention such stars as Drs. J. B. Holmes, Wm. Bascom, Wm. Marshall, W. C. Price, W. F. Madison, Rev. J. S. Chambliss, G. W. Henderson, M. M. Leaks, P. E. Gilven, S. L. Stinson, L. B. Blackledge, O. M. Kirkpatrick, W. A. Steward and a host of others.

Men of The Demopolis District and Their Work.

Rev. S. P. Jordan, pastor of Demopolis station is on his first year at this place, though he has been sick most of the time. It is said by the members of this church that they have never been better satisfied. Rev. Jordan went to work at once, and built the parsonage, and is now living in it, and has the greater part of it paid for. He has preached, prayed and sung his way into the hearts of the people. He is sweeping on his charge.

Prof. U. S. Jones, principal of the city school, is standing by his side and is of much help to him. Prof. Jones has a deal of influence and is to a preacher of no mean ability.

Birdline station is pastored by the Rev. F. C. Boykin. This is his third year. He has things well in hand. He is a great preacher and singer and knows how to pastor. He will succeed wherever sent. Mrs. R. E. Boykin, his fine wife, superintends the Buds of the district. She stands by her husband in his work. She is a cultured woman and knows how to make it pleasant for strangers.

Livingston station is pastored by Rev. Z. K. Jackson. This is his first year and he is succeeding well. Rev. Jackson has a bright future. He is a young man of splendid parts and a good preacher. The Church will some day hear of him higher up in its ministry.

Mary circuit is pastored by that war-horse of many hard fought battles, the Rev. W. E. Johnson. He knows no failure. Rev. Johnson will succeed. His record for twenty-five years has been class A.

The Hawkins circuit is pastored by Rev. W. E. L. McCullough. He is one of the best pastors in the Church. He is brotherly and is loved by his congregation and will succeed anywhere.

Cook circuit is pastored by Rev. C. B. McAlpine, a splendid pastor, and always full of smiles. He is one of our best learned pastors. He will succeed. He has his Church work in hand and his work is sweeping on.

Lynch circuit is pastored by Rev. P. T. Wood, Jr. Rev. Wood is a man of high ability and is doing things. He has done a deal of work on his church since conference and the members all love him.

Mrs. M. E. Little, District President, is a great church worker in the local church as well as in the district. Her home is one of pleasantness. She loves the church of her choice, and is a delegate to the coming General Conference. Elmore, Ala.

WHAT WILL ZION DO?

REV. S. A. SNUGGS.—BISHOP'S TIMBER.—LIVINGSTONE COLLEGE.—WORNOUT MINISTERS.

By Rev. H. R. Hawkins.

I find that after a minister has been in the pastorate for twenty-years, and built ten churches, served in five states, holding certificates and diplomas from some of our own schools, that he can scarcely be known in the Church in which he has been laboring. And for that reason, I ask permission to state that the writer served five years in Mississippi, ten years in Alabama, eight years in North Carolina, six months in Virginia and is now in Rhode Island.

We have just closed out a very successful revival meeting at the Winter St. A. M. E. Zion church, of which I am the humble pastor. Too much praise cannot be given the evangelist Rev. S. A. Snuggs, of Newport News, Va. He is a real preacher, and can help any church that needs reviving. I think he would be a good man to succeed the Rev. B. G. Shaw as connectional evangelist. I gladly commend his service to the busy pastors who have not the time, or the adaptation to this kind of church work.

I have read The Star with increasing interest, for six months and am made to believe that men throughout the connection are wide awake to the things that so much concern our Zion. They seem to realize that it is every Zionite's duty to help make a bigger and better Church. Hence they are speaking out as never before, as to their convictions of men and measures.

To my mind we have more strong and better qualified men from which

to make Livingstone what it should be. I also believe it is our duty to send our own boys and girls to our own schools, that they may have the proper respect for them. I mean where it can conveniently be done. Some of the best prepared men we have in the Church today were trained in Livingstone College, and why scorn it? If it has done in days past it can do in days to come. Why not stand by it?

What will Zion do for the worn out ministers? Who is in active service today that can tell of their hardships in the ministry, as the once active preachers, who are now leaning on their canes, unable to hold a steady head on their shoulders, trembling in their voices, faking feeble and short steps; some time denied the privilege of addressing an assembly in the Church that he helped to make possible for us to have today? How many among us who had to walk twenty-five and thirty miles to our appointments, on Saturdays, preach all day on Sundays, and walk back home on Mondays with not enough money to have our worn out shoes mended? Is it fair to turn them out without any support, because the people do not want to hear them as their pastors? You say he people want a young man for pastors. That may be true, but who made it possible for the young men to have such a place of which to take charge?

I really believe this is one of the reasons that a great number of our

men in the next General Conference that we have had since there has been a Zion. When we think of this list of good and great men; Drs. Walls, Jones, M. D. Smith, Alleyne, W. C. Brown, Shaw, Madison, Martin, Callis, Matthews, Hamblin, Crooke, Slade, Sutton, Wainwright, Moppins, McMullen, Jacobs, Speight, Swain, Corrathers, Black and Crawford. I do not think there will be any grave mistake made in selecting five or six bishops. We feel sure of having the right sort of material for Bishops. I am proud of them all. The election of bishops is just one of the many grave problems to be considered in May, but I wish to call attention to two others. What will Zion do for Livingstone College, and for worn-out preachers? Livingstone College is our chief institution of learning and should have the full support of the whole church, in a bigger and better way than ever before, even if we have to eliminate some of the small schools that are supported by the Church. I believe that all the small connectional schools in the state of North Carolina should be left off the list. Adequate or at least better Educational advantages are offered by the State of North Carolina than the Church can offer. Then why keep them? Why not unload the burdens and turn this revenue into Livingstone, with an additional \$25,000.00 aside from what the Church has already been appropriating, and make our dear old Livingstone something of which we will not be ashamed? It is heart rending to hear some of our leading ministers talk of the short-comings of our College. I really think it is time to find less fault, and wake up to the sense of our duty, in trying

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Young and successful pastors are trying to get out of the pastorate, because it seems to be only the ones who are high up in the Church that adequate provisions are made for, when they are old. The church is in the hands of the young men of today, and it is their duty to provide better support for the old fathers.

Some say we hard up for money. That may be true, but tell me whose salary has not been increased, in the last eight years? From the humblest pastor, to the bishop's salary, including the general officers all have had an increase. Beside having an increase in salary, we all sometime get donations, from our congregations and from our conferences. These

poor fathers have no way of influencing the church or the conference to give them anything. I do not lay the charge at any one's door, but it is a matter that should concern the whole Church, and we must look after it in this conference, if we would be free from a very grave neglect.

"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." Matt. 7:12.

A VOICE FROM YEOPIM.

By W. B. Hathaway.

I wish to say a few words concerning the important issue that is confronting our great Zion today. I have read carefully and thoughtfully many of the recommendations of some of our best prepared men in our Church. I find some differ on many points of reason. But every one seems to have a clear vision of the work that should be done in our next coming General Conference.

The day has come when great men are needed to accomplish great work. We have those men in our Church, and they are ready to serve if we will only select them and put them in the front rank to lead us. We should not elect a man because he is a good and kind man who tries to please everybody regardless to right or wrong. We want able and prepared men and thank God, we have got them if we only look around we will see them.

for the high and exalted office of a bishop, were elected, we would be in a poor fix. I may be wrong. But I think if none of the men announced themselves as candidates for the office of bishop, and each one went to the General Conference depending on God, then He would have something to do for us. But we seem to try to do it all ourselves. We tried ourselves in Charlotte, but God blocked the game.

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