

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

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This is the true character of the man. He is a man of practical business ideas, and has fully demonstrated his ability. The Sunday School Union was paralyzed when the General Church placed it in his hands. His business achievements there have been marvelous. To-day that is the most business-like and successful department in the church. Dr. Chappelle is an economist, and yet broad and liberal. He has stood out in open defiance against church looters and money grabbers. He has rightfully contended for the just appropriations of the General Connectional Fund, and openly opposed the extravagant squanderings of the church money. As a debater he is matchless, always clear and logical. He is scholarly and profound as a preacher. Dr. Chappelle is abreast with the times, and a true representative of the church and race.

That his re-election to the Sunday School Union, should he desire it, goes beyond question. No thoughtful man in the church would dare think of displacing him for another. But Mr. Chappelle is needed most on the Bench of Bishops. His force of character and sterling ability more fits him for the episcopacy at this time, than any other candidate before the church. The General Conference would make no mistake in electing him. From all sections of the church the far-sighted men are saying that the man the church needs at this time, to associate and strengthen the labors of the other good men on the bench, is W. D. Chappelle. The writer candidly believes that he will be the foremost candidate for the Episcopacy. Not that he will wage a campaign for himself, but the General Church will demand his promotion, based solely upon fitness and character. True the church has many other good men, such as Drs. H. B. Parks, H. T. Johnson, J. M. Connor, Joshua Jones, T. N. M. Smith, A. J. Garcey and others, but the times and conditions of the church demands a man of Dr. Chappelle's stamp.

DR. TICE FOR BUSINESS MANAGER.

One of the most phenomenal characters in the A. M. E. Church to-day is Dr. S. Timothy Tice. He in many respects is the young H. M. Turner, and the erudite D. A. Payne combined in a strange manner. Dr. Tice is a young man, born and reared in Florida. He has worked his way up from a country urchin, out of ignorance and poverty, educated himself and wife unaided and unfavored, he has steadily forged ahead until he stands out as one of the most conspicuous characters among the men of his generation. Everybody in the church knows "Tim Tice." The writer has known him personally for fifteen years. He is one among the best pastors of the connection, a strong profound scholarly gospel preacher. I heard a most learned lady of Washington say, after hearing him one morning: "That man is a wonder." To question the ability of Dr. Tice to succeed as business manager, is to know nothing at all of the man. He is kind and generous to a fault, respectful and accommodating, a man utterly void of deception. If S. Timothy Tice says, up or down,

you may depend upon it. He does nothing under the cover. He fears nobody and never caters for likes or dislikes. He simply goes on and does what he believes to be right. Dr. Tice is frugal and absolutely independent. He courts no favors. He is one of the most advanced men in the church. In fact far in advance of his times. Dr. Tice is eminently fitted for business manager, and if the A. M. E. Church puts any premium on merit and fitness, she will honor her eminent son by his election. I have written at length concerning Drs. Chappelle and Tice, because they are two of the most forceful characters before the church to be reckoned with. Both are great credits to African Methodism and the race. But the church does not only need Bishops and General Officers, but it must have a trained ministry. The General Conference should place Payne Theological Seminary on firm basis, and place at its head one of its ripest scholars and profound theologians. No man is more eminently fitted for this exalted station than Dr. H. T. Johnson, the erudite editor of the Christian Recorder. The writer was forced to this conclusion after hearing this great divine preach in Chicago, at Bethel Church, March 13. Dr. Johnson should be elected Dean of Payne Seminary, and paid direct from the financial department at least \$1,500 per annum, and should be classed in the general law-making body, as a general officer. If he is not elected Bishop the church by all means should place him at the head of Payne. That the General Conference will elect more Bishops since the true light has been turned on, and the real situation understood, is evident. Mr. Editor, as I see it, and glean from what I hear coming from every section of the church to Chicago, sums itself up thus: The election of two or more Bishops, Drs. W. D. Chappelle, H. B. Parks, Drs. H. T. Johnson, or J. M. Connor. General Business Manager, Dr. S. Timothy Tice. Editor Christian Recorder, Drs. A. L. Gaines or R. C. Ransom. Editor of The Review, Prof. H. T. Kealing. General Financial Secretary, Dr. E. W. Lampton. Secretary of Missions, Dr. W. F. Dangerfield, Dr. W. D. Cook, or Dr. James Dean. Secretary of Education, Prof. John R. Hawkins. Secretary of Sunday School Union, Dr. James A. Davis, R. R. Downs, or Prof. John H. Jackson. Secretary Church Extension, Dr. B. F. Watson, or Dr. E. W. Lee. Editor Southern Christian Recorder, Drs. J. A. Lindsay, J. A. Jones, G. E. Taylor, or A. J. Kershaw. Young Peoples' Christian Endeavor, Dr. M. W. Thornton, D. A. Graham, W. H. Mixon, or R. W. Arnett, Jr. Secretary of the C. P. A., Dr. W. H. Heard, W. A. Lewis or George H. Shaffer. Chairman of the Episcopal Committee, Dr. Joseph Flipper. Secretary of the General Conference, Drs. L. H. Reynold, R. B. Brooks, Dr. W. A. Roberts. Reading Clerk, Prof. John H. Jackson. When the excitement is over, among this list of gentlemen, we will enroll our additional force of Bishops, supported by a strong support of general officers. We might mention two strong men who were prominently mentioned, for general office honors, but have declined to enter the contest, Dr. A. J. Carey, of Chicago, and P. W. Wall, of Arkansas. Dr. Carey has stepped aside and will doubtless give his force of

strength to the most worthy candidate. But in 1908 will be a mighty force to reckon with. Keeping my ears to the ground I have heard much in these latter days. More anon.

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An Irish Gem.

An Irish journal had this gem in answer to a correspondent: "We decline to acknowledge the receipt of your post card."

Which is very much like the Corkonian who traveled into Kerry to an insulting enemy to "tell him to his face that he would treat him with silence, contempt."—London Tit-Bits.