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EASTER DAY OBSERVED.

THE CUSTOM BEAUTIFULLY OBSERVED AT MANY CHURCHES.

The Two Metropolitan Churches, Bethel and Zion Excel in Magnificence and Beauty of Services—Zion's Program a Literary and Musical Treat—A Description of Decorations and Flowers.

The Easter services at Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, on D Street, S. W., last Sunday, were of an interesting and high order. The church, Sabbath School, and choir had united in getting out an elaborate program, which was executed with satisfaction to the large audience which attended Zion Wesley to participate in and to witness the execution of the special program. The church was tastefully decorated with flowers, palms and everything that indicated new life. Among all of these decorations hung beautiful bird cages, and their occupants tutored by nature, mingled their sweet notes with the charming melody and harmony of the choir conducted by that gifted vocalist and master of song, Joseph T. Newman. As the exercises progressed the church was filled with the holy spirit and took on a sacred and sweet holiness, which seemed like heavenly joy made richer and sublimer by the presence and influence of angelic anthems.

Rev. P. A. Wallace, A. M., S. T. D., was at his best, and was full of the fire of the Holy Ghost, and the audience caught the inspiration, and all for a time seemed like "glory begun below."

The first service began with the Sabbath School, at 9:30 a. m. Supt. Wm. H. Washington had arranged for special music, and some interesting features in his exercises.

At 11:00 o'clock Rev. Dr. Wallace preached an able, eloquent and impressive sermon, taking as his subject: "Witnesses of Christ's Resurrection." The sermon was historical, doctrinal and showed the learned doctor to be a fine theologian. He is a plain, earnest preacher, and is unassuming.

At 3:00 o'clock Bishop Geo. W. Clinton preached an able sermon that set the church on fire with the Holy



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Spirit, taking as his text, 1 Peter; 2:4; subject: "Christ Man's Example." He said among other things: "Man's peculiar constitution makes an example necessary. A living example is better than precept. Christ is the only perfect example. Witness his self-denial, his sympathy, his philanthropy, or love for and helpfulness toward man. Man is most Christ-like when he shows sympathy and kindly interest toward his fellowman, without regard to his race or condition."

The Christian Endeavor Consecration Service began at 6:00 p. m. Edward Perry presided at the organ. The song service was fine, among the selections being an anthem, "Now is Christ Risen," choir; solo, "Come to the Land of Rest," Miss S. Cooper; "Hail to the Risen Lord;" solo, selected, Mr. Thos. Walker; anthem, "Awake Thou That Sleepeth," choir; solo, "The Palms," Mrs. Jennie Shel-

ton; address, James H. Hayes; solo, "My Hope is in the Everlasting," Mr. Thos. Delaney; "Christ Our Passover" choir, and many other beautiful selections were rendered.

The Chicago correspondent of the Denver Statesman is unreliable to say the least. People who are sore and who have axes to grind are not fit to contribute to the columns of newspapers. The writer referred to, speaks of Hon. George F. Ecton, formerly a member of the Illinois Legislature, as not having done anything; of Colonel John R. Marshall, one of the most popular leaders in Chicago as trying to pass for white; of Rev. A. L. Murray, who is a graduate of DePaw University, as being the most illiterate Negro that ever occupied a pulpit; and other gush ad infinitum.

WHAT THE GREAT A. M. E. CHURCH NEEDS.

Men of The Hour—Dr. W. D. Chappelle, a Tower of Strength; Should be Elected Bishop—Rev. S. Timothy Tice, D. D., one of the Ablest Men of the Church, Should be Made General Business Manager.

All our sister denominations are putting to the front their ablest and most forceful men. They have discarded personal favoritism, and are settling down to hard earnest work. To say that these various denominations are making great headway is seen by all. The men who are to stand in the forefront to-day, must be scholarly, aggressive, honest, manly men, who possess traits of leadership, and whose thoughts and actions can command the respect of the thinking and intelligent public. There are two men among the men in the African Methodist Church, who are discussed more than any two colored churchmen in the country by friends and foes. These two great characters differ largely in temperament, and possibly in methods. But whose loyalty to the cause and interest of the church is beyond question. I refer to Dr. W. D. Chappelle, secretary of the Sunday School Union, and Rev. S. Timothy Tice, P. E., of the New York conference. Dr. Chappelle has been a most forceful character, and prominently before the church and country for quite a number of years. As a pastor and presiding elder, as a college president, in his native state, he has stood out as a beacon light, spotless in character, aggressive in zeal, a hard, successful worker, a man of independent thought and action, a bold champion of right. Dr. Chappelle stands in many respects without an equal in the church. He has been assailed by that class who believe in crushing free speech and whose delights were to dominate the weak. He has been betrayed by untrue friends, and yet, he has borne with patience never yielding a single contention of right. Dr. Chappelle is a true, honest, conscientious man, utterly void of deceit, a tried friend and an open foe. His relation and attitude toward his church and brethren are beyond question. He is affable and kind, easily approached, yet stern and inflexible.

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