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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 JULY—

- July 4th. Rehoboth, Columbus Co. N. C. 6th Whiteville, " " 11th Green Lake, Rich'd " 12th Powhattan, " " 13th Rockingham, " " 14th Wadesboro, Anson " 15th Monroe, Union " 16th Concord, Cabarrus " 17th New Hope, " " 18th Mt. Pleasant, " " 19th Salisbury, York " 20th Rogers, Lenoir Co. N. C. " 21st Mt. Zion, Brunswick " " 22th White Oak, " " August 1st Petersburg, " "

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. J. P. Hamer, Vice Pres't. Bishop S. D. Talbert, Treasurer Dr. J. A. Thompson. Jacob Thomas. George Bosley. P. A. Lee, Corres. Sec'y. J. A. Jones, Rec. Sec'y

We therefore appeal to a generous Christian public to aid us in this praiseworthy object, in educating and christianizing our poor down-trodden and oppressed race, and also to send out missionaries to teach and preach the Gospel of Christ.

THE BIBLE CATECHISM.

ENTITLED "MILK FOR BABES" and "CHILDREN'S BREAD;" (S. B. Scheffelin Author.)

Is one of the most simple, comprehensive and best arranged Catechisms now published, and well adapted for general use in our Sunday Schools. Bishop Clinton has given it a careful examination he speaks of it thus:—"It is the book for the times; just what we want. It is par excellence."—He commends it for general use as we could adopt no better book.

These Books are printed in three forms. 1st Milk for Babes and Children's Bread with hints to Teachers, Bound in Cloth, Price 25 cents. 2nd Children's Bread for Large Scholars, bound in Board, Price 15 cents. 3rd Milk for Babes, infant classes bound in Paper, Price 5 cents per copy, 60 cents pr. doz. The Author having given us the plates the books are sold at about the cost of printing. They are now published and for sale by the Board of Publication of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and may be had in any number by sending your orders to JACOB THOMAS, 66 Grove St. N. Y.

In Memoriam

JOHN DELAWARE BROOKS was born a slave in Calvert County, Md., 1806, and departed this life Feb. 28, 1875 in the 69th year of his age. When quite young he was brought by his owners to Baltimore where he labored for several years in a tobacco ware-house, and, being of a saving turn of mind, he soon saved sufficient funds by extra labor, to purchase his freedom, and also to give himself a liberal education. He then engaged in teaching a school for children, and about the year 1832 he united himself with the Sharp St. M. E. Church, Baltimore; he also was one of the teachers in the Ebenezer A. M. E. Church with the Rev. D. W. Moore, Stephen Scott, Jacob Gibson and the writer of this article until 1841, when the Rev. J. M. Moore and a few others left the M. E. Church and organized what is now Zion Church in Baltimore, in 1842. He received license to preach and in 1842 joined the Philadelphia Annual Conference and was stationed at Mission Church Alleghany Pa. by superintendent C. Rush in 1843. Thence he was appointed to several very prominent positions, viz: Harrisonburg Pa., Trenton N. J., Washington, D. C., Burlington Pa., Chambersburg, York, and Gettysburg.

At the General Conference held in New York city in 1864, he was elected one of the Superintendents of the connection and was appointed to take charge of the Philadelphia Conference District. In 1865-6 he had charge of the Genesee District and at the General Conference held in Washington D. C. in 1868, he was elected one of the Bishops and installed to that office with Rt. Rev. J. J. Clinton as Senior, S. D. Talbot, S. T. Jones, J. W. Loguen and J. J. Lore. He was appointed to take charge of that part of the connection on the Pacific coast but in consequence of affliction was unable to go during the two years for which he was appointed. In 1870-1 he had charge of the district composed of Virginia, North and South Carolina Conferences, but was able to render but little service on account his continued disability; and at the General Conference held at Charlotte N. C. in 1872 he was placed on the retired list and chairman of the Board of the Book Concern and was stationed at York Pa., by Bishop Moore where he remained doing what he was able until the Conference of 1874 when he ceased to labor as an Itinerant minister. From there he went to the city of Philadelphia where he had an only sister who died in August and he taking her to Baltimore their native home, buried her in Lebanon Cemetery, by the side of his aged mother. He then returned to Philadelphia in a very feeble state of health and soon after returned to Baltimore and lingered there until 6 o'clock in the morning of February 1875, when he died. He now lies beside his beloved mother and sister in the silent grave yard. He leaves the Church and a wife to mourn his loss but our loss we hope is his eternal gain. May he rest in peace! Amen.

J. A. JONES.

Address

Delivered at the closing exercises of Howard school, June 20th 1875. By JOHN A. TYSON.

Intemperance.

I am sorry to see so many of our young men led astray under the influence of intoxicating liquors. It seems that in spite of all governments and laws, intemperance is on the increase. One half if not more of our young men are led astray by this evil. If they are not led astray, they are under the influence of intoxication. And he who is under the influence of that evil, may be consid-

ered led astray, because there are so few that will ever give up that bad struggle after once becoming addicted to it. But I hope all who are struggling under intoxication will come to their right minds before they reach that sad end of their journey. I have no idea that the money could be estimated that has been potted down the throats of poor ignorant people of our country, in the shops of strong drink. You may take almost any man who has been hurled out of society, and trace him back, and you will find that the curse of intemperance was the cause of it. I have heard numbers argue that there is no harm in taking a glass of wine once in a while, but I tell you there is as much danger in becoming a drunkard by taking a glass of whiskey or brandy once in a while.

I hope the time will come when the poison stuff will be put out of existence. I tell you my friends I am no advocate of drunkenness, I took the pledge against it, and if I keep my right mind I will never break it. This great evil of intoxication is the master sin that rules on earth. I tell you this single evil is inflicting more injury upon the interest of our country than all the evils combined together. Now li the boys you know your parents love you, and if you wish to gratify them in any respect, take the pledge and against drunkenness and keep it until death; if you will do this you will always have some control of your mind in regard to obedience. You have no idea what bad feelings your parents would have if you would grow up under the influence of intoxicating liquors and die and fill a drunkard's grave. Numbers of them had rather see you die now, than to die the horrible death of a drunkard. I tell you there is something in liquor which distinguishes it from all other drinks; it is the leading parent of all crimes that can be mentioned; it leads you to swear, it leads you to the jail, it leads you to what the murderer's knife, and the worst of all it will lead you to the gallows. You must remember that life is before you full of temptations, and if you wish to master temptation take the pledge and keep it.

My advice to all who are under the sound of my voice this evening that haven't their names enrolled against intemperance, do it at once. And if every body would do this, you would see that the human race would become better, nobler and more elevated. Young men you must either stand or fall by your character, and you wish to stand in society, my advice to you is, surround yourselves with the safe guards of temperance. I tell you without being surrounded with this safe guard there is danger in the strong man becoming weak, and the wise man low. Intemperance makes no distinction in people; it has no special choice as to whom it will ruin. It attacks every one without regard of strength, youth or old age. Men are beings the Supreme Being made for noble purposes and great happiness. But intemperance prevents them from accomplishing this work, and destroys their happiness. And I tell all of you who indulge in intoxication it robs you of peace and comfort. You that are living the miserable life of intemperance, decide at once to cast it aside and join Temperance Band and let our minds and bodies use every effort to save drunkards from miserable eternity. You must remember that the Bible says no drunkard can inherit the kingdom of heaven. Now young ladies you all know the influence you can have over the young men in regard to this matter, therefore join temperance organization and let the full weight of your influence be left

on the young men. Now if you want intemperance put away, exert your influence and it will come to an end soon. Numbers of your sex are sorry they were ever born. Why? because their drunken husbands keep them always poor, and they must beg from door to door. Your power is very great, and it will not be denied; now go to work and do your best and then it will be proved. It is your duty to lend a helping hand to this cause for the benefit of your future posterity. Ask the drunkards wives who see the trouble; and ask yourselves who is it that will have their happiness destroyed, and become so troubled that they rather be dead than alive, whose cheeks do tears of sorrow trickle down? The cheeks of her who marries a drunkard. Now young ladies if you would all come to the right consideration, and do your duty in reference to the temperance cause, you know we would have a better country. Now school mates, this term has come to a close and the time has arrived that we must part, but let us ever remember the good advice and the work accomplished by our teacher. We should honor and respect one who labors for our progress; and not for that only, but for our souls, salvation. We should highly esteem one who prays day after day in our behalf to reach a nobler home after our decease here on earth.

Zion Conference

The fifty-fourth session of the New York annual Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Connection, held in Zion Church, corner Bleeker and West 10th Streets, commenced Wednesday, May 19th, 1872, at 4 o'clock P. M.

At the hour designated, Bishop J. J. Clinton took the chair, and called the house to order. After singing and prayer, the Conference elected Joseph G. Smith Secretary and compiler, and James H. Anderson Assistant Secretary. The Bishop then announced that elder Wm. H. Decker would preach the opening sermon; whereupon that reverend gentleman proceeded in his usual eloquent manner, taking for his text, Isaiah, chapter 42, verse 11. At the conclusion of the discourse the Bishop read, and the choir sung the 996th hymn. The Bishop then proceeded to deliver his Episcopal Address.

He next gave a feeling eulogy on the decease of brother Gabriel Rice, who has served in the district for a number of years as a faithful and earnest laborer, who fell asleep in the triumphs of faith on the 14th of September, 1874, after earnestly exhorting the brethren to keep the faith.

The Bishop gave an account of his Episcopal visitations through the past conference year, expressing pleasure at the prosperous condition of the entire district, with a few exceptions. He next called to notice the meetings of the Board of Bishops in Washington, D. C., January last, giving in detail a satisfactory account of the condition of their several districts.

The Bishop next referred to the Rush University, in relation to the land being purchased through the untiring efforts of elder J. Farley—its being deeded to the connection its educational purposes, etc, and also, the Trustees being elected from the different Conference; those of the New York Conference being as follows: Jacob Thomas, Joseph P. Thompson, Nathaniel Stubbs.

The Zion Church Advocate having become a failure, the Bishop recommended, as a connectional organ; the Educator, published in Fayetteville, N. C.

After a few concluding remarks,

the Bishop read the 707th hymn, which was sung by the choir. After which the brethren, at the suggestion of the Bishop, all knelt around the altar in prayer, at the conclusion of which the Conference adjourned, to meet Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by the Bishop.

ROLL OF MEMBERS AND DELEGATES: Right Rev. Joseph J. Clinton, Presiding Bishop of the First Episcopal District.

ELDERS IN ACTIVE SERVICE:—Dempsey Kennedy, Nathaniel Stubbs, Thos T. James, John S. Powell, Isaac Jenkins Gilford M. Jandling, Joseph P. Thompson, Jacob Thomas, Henry Dumpson, Henry M. Wilson, Jarvis Prince, Wm. H. Decker, Joseph G. Smith, Floyd Mills.

DEACONS.—John T. Steward, Chauncey Vanhusen, Wm. T. Robinson, Ephriam Prime, Adam Jackson, Jas. H. Anderson, Geo. B. Smith, Joseph P. Thompson, John J. Kelley, Thomas Johnson.

PREACHERS.—Thomas Johnson. THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 20.

Conference assembled at 9 o'clock, the Bishop presiding. The roll was called, the rules read, minutes of the previous session read, corrected and approved. Subsequently, Elders J. H. Smith, transferred from the New England Conference, and Daniel Davis, visitor, were introduced to the Conference. The bounds of the members being fixed, brothers Thomas Johnson and Ephriam Prince were appointed Marshals.

The case of Rev. J. G. Clift, who was suspended for one year from the Annual Conference, was called up, and after some remarks upon the subject he was released and restored to membership; also, the case of Rev. Josiah C. Biddell, who was suspended for one year was called up by motion of Elder Jacob Thomas; the nature of the case being set forth, a motion prevailed that he be expelled. The Bishop next entered into the examination of characters. At this juncture the Revs. Turpin, Tanner, Beal, Thompson, and Rodgers, of the A. M. E. Church, were introduced to the Bishop and Conference, after which the examination of characters was resumed, which occupied the remainder of the morning session. Adjourned, to meet at 2 o'clock P. M. Benediction by Rev. Mr. Tanner, of the A. M. E. Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference re-assembled at two o'clock. Roll called; minutes of the morning session read and approved. Right Rev. J. W. Hood Bishop of the Third Episcopal District was introduced to the Conference; after which the subject relative to the collecting of the Bishop's salary was resumed, which caused an earnest discussion of some length, resulting in a motion being made for the appointment of a committee to take charge of the matter.

The Bishop appointed the following brethren as such committee: N. Stubbs, J. S. Powell, C. Vanhusen, and Wm. H. Decker. Subsequently, the characters of Jacob Thomas, Wm. H. Decker, Dempsey Kennedy, Chauncey Vanhusen, Wm. F. Robinson, J. P. Thompson, Jr., Henry Dumpson, H. M. Wilson, and T. James were passed.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS.

DEAR BELOVED BRETHREN—MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE, I GREET YOU—Peace be with you all.—Infinite are our obligations to bless God for His merciful kindness and love, which has been so wonderfully manifested toward us during the last Conference year. Boundless is the love, and infinite is the mercy of our God. He is the preserver of all who put their trust in Him. He is our Father, our Friend our all in all! His goodness to us has been great; yea, beyond expression; in Him we move, live and have our being, and by His Almighty arm we are daily upheld. Let us acknowledge Him in all our sorrows, disappointments, afflictions, difficul-

ties and oppositions, not fearing our most vile enemies; for it Jehovah, Jehovah who is everlasting strength be for us, who can be against us? Blessed indeed are they whose God is the Lord. Let us lift up our souls to God Most High, and render thanks to Him for the unceasing favors of His love and providence, and may a sense of His Goodness be engraved on our hearts and never be effaced from our remembrance.

O, rethrer thanks to God above, The fountain of eternal love, Whose mercy firm through ages past, Has stood and shall forever last. Who call His mighty deeds express, Not only vast but numberless! What mortal eloquence can raise His tribute of immortal praise? Happily are they, and only they, Who from His judgments never stray, Who know what's right; nor only so, But always practice what they know. Let Israel's God be ever blessed; His name eternally confessed; Let all His saints with full accord Sing loud Antieps; Praise ye the Lord!

DISCHARGE MEMBERS.

Dear Brethren; our itinerant ranks has been by death invaded; another of our number has fallen. It is with pain and sorrow that I announced to you the demise of our beloved brother and fellow laborer, Elder Gabriel Rice, who departed this life in the full triumph of faith, on the 14th of September last. In the demise of Elder Rice the Conference has lost one of its most faithful, earnest and efficient members. As a man, he was hottest and courtous; as a Christian, he admitted the doctrine that he preached; as a preacher of the Gospel, he was energetic and efficient. His work is done; he has gone from labor to reward; may He rest in peace.

When those we love are snatched away By death's resistless hand, Our hearts the mournful tribute pay That friendship most demand.

Wigle pity prompts the rising sigh With awful power imprest, May this dread truth, "I to must die," Sink deep in every breast.

O, let us to that Savior fly, Whose arm at once can save, Then shall our hopes ascend on high, And triumph o'er the grave.

EPISCOPAL VISITATIONS.

I have made Episcopal visitations to all the churches and Mission fields with a few exceptions. In a religious point of view the different churches are in a most prosperous condition. Financially, several of the churches are greatly embarrassed. New churches have been erected, others are being erected.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF BISHOPS.

The semi-annual meeting of the Board of Bishops was held in Union Wesley Church at Washington City, D. C., in January last. The Bishops reported their districts to be in a flourishing condition. A number of new churches have been erected and others are being erected. There has been a very large accession of members to the several churches in each of the Episcopal districts. The borders of our beloved Zion are rapidly spreading east, west, north and south.

The lands on which the Rush University is to be erected has been purchased through the untiring efforts of Elder J. Farley, the traveling agent. The land has been deeded to a Board of Trustees, in trust for the Connection. A temporary building is being used for educational purposes under the superintendence of Prof. R. Harris.

Trustees, to represent the different Conferences, were elected by the Board of Bishops. The following brethren were elected for the New York Conference: Jacob Thomas, J. P. Thompson, Nathaniel Stubbs, ZION CHURCH ADVOCATE.

The Zion Church Advocate, which has been under the control and management of the Book Concern, has failed. The Bishops, at their last semi-annual meeting, appointed a committee to negotiate with the proprietors of the EDUCATOR, a paper published at Fayetteville, N. C., for the purpose of securing that paper as our Connectional organ. The committee having made the necessary arrangements, the EDUCATOR, therefore, has been adopted by the Bishops as the organ of the Connection. I do most respectfully recommend the members of the Conference to do all that they can to give the EDUCATOR a wide circulation in their districts.

(To be continued.)