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WHAT IS LIFE?

BY REV. C. C. PERRY.

In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth. Gen. i. chap. and 1st verse. Believing every statement made in the canonical scriptures to be divinely given by inspiration, it is not my purpose to offer an argument for the proof of the proposition.

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matter. I believe that beginning on the third day of His creation and ending on the sixth, God brought into existence a species of all life that now exists from grass to man, by direct creation, and that when He said to each bring forth after your kind; it was simply saying, I have this day set in order the several laws necessary for the reproduction of the same.

III. THE ANALYSIS OF ORGANIZATION. We see a world of objects each moving in a certain line, guided and governed by certain natural laws. These all perform certain revolutions at stated intervals and produce certain effects.

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simple (if you will allow the expression) the being created by them will be simple and of a low order. But a multiplicity of laws are brought to bear upon it, then the being created will be more complex and of a higher order.

THE ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE.

The 37th Annual session of the Allegheny Conference convened in Pittsburgh Penna. Aug. 11th '86. Rt. Rev. S. T. Jones D. D. presiding. The Bishop gave some wholesome instructions to the members after which the Conference was organized by the election of the following officers:

- WYTHE AVE A M E CHURCH. 10.50 A M Rev G W Lewis. 8.00 P M " James Henry. ST. JAMES A M E CHURCH, ARMY HALL FRANKTOWN AVE, EAST END. 10.50 A M Rev G C Sampson. 8.00 P M " P S Pendleton.

Sunday was duly observed the ministers being appointed to preach at all the leading churches in the city. The sermon by Rev Stubbs produced a splendid impression. He is a capital preacher. The sermon by Bishop Jones was said by all who heard it to have been a masterpiece in production, style and delivery, and gave him the well earned cognomen of "greatest living black Bishop."

HINTS FROM NATURE.

"Books in the running brooks, Sermons in stones and God in everything." These words of Bryant, Nature's poet, occurred to me as one morning last week during a protracted meeting, I sat on the end of a log in the woods of Davidson county.

above named church are highly delighted, because they had the privilege of listening to one of the bright stars of the Zion Wesley College in the person of Rev Bloice. Heretofore there has not been sufficient interest taken in the College by the members of our church, because they have not enjoyed the privilege of hearing any of the students.

SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES.

Mr. Editor: I know you have looked for something from me for the STAR are this, but I have been so busy that I haven't been able to send you a scrap or a cent. I have had several engagements which have detained me from home, and then revivals at home which demanded all of my time.

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KINDLY WORDS IN PRAISE OF MR. BLOICE.

At the grand rally of the Wesley Zion Church, there was \$190 realized during the day. The members of the