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WHAT IS LIFE? THE REST

"In the beginning God created the Heaven and the earth." Gen. i chap.

ne by REVIOLE, PRITY, don ad

and let verse. Believing every statement made in the canonicle scripture to be divinely given by inspiration, it is not my purpose to offer an argument for the proof of the proposition. LINTRODUCTORY. Any human being placed in this

world with all the organs and capacities of an ordinary person, and not remain long unattracted by the beauties and curiosities thrown about them in Nature's grand laboratory. For as we stand beholding and quietly medi tating, all nature appears to he as animated as ourselves. Some are rising and some are falling, some are coming and some are going, some are flying and some are swimming, some are crawling and some are walking. The grass blades are bending to and fro. The forest is in motion, and the restless waves of the sea are changing their positions every moment in she day. The winds are blowing and The clouds are feating and a myriad hest of shining worlds are coming ) and going above. All these and a thousand other carious phenomens, pass us byonce every twenty-four hours as we stand in nature's great park. Then turning the eye to the scene within, we see a world not so large, but quite as busy and as mysterious as the world without. And nothing (escertain class of men and women, except ed) seems to be operating at random II. THE SUBJECT PROPER-WHAT IS

While thus surrounded with worlds. of wonders, and quietly meditating, I asked myself this question (to wit) "What is life?" physically speaking, as it relates to greation and formation of the vegetable and animal world. I have since read much after the most prominent authors available and have rehearsed the text books of a scientific course for an answer, but all ended in delusion. I found for a truth that "of making many books there is no end; and much study is a wenriness of the flesh." All seem to be vanity. I found many of the scientists dissatisfied with their bases and often they ended their theories in misty speculations. While the skeptics and infidels. I find differ more widely in their theories endeavoring to find their god of the first conte, than we ministers do in teaching the designs of the God already found. I found Mr. Darwin excited over his new, discovery, "The origin of species by means of natural selection." Mr Larmarck was amusing himself over what he considered to be the only true theory are descended from species of inferior simply minus these laws? And if this organization." While Prof Huxley be true, then the effects of certain ordisagreeing with all before him , and ganic laws are the only differences disputing with the author of the vest between organic and inorganic mattiges of ereation, was exulting over ter, or the living and the dead, so far his hypothesis, which supposes . "The as material vitality is concerned. species tiving at why time to be the Hence my proposition that "Life is result of the gradual modification of simply the result of certain laws or timent favored the union. Bish pre-existing species;" while I found physical agencies as they effect mate Jones made a beabtiful address to the others to be in search of a germ preg-ter, and not the mesult of a germ children and teachers, and not the install with vitality, in order to estable pregnated with vitality. And having the following were the appoint lish a base for "Development-ism;" thus established the source of dife, it minutes for the debbath but modifying each of these defini- is very easy to account for the differtions and the nebular theory as well; ent; and apparently new and ever I simply believe that "In the begins changing species and various forms of ning God created the Heaven and life; without Mn Darwin's "Natural the earth," and that in six days of selection" or the skeptical d'Develop. twenty-four hours each. He finished mentitheory." As a lump of clay this work of His creation, and that in bears the likeness of the molds through the same sense, and by direct actions which it passes, so must the being are.

He has prested nothing since. I be atted, bear the discount the being are lieve that physical life is the result of Great Creator designed to bring it certain natural laws as they effect forth. Hence if the laws be few and

ing on the sixth, God brought into ex- be simple and of a low order. Bu istence a species of all life that now a multiplicity of laws are brought exists from grass to man, by direct bear upon it, then the being cr creation, and that when He said to will be more complexed and of a hi each bring forth after your kind; it er order. For an example, Wa was simply saying . I have this day God would have a very low specie set in order the several laws necessary fish formed, a few simple laws a for the reproduction of the same. And caused to operate; but when a bi I believe that every particle of matter more laws are called upon, and whe and natural law that now is, was, and He would create man (the summer vice versa. Hence "There is nothing genus), every law in nature a new under the sun." The earth has tory must unite in the speration, retained its original character, and order that he (man) might be an having matter and law lonly out of bodiment of all physics. And and which to produce life, physical life is order that he might be more all simply the result of certain natural obey the mandate, to wit: Subdue laws as they affect matter. "To be and "Know thyself." Ard, fi more elaborate in the definition; life that he might be able to utilise is a natural result of natural uniform physical agents to the glory of motions, produced and regulated by Creator and his own promotion. certain other motions (or laws) as they effect matter, known as positive and negative forces. The positive forces germinating and animating while the negatives destroy.

III. THE AWALYSIS OF ORGANIZATION. We see a world of objects each moving in a certain line, guided and governed by certain natural laws. These op gave some wholesome instruction all perform certain revolutions at the members after which the Constant of the control of the contr effects. We see material effecting of the following officers:
material with regulated affinity, and Rev N J Watson Secreta
apparently with a design, organizing Rev N Madden Rev G W Lewis itself into life sustaining vegetable and animal forms. This matter when organized operates with great force and unity and effects certain ends, which address which abounded in w ends are called life. The naturalist distinction living and dead matter (to wit) organic and in-organic matter. How differs the one from the other when minus the laws that organize of these elements, or material substandards an intercreating address on Tem-ces, though they be scattered to the perance, followed by Rev J. King. four corners of the globe or compose Rev Chambers, Holliday, Henry the bedy of some living active sub and Deacon Semis made strong speech. and volition; and at another time ance. they (the very same substances) are Rev Jacobs and Jones of Washing sum of their differences be in this, that ference. at one time they are under the influ-

matter. It believe that beginning on simple (if you will allow the expetite third day of His creation and end-

THE ALLEGHENY CONFER ENCE.

The 37th Annual session of the Al legheny Conference convened in Pitter burg Penna. Aug. 11th '86. Rt Rev. S T Jones D. D. presiding. The Bish-

sistants and Rev A. J. Mulligan Re

The Rishop then reed his beautiful and address which abounded in useful suggestions concerning all the Connectuses two terms to denote by way of ional Institutions. It showed his great ability as a writer and thinker. school numbers 150 scholars and 15 On the organic union he was clear, seachers, and is under the able and forcible and streng, and his views did efficient management of Mr. B F not admit of a double meaning. The Gross. them; are they not the same as to Conference as a whole heartily endorssubstance material? and yet at one et his views. Rev Whiten of the time we see them a state of life under Michigan and Canada Conference was certain organic laws, and at an introduced and given a seat in the other they are minus these laws and Conference. The Bishop urged the condition financially and spirituall. are in a state of dissolution and death. ministers to be sure to collect the We are taught by chemical science General Tax or prepare to abide the that there are just so many chemical consequences; that tardiness and neg. elements constituting the physical ligence can be no longer indulged. Rev world, and that these elements are N Stubbs from the Philadelphia Con. inseparable into dother substances ference was introduced as a fraternal Hence, there are no more nor any less delegate and given a seat. Rev Stubbe

stance. And yet at one time they es on the Temperance question, all constitute a living, active, sensitive favoring; but doubting in part the combination capable of instinct, reason methods adopted looking to its futher-

dead and insensible, and may not the ton D. C. were introduced to the Consaletan artis 11 St wast

Rev M. W.S. Knox was moved by ence of certain physical laws or agen- Rev Datchie to be expelled from the "That all species even including man cies, and at another time they are Conference. Rev S T Davis was dropped from the roll.

The committee on organic union re ported and speeches were made by Revs Holliday, Malligan, Chambers Bynum, Anderson and Stubbs. The Sabbath school came in and the discussion closed, although the whole sen-

AVERY MISSION CHURCH. 10.50 A M Rt Rev S T Jones D D 200 F M " N Stubba 8.00 "o" and in "de J H Mulligan JOHN WESLEY, AUTHUR ST. 10.50 A M Rev T B Bynum.

8.00 P M A J H Trimble. 11 8:00 " " Rt" S'T Jones D D. 10.50 A M Rev D G Moore

8.00 P M W N Davis

WYLLE AVE A M E CHURCH. 10.50 A M Rev G W Lewis. 8.00 PM " James Henry. JAMES A M'E CHURCH, ARMY HALI FRANKSTOWN AVE, EAST END. 10.50 A M Rev G C Sampson. 8.00 P.M " P S Pendleton. A M B CHURCH, BINGHAM ST., SOUTH

10.50 AM Rev J W Tirry. 8.00 P M " T H Datcher. BOWN CHAPEL, A M E CHURCH, AL LEGUANY CTY, PE N. 10.50 A M Rev N J Watson. 8.00 P M P R Anderson. M.E CHURH, PITTSBURGH PA. 10.50 A M Rev A J Workman. 8.00 P M James Brown. Rev Jehu Holliday. N. Madden. W H Chambers.

Sunday was duly observed the minsters being appointed to preach at all the leading churches in the city. The termon by Rev Stubbs produced s splendid impression. He is a cap. ital 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 carned cognomen of "greatest living black Bishop." His text was Romans x chap. 12 verse. "For the same Lord over gill is rich unto all that call upon him." His delineatous of the text and its application to mankind of the present time was coutiful, clear and impressive. Indeed the whole sermon evoked some the hightest encomiums from the

best judges of good sermons.

The Sabbath school exercises were unformly pleasant and agreeable. The

The total conference collections netted \$86.75.

The reports from various directions show that the churches are in a fair The ministers are quite hopeful of making even better reports next year than this.

The reception given to the Bishops Daughters on their being introduced to the Conference was warm and welcome, and the speeches made by Rev W H Chambers and the Bishop, were happy and in the best spirit possible.

Rev W H Whiten was elected Compiler, Rev Jehu Holliday Conference Steward, or to receive Conference mon.

Bishop Jones announced his appointments for the year as follows: John Wesley Chapel, Pittsburgh, Bev Jehu Holliday. Avery Mission, J A Mulligan. Sewickley, P R Anderson.

Homewood, Nathaniel Madden. Washington, Pa., J Henry. Franklin, J E Little. Johnstown, J W Tirry. Mt Pleasant, G W Lewis.

Thomas.

Bedford Circuit, including Bedford and Everette, J. H. Trimble.

Lewistown circuit, including Lewistown and Huntingdon Pa., J. S. Pen-

dleton.

Uniontown circuit, including Unfontown, George's Creek and Brownsville, N Davis.

Mansfield circuit, embracing Mansfield and Homestead, M. J. Watson,
New Castle circuit, including New
Castle, Sharon and Youngstown O.,
T. D. Barrier, N. J. Watson oversight. lie and Indians, D.G. Moore; J. W.

Missionary circuit, embracing Hudson, Ravenna, Dennison, Uhricsville and Alliance, O., C H Dockett. W H Chambers transferred to Kentucky

Conference Steward, J A Mulligan, Superannuated, William Hamilton; suspended, William Fleming, for immoral conduct. Rev Fleming is of Washington, Pa.

Rev J W Tirry was appointed to preach the sermon at the opening of the annual conference in John Wesley Church, Pittsburgh, the second Wed-

nesday in August.

Mrs Mary A B Mulligan was appointed Vice-President of the Allegheny Conference for Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Rev J A Mulligan was appointed

to read a paper at the opening of the next conference on "Improvement of Ministers and Ministerial Efficiency." Rev Jehu Holliday will also read a paper on "Ministerial Deportment

and Dignity."
Rev N J Watson will at the opening of the next conference read a pa-per on "The Importance of Discipline

in Order to Success in the Pastorate."
"The Method and Importance of Training the Children of the Church' will be treated at the next conference by Rev G W Lewis.

HINTS FROM NATURE.

BY PROF. C. R. HARRIS.

"Books in the running brooks, Sermons in stones and God in everything.'

These words of Bryant, Nature' poet, occurred to me as one morning ast week during a protracted meeting, I sat on the end of a log in the woods of Davidson county. Though destitute of the poetic fancy, I tried to follow in the line of the poets thought; and as a child, making its first rude sketches on slate, of girl with parasol, or boy with dog, runs cheerfully to its mamma, saying, "See what I've made," I, who have ever confided to the STAR, my choicest Blake, Crockett, Hinton, McCullough, thoughts and suggestions of interest to Jones, Billups and Deacons, Kitt, me, if to none other come to you, Mr. Dunlap, Brown, Adams, also Elder J mind seeking after God.

God is in not merely over Nature. Without His presence the bud would cease to unfold, the leaf begin to wither, the flower to fade. The very rock would lose its cohesiveness, the sap cease to pursue its wonted course, the bird fall lifeless from the tree. The 11. The damage in Charleston inlimbs of the beast would stiffen, his creases. Summerville is likely to be and move and have our being."

To man alone, of all His earthly creatures, does God give the power of Crops are very good in and about ing tendencies.

in band supplies for every spiritual search for it, if they would be filled.

KINDLY WORDS IN PRAISE OF MR. BLOICE

At the grand rally of the Wesle Hollidayaburg circuit, embracing Zion Church, there was \$190 realized Hollidayaburg and Altoona, J H Bap-during the day. The members of the

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 heasing any of the students. Mr. Bloice is an henor to his country, to the institution, and to the ministry. He is much thought of in Washington. The ladies and gentlemen of the Clinton Circle to exemplify their appreciation tendered him a reception at the residence of Mr J D Baltimore 224 DSt. S W. There were addresses of welcome made by Rev Dyson, Mr J D Baltimore, and Misses A & Barnes, B S Brooks and M Countee. Miss E Hammond presided at the organ. Rev Bloice responded in his usual eloquent style, and in flowing terms of his appreciation to those present.

Respectfully, J. D. BALTIMORE. Washington, D. C., Aug. 29.

SOUTH CAROLINA NOTES:

BY REV. G. W. CLINTON.

Mr. Editor:

I know you have looked for some thing from me for the STAR ere 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. We have a very successful revival at Fort Lawn now. Sixty-eight souls have come over on the Lord's side this year on this circuit, and we are having from three to five converts each night. The South Carolina brethren in general are having glorious revivals. Elders. A Jackson and J H Jackson all of whom I have heard from are having or have had glorious revivals. The Lord is in the midst of his people and many are being added to the charch.

We feel continued shocks from the effects of the earthquake every night since Tuesday night between 10 and muscles paralyze. In animal and completely wrecked at any moment. vegetable alike, God's constant pres- Fissures in the earth from four inches ence sustains life. "In him we live to four feet wide and six feet long emit boiling mud near the railroad and other places in Summerville.

recognizing who it is, that generates this neighborhood. We have sold the forces by which his various wants from our vicinity one new bale of cotare supplied. He alone has the capa- ton. Mr R Frederick, from Barton bility to praise God and to love Him; Fla, is in Fort Lawn visiting friends and in this exercise man puts forth and relatives. He will go from here the topmost sprays of his outspread- to Salisbury N C, to convey his Masillon circuit, embracing Masillon and Akron, C., D B Matthews.

Salem circuit, embracing Salem and New Liston C., T H Datcher.

Jacks Run circuit, including Jacks Run, Beaver Falls, New Brighton, East Liverpool and Milleville, J F Thomas.

Masillon circuit, embracing Masillies in the soil, ready to be grasped by the rootlets as soon as they come within its reach, so the provisions of God's greet are stored away in His spiritual and a student of Shaw Medical College, is visiting friends in Fort Lawn daughter Miss Lizzie Frederick to es forth to Him for the supply of his and relatives in Lancaster. We shall spiritual needs. Millions of tons of favor you with some important articoal lie in beds under the ground for cles when time will admit, and several the benefit of the man who may be subscriptions when cotton season freezing on the surface. So God has opens. Please continue to send my package of papers, (5.) Accept this want of His creatures. They must \$1.50 for papers sold, and 50 cents for the paper you are now sending to R. B. Williams Chester S.C. I sent you 75 cents for L H Sims, Spartanbu S. C. He says he has not resid the paper. It was sent with the 3.5 Convention money. If you are sending it to some other P. U. please send it to L H Sims, Spartinberg, S C.
Yours in Zion's cause,

G. W. CLINTON.