

To the Ministers and members of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

Dear Brethren:

As we have adopted the "EDUCATOR," published at Fayetteville, N. C., by Messrs. Waddell & Smith, as our Organ, I hope you will do all in your power to increase its circulation.

Do your best to send Messrs. Waddell & Smith \$20 for 10 yearly subscribers.

I believe we can make this effort a success. Let us resolve to do it, and it is done. I will publish my appointments and note my visitations briefly in its columns.

Yours for the success of the "EDUCATOR."

J. W. HOOD, Bishop 3d. Episcopal District, Fayetteville N. C. Jan. 15th. 1875

BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS FOR JUNE.

- June 1st. Moyock Carrifunk Co. N. C.
2nd. Good Hope " "
3rd. Colquhoun " "
6th. New McBride Camden "
8th. New Bethel " "
9th. Farnam's Temple, "
11th. Gentles Church Pasquotank "
12th. Pitts Chapel "
13th. Elizabeth City "
15th. Lee's Temple, Perquiman "
16th. Oak Grove "
17th. Bay Branch "
18th. Hertford "
19th. Saint's Chapel Chowan Co. "
20th. Edenton, "
24th. Oberry S. Hampton Co. Va. "
25th. Zion "
26th. Piney Grove Sussex "
27th. Mt. Hope Surry Co. "

To whom it may Concern

Be it known that the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Connection, at its session in Charlotte N. C., June, 1872, took into consideration the propriety of establishing schools for the education of our people in the South, and selected for said purpose Fayetteville, N. C., as a proper place to locate a college for said purpose.

The conference also elected the following persons as a Board of Managers to carry out the object contemplated by said conference:

- Bishop J. D. Brooks, President.
S. P. Hamer, Vice Pres't.
Bishop S. D. Talbert, Treasurer
Dr. J. A. Thompson.
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P. A. Lee, Corres. Sec'y.
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Religious Department.

Ministers and members of the A. M. E. Zion Church are specially invited to write for this department.

Write only on one side of the sheet, and sign your name to every letter.

All letters for this part of the paper should be addressed to R. HARRIS, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

A VISITING BROTHER.—Elder A. B. Smyer made us a visit last week.

For several weeks he has been traveling through the State, visiting the churches and soliciting aid for building the church edifice at Washington N. C. where he is stationed.

Thus far he has met with very moderate success, collecting but little more than traveling expenses. He finds the churches generally in very poor condition in money matters. However, the sympathy and kindly feeling he has met with everywhere has greatly encouraged him to persevere in the good work, and he will certainly succeed in time.

On Sunday he preached an excellent sermon, in Evans Chapel, to a large congregation. During the day a collection was taken to aid our sister churches in Washington, Wilson, Newbern and Petersburg which amounted to \$20.04.

We have received a communication from Bro. Pettigrew, for publication, but as it is rather lengthy and, furthermore, is written on both sides of the paper, we can not publish it. Try again, brother.

Once more we call attention to the printed notice at the head of this column and request brethren to pay attention to it.

Bro. J. O. H. Stewart, Magnolia, N. C., writes that he sent a letter to the EDUCATOR which has never appeared.

Write again, brother.

GOOD NEWS.—Read the letter from Elder Farmer about the revival at Wilmington.

(For the Educator.)

WILMINGTON, N. C., June 14, 1875

Dear Editor:—Allow me a space in your paper to inform your many readers that we have had a glorious revival here in my church the good Lord has abundantly blessed my labors here in Wilmington within the last four weeks. In that space of time the Lord has blessed us with 40 converts and 30 have been added to the church. The revival has ceased for the present but we are still having a lively time. May the Lord bless the good people of Wilmington, and build up his Zion here.

Brethren, pray for us.

Yours for Zion.

G. B. FARMER.

(For the Educator.)

TROY, Montgomery, Co., N. C., June 12th 1875.

Our Quarterly conference met at 2 o'clock p. m. Elder David Williams in the chair. After the usual religious exercises the Discipline was read and the examination of characters of the members was held and all passed. The Elder exhorted the brethren to give a cordial and earnest support to the preacher in charge, W. B. McLean and it was agreed to do so.

Conference then adjourned till night. W. B. McLean filled the stand and delivered a consoling address, and, without being called, numbers fell on their knees at the anxious seat. The meeting continued till night.

Number baptized 15, one by immersion, and one came from the Baptists and was received on trial.

D. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

W. B. McLean, Sec.

(For the Educator.)

Proceedings of the 1st. Session of the 5th. District Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church of N. C. Conference.

According to previous appointment the ministers of the several circuits and stations of this District met in Rehobath Church in Columbus Co. N. C., at 10 o'clock A. M. May 22d.

The Presiding Elder, Rev. T. H. Lomax in the chair, and opened the Conference by singing Hymn "And are we yet alive &c." The Throne of Grace was addressed by Rev. S. B. Hunter after which the chairman read 3d Chapter of the first Epistle of Paul's letter to Timothy, and he explained the principal parts of the same. And it was not done without effect for it surely had effect upon those who heard it.

The Secretary and the Reporter were then elected. S. B. Hunter Secretary, T. F. H. Blackman Reporter. The chairman then took up the Discipline question, Article 32 and proceeded in the regular business of the conference which was well conducted by him. The churches of this District are in a good condition, only one member expelled during our meeting; we also had a nice time and great good was done during our stay, and we hope it will continue. We also hope dear brethren you all will throughout this Episcopal District help us in our undertaking in pushing forward the Gospel by indorsing our various Resolutions.

The following resolutions were introduced by Brother T. F. H. Blackman and unanimously adopted.

Resolved: That we deem it expedient to organize a society to be called "The Aiders of the Gospel," and that we recommend to our brethren the formation of similar societies throughout their circuits.

Resolved: That each society shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sexton, to be appointed or elected, as by-Laws adopted by the society shall express.

Resolved: That there shall be a Finance committee of seven, for the disbursement of the society's funds, and meet at the sitting of the Annual Conference for the purpose of meeting the wants of the needy Clergymen from the office of a regular traveling Preacher to Presiding Elder, only.

Resolved: That there shall be a grand council consisting of G. President, G. Vice President, G. Secretary, G. Treasurer and Sexton, who shall meet once a year at the time and place determined by them in their regular communication and that each sub. society shall be represented to the same by delegates or letter.

Resolved: That each member shall pay 10 cents quarterly.

It was resolved by Rev. A. Allison that it be the sense of this conference to invite the brethren of the Districts to co-operate with us in establishing this Society, entitled "Aiders of the Gospel." Carried. Its Grand Officers for the first year as appointed by us which we hope all will approve of, are as follows:

- Rev. T. H. Lomax, President.
Mrs. Sophia Hood, Vice President
Rev. T. F. H. Blackman, Sec.
Rev. A. Allison, Treasurer.
Rev. S. B. Hunter, State Counselor
Finance Committee.
Rev. J. A. Tyler, Rev. H. C. Phillips, Rev. A. B. Smyer, Rev. R. H. Simmons, Rev. Wm. J. Moore, Rev. G. B. Farmer, B. B. Bonner.

It is to be remembered that if 30,000 members join paying 40 cents annually it will amount to twelve thousand dollars. The Conference adjourned at 6 o'clock P. M. to meet Friday Sept. 29 1875, left for the Presiding Elder to decide where Benediction by Rev. S. B. Hunter.

(For the Educator.)

—MANCHESTER, N. C., June 18th, Mr. Editor:

Allow me to say the following for the people at this place. We have just commenced our new church, and the mechanics think they will have it ready by the camp-meeting, the last Sunday in August, or so we can hold meeting in it. We have a tolerable good time spiritually. A few conversions occasionally. We have not done much for the Wilson church, and others mentioned, but I will send to Rev. H. C. Phillips a few dollars in a few days. We are in a strain about our church here.

JOHNSONVILLE, Moore, Co., N. C. Rev. Isham Williams is getting along very well at this point. We had two souls acknowledge at this quarterly meeting they had found the Lord precious to their souls and they give God thanks for such a blessing.

OAK GROVE, Harnett, Co.,

Rev. John Murchison is doing a good work here his congregation seems to esteem him highly. We had two converts at this place. May the Lord still prosper the work here.

SILVER RUN, Cumberland, Co.,

Rev. W. L. Jones is doing a very good work at this place. I baptized 16 adults and 6 children here.

Yours for Zion.

A. M. BARRETT.

Conversation.

Among home amusements the best is the good old habit of conversation, the talking over the events of the day, the bright and quick play of wit and fancy, the story which brings the laugh, and the speaking of the good and kind and true things, which all have in their hearts. It is not so much by dwelling upon what members of the family have in common, as by bringing each to the other something interesting and amusing, that home life is to be made cheerful and joyous. Each one must do his part to make conversation genial and happy. We are too ready to converse with newspapers and books, to seek some companion at the store, hotel, or clubroom, and to forget that home is anything more than a place to sleep and eat in. The revival of conversation, the entertainment of one another, as a roomful of people will entertain themselves, is one secret of a happy home. Wherever it is wanting, disease has struck into the root of the tree; there is a want which is felt with increasing force as time goes on. Conversation in many cases prevents many people from relapsing into utter selfishness at their firesides. This conversation should not simply occupy husband and wife, and other older members of the family, but extend itself to the children. Parents should be careful to talk with them, to enter into their life, to share their trifles, to assist in their studies, to meet them in the thoughts and feelings of their childhood. It is a great step in education, when around the evening lamp are gathered the different members of a large family, sharing their occupations with one another, the older assisting the younger, each one contributing to the entertainment of the other, and all feeling that the evening has passed only too rapidly away. This is the truest and best amusement. It is the health-education of great and noble characters. There is the freedom, the breadth, the joyousness of natural life. The time spent thus by parents, in the higher entertainment of their children, bears a harvest of eternal blessings.—Churchman.

The London Times deplores the curse it does little to remove.—"There is something exceedingly irritating that a great part of a harvest raised with infinite care and pains, instead of adding to the national wealth, and bringing rich returns, is poured, in the shape of liquid fire, down the throats of the nation that produced it, and instead of leaving them wiser and happier, tends to impoverish them by vicious and debilitating indulgence."

Some people estimate the ability of a newspaper and the talent of its editor by the quantity of original matter. It is comparatively an easy task for a frothy writer to pour out weekly a column of words—words upon any and all subjects. His ideas may flow in one weak, washy, everlasting flood, and the command of his language may enable him to string them together like bunches of onions, and yet his paper may be a meagre and poor concern. Indeed, the mere writing part of editing a paper is but a small portion of the work. The care, the time employed in selecting, is far more important, and the tact of a good editor is better shown by his selections than anything else; and that, we know, is half the battle. But, as we have said, an editor ought to be estimated, and his labor understood and appreciated, by the general conduct of his paper—its tone, its uniform, consistent course, its aims, its management, its dignity and its propriety. To preserve these as they should be preserved, is enough to occupy fully the time and attention of any man.

The Editor.

A BIBLE BAKED.—There is a Bible in Lucas County, Ohio, which was preserved by being baked in a loaf of bread. It now belongs to a Bohemia, in Austria. This baked Bible was formerly the property of his grandmother, who was a faithful Protestant Christian. During one of the seasons when the Roman Catholics were persecuting the Protestants in that country, a law was passed that every Bible in the hands of the people should be given up to the priests, that it might be burnt. Then those who loved their Bibles had to contrive different plans in order to try and save the precious Book. When the priests came round to search the house, it happened to be baking day. Mrs. Schebolt—the grandmother of the present owner of this Bible—had a large family. She had just prepared a great batch of dough, when she heard that the priests were coming; she took her precious Bible, wrapped it carefully up, and put it in the centre of a huge mass of dough, which was to fill her largest bread tin, and stowed it away in the oven and baked it. The priests came and searched the house carefully through, but they did not find the Bible. When the search was over, and the danger passed, the Bible was taken out of the loaf, and found uninjured.

Unitarian Herald.

The question of substituting a Bible and Sunday-school service for one of the Sunday sermons is receiving considerable attention, if we may judge from the favorable references made to it in our exchanges and the experiments tried by pastors in this direction. One writer suggests that the next National Sunday-school Convention consider the subject, as he believes that many ministers are willing to give up the second sermon and go into the school themselves as soon as the way is prepared for them to do so. As for this, they can do no better than prepare the way themselves, as one of the pastors at Farmington, Maine, has so successfully done, a notice of whose "new departure" appeared two weeks ago.

THE POOR DRUNKARD.

I was over in this country in 1872. About that time there was a young man who had come from the country to London. He was the only son of a widow. He was her prop and stay; her hope and her comfort. Oh, how that widow loved that boy! Aow her prayers went up for him! When he came to this city his employer invited him to the theater, and invited him to drink. I have met that mother since I have been on this trip, and she told me that the employer discharged that young man after he became a drunkard; that he refused to have him in his employ; that her son came home and died a poor drunkard. That mother is now weeping over that boy, and she mourns as a mother without hope, because it is said that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God. Now, that is terrible. How many mothers have sons in London hastening to ruin! God wants you and me to go and tell them the glad tidings, to invite them to the Gospel feast. And there is not a man in all London so far gone but that Christ will save him. If we will just go and labor for them and pray for them, God will give us the privilege of winning many of them into His kingdom.

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A MORE TERRIBLE LOSS.

Suppose that child had grown up to manhood, and had died a drunkard, and had gone down to a drunkard's grave. See the hundreds and thousands in London reeking their way down, not only to the drunkard's grave, but to the drunkard's hell. I tell you, my friend, I would rather have a train a hundred miles long run over my boy; so that I could not find a speck of his body—I would rather have him die in early childhood, than have him grow up to manhood, and die without God and without hope. It is a terrible thing for a man to die outside the Ark. It is a terrible thing for a man to die without hope and without mercy especially in this Gospel land, where he is entitled to heaven with privilege, where the Gospel is proclaimed faithfully from Sunday to Sunday, yea, from day to day, and one might say from hour to hour. Through the length and breadth of this great city, the Gospel has been proclaimed as faithfully, and perhaps more faithfully, than in any other city in the world. London, I say, is exalted to heaven with privileges, and it is a sad thing, indeed, that a man should go to hell from London, for then he goes down in the full blaze of the Gospel. He goes down from a Gospel land. He goes down to hell from a land where he has heard the glorious tidings of Christ and Him crucified. Yes, you say it is very sad to see a child like that swept away, or to see a little child lost to sight. You say it is very sad to see a man lose his wealth and become poor. It is very sad to see a man lose his reputation. But, my friends, bear in mind there is hope. A man can come to Christ if he has lost his reputation and his character. Christ will "receive" men who have not got any character; and they may have a seat in the kingdom of God. But, if a man dies without God, then there is no hope. You go to the grave and weep over it; and when the morning of resurrection shall come, that man will rise to everlasting shame and contempt. The star of Bethlehem will not shine over that grave. Oh, my friends, let us wake up, and let us haste to the rescue. Let us, as fathers and mothers see that our children are brought in to the ark, that they are saved, that they are gathered early into the fold of Christ.

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