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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.

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

- BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENTS FOR JULY: July 4th, Reheath, Columbus Co., N. C. 4th Whiteville, 11th Wadesboro, 12th Powhatan, 13th Rockingham, 14th Wadesboro, Anson, 15th Monroe, Union, 16th New Hope, 17th New Hope, 18th Salisbury, 19th Salisbury, 20th Salisbury, 21st Salisbury, 22nd Salisbury, 23rd Salisbury, 24th M. Zion, Brunswick Co., Va., 25th White Oak, 26th White Oak, 27th White Oak, August 1st Petersburg, Va.

To whom it may Concern: Be it known that the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Conference, 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. Talbot, Treasurer. Dr. J. A. Thompson, Secretary. 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.

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Meeting for the Board of Bishops, June 2d 1875. Agreeable to appointment, the Board of Bishops of the A. M. E. Z. Church met in Wesley Chapel, this day.

Present, Bishops Clinton, Moore and Talbot. Absent, Bishops Hood and Jones.

The latter were represented by proxy. Bishop Clinton reported the First District in excellent condition. Peace and harmony prevail throughout and many conversions are reported. A number of young men of considerable literary attainments had joined the several Conferences during the year and only four deaths had occurred among the traveling ministers during the year.

Bishop Moore reported the Second District in satisfactory condition. Peace and harmony generally prevail.

The disturbance at Pittsburg, has been quieted. Considerable financial embarrassment is felt in many churches, but the prospect is hopeful. Several young ministers of ability were received into the Philadelphia Conference this year and much attention given to education.

The Conference resolved to send a young man to the Rush University and to collect one hundred dollars a year for his support.

Altogether the Conference was more interesting than any held before. Bishop Talbot reported the Fourth Episcopal District in very good condition, spiritually.

Great numbers have been converted, many new societies organized, a large number of ministers received into the several Conferences. The people are much depressed in money matters.

The absent Bishops reported by letter that their Districts were in a prosperous state.

Mr. Editor: You will remember that I promised to let the many readers of your paper, hear from me during my visit to the Northern States.

I visited J. T. Sloote's Annual Conference at Harrisburg, Pa., where, as you have heard, we had a pleasant sitting and an accession to the Conference. The brethren there seemed to be full of zeal for Zion, \$195.00 was subscribed for the Rush University, to be paid in said Conference District the coming fall months and by a vote of the Conference, two promising young men were ordered to be sent to the Rush University at Fayetteville. I collected in cash while in Harrisburg, \$27; in Philadelphia, \$45.50; in Baltimore, \$9.25. These are small subscriptions, but I give them as I have them upon record; but it is proper to say in favor of these places visited, that the time was unfavorable, and some excuses may be offered, first, it being conference time in Harrisburg which generally takes up all of the spare change among our people &c. In Philadelphia, a change of pastor. In Baltimore a new church just finished the last Conference year; but I am in hopes of making a more favorable report from this point, especially this great city, the citadel of wealth, where ever the dollar is tickled and dollars worth of the people's were counted.

There has been no revival here, but we receive additions almost every week. The Lord is with us. Elder Farley whose residence is here is with us occasionally and renders us some assistance, especially on the days of our communion service. Elder J. P. Evans, who also resides here, preaches and assists me when in the city. He is now the Conference Missionary Agent. He preached a very interesting sermon here on the 4th and raised a collection for the Mission. We had a large gathering in our little place, and considering our own embarrassed circumstances we made a very handsome collection. We are now looking for those collections promised; only one or two have been received. We hope the brethren will not forget the 4th. Satan like a roaring Lion is still going about both night and day seeking whom he may devour. Therefore be vigilant and weary not in well doing. Come and help us to build up our Zion.

Yours Truly, J. A. JONES, Sec'y.

one week, if we could get it appropriated to us for Religious purposes we would have money enough to build a college at once. I am, however, endeavoring to work into the good graces of some of the rich men, and will give your readers an account of my success; but it is like drawing an eye tooth to get money from any one these money excited times, but I am yet hopeful that the good Lord may soften some one's heart and open an effectual door for the upbuilding of Zion. I am only giving you a synopsis of my recent travel and observation for the last month and a half that I have left off my travels in South and North Carolina; in conclusion let me say to many of my dear brethren of North and South Carolina that I went into Rev. Jacob Thomas' head quarters, Williamsburg N. Y. B. Way, 571 where I cast my eyes over a number of his accounts which he is anxious to close up at once. He is also prepared to furnish any number of Hymn books and other valuable books to all of our brethren of the South at reasonable rates. Hoping that the brethren will rally at once with any unfinished matter to the Book Concern. I am as ever, J. McH. FARLEY, AGT. for R. U. CONCORD, N. C. June 27th 1875.

Mr. Editor: The church here wishes to say to the public that our Elder D. McKoy has been in bad health since the Conference but has stood to his post, in the midst of affliction, till lately he has been obliged to stop and retire to his home at Egypt, N. C.

We are loth to give him up, but are obliged to do so. The church can ill afford to spare such men as he and we beg the prayers of our brethren to aid us in beseeching God to restore him to health. Signed in behalf of the officers of the church, BENJAMIN ALLISON, (For the Educator.)

Permit me to inform your many readers, and the members of the A. M. E. Zion Church particularly, that Zion Church in this city is still alive. Notwithstanding the opposition we have met with, and the financial condition of our people, we have been able to pay our notes. At the last Annual Conference each of the members promised to subscribe five dollars and so take up a collection for this church by the 4th of July. This will greatly assist in paying the note that is pending now.

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THOMPSON'S CHAPEL, N. C. Mr. Editor: I visited Rev. Henry Williams Circuit on the 19th and 20th of June and found all things in a very good condition. Rev. H. Williams is well pleased with his congregation here; and the congregation is well pleased with their preacher. H. Williams baptized 8 adults on Saturday and I baptized 7 infants on the Sabbath. We had a very good time on Sunday morning in love-feast. 56 testified that they were in the army of the Lord. After the 11 o'clock services the table of the Lord was spread and 101 participated in the Lord's Supper.

BLACK ROCK, MOORE CO. I visited Rev. G. W. Williams Circuit on the 26th and 27th, and finding the congregation were pleased with him, I encouraged the people to subscribe for the EDUCATOR. We realized a good time Sunday morning in love-feast.

After the 11 o'clock service the table was spread and all in good standing were invited to the Lord's Table. 107 came forward and participated. G. W. Williams is doing a very good work here. I baptized 8 infants on the Sabbath. Good decorum was kept on the Sabbath. Yours for Zion, A. M. BARRETT.

Elder A. B. Snyer will briefly discuss the rite of Infant Baptism, in the columns of the EDUCATOR; he proposes to reply to any Baptist Minister (colored) who denies that rite to infants, if he will express his opinion in mild christian terms in the EDUCATOR or as there are some of our Methodist brethren and friends who seem at least to have some doubt, he will reply to any (colored) Antipefo-Baptist writer, in a brief, kind, mild, christian, humble manner.

ADDRESS: Delivered at the closing exercises of Howard school, June, 25th 1875. BY HENRY C. TYSON.

Profaneness. It appears that profaneness is increasing as fast as the abuse of intoxicating liquors. We see and know that intoxication is the cause of many using profane words who would not have used them otherwise, and we plainly see if the selling of it is not prohibited it will be the ruin of our country. Our poor country has lost and is losing wealth, and numbers of esteemed young men from the effects of these evils. They that touch, handle, or taste not intoxication are distinguished people that prohibit the use of profaneness.

Though I have no doubt but many use profane words by accompanying those that were influenced by the abuse of intoxication.

Profaneness is brutal in any form. It should not be uttered in presence of any one, children especially. It is unbecoming, unmanly, and is certainly not a grace in conversation. No sane man doubts but profaneness is brutal, neither will one use it, unless he has been influenced by the abuse of intoxication, or those that were influenced by it. I have now been a student of the Howard school for the last eight months, and not one can say they have seen me visit a bar room, drinking liquor, or using profane words in any form.

During my raising I was not allowed to visit bar rooms, use profaneness, or accompany those that followed such habits. And to day to-day I highly appreciate my parents for it. Men who were under the influence of intoxication, I have heard their voices ring, cursing the Supreme Being, and you say friends, the abuse of intoxication is

the most murderous sin now in existence. And it is reduplicating every day. Who can conceive more grief than our mothers and wives that have almost broken hearts meditating about their sons and husbands who are on there way to fill a drunkard's grave?

There are many places where the abuse of intoxication has been exterminated, and I hope the time will come that the abuse of it will be exterminated out of existence all over the whole universe.

Students that commence in this school in their infancy, before they learn those bad habits and get their education under this instructor, are not apt to be led astray by such evils. Because the rules of this school prevents the formation of all bad habits.

And I think this Band of Hope which was organized and pressed by him, is one of the most magnificent organizations now in existence. Because it is aiding our elevation faster than any other society now mentioned. In this grand society we admit children as well as older ones. Children that are taught to abstain from such habits while young, are not apt to regard them in their womanhood and manhood. The work of this society is for our future prosperity, and the elevation of our people in the future days. The pledge of this noble army I have taken and as long as I live I will keep it. If we all would take the pledge of such societies and keep them, our land would be filled with happiness, our jails and work houses we would have no use for, our cemeteries could own there honored graves, our cities and towns could own their dutiful inhabitants, and our homes could own their esteemed people.

Schoolmates the day has come that we must part, and let us from this day resolve that nothing shall prevent us pursuing an education. The elevation of an education which lies before us, is unthought of to us at this time. We are told if we devote our youthful time to idleness we will regret it in days to come.

The close of our school is now at hand and I shut-go to a distant land: A temperate man I'll strive to be, And from it I shall never see. Now from this day may we but see (That profaneness is only an outside plea And for temperance old may we be And a home at last in heaven we'll see.

The late Moses Stuart, after having been addicted for thirty-five years to the use of tobacco, broke himself of the bad habit and wrote these words, which should be pondered by every smoker and chewer of the weed: "I do not place the use of tobacco in the same scale with that of ardent spirits. It does not make men maniacs and demons. But that it does undermine the health of thousands; that it creates a nervous irritability, and thus operates on the temper and moral character of men; that it often creates a thirst for spirituous liquors; that it allures to clubs and grog-shops and taverns, and thus helps to make idlers and spend-thrifts, and, finally, that it is a very serious and needless expense, are things which cannot be denied by any observing and considerate person. And if all this be true, how can the habitual use of tobacco as a mere luxury, be defended by any one who wishes well to his fellow-men, or has a proper regard to his own usefulness?"

Do not waste your money. Perhaps you have very little. Then take the more care of it. Besides helping to spread the Gospel, buy some good books and read them well. A good book is one of the best things in the world. If you cannot buy as many as you need, borrow from others and return them safe and sound. Never let a book be where it may be injured.

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This weather takes the Methodists into the woods. To-morrow July 18th, the great fraternal camp-meeting opens at Round Lake, below Saratoga, and, like the one last year, is expected to be something extraordinary. It is understood that all the several branches of Methodism will be again represented there, and that the meeting will be especially marked by the interchange of fraternal greetings between the North and South. Bishops Andrews, Haven, Ames, Foster and Wiley, of the Methodist Church North, and Bishops Kavanaugh and Doggett, and Dr. McFarrell, of the Church South, will probably be present and participate in the services, also ministers from other denominations. On the 21st a fourteen days' gathering begins at the Thousand Islands, near Alexandria Bay. The Sea Cliff grounds, Long Island, will be ready July 2, where is a tabernacle that will seat seven thousand persons. The National camp-meeting at Fernwood Grove, Philadelphia, is already under way. These are the general assemblages, which, however, will not detract from the interest of the scores of local meetings held all over the country. Old predictions that these field days of Methodism would run out of date are not being realized rapidly.

Cigars at fifty dollars a hundred or thereabout may earn for their consumer a European fame which may be regarded as cheap at the price, and may, at the same time lead to honest industry a visible means of support. It was a rich American who, after the free handed manner of his fellow-citizens, smoked such cigars, and invariably threw away a generous remainder. Whenever he took his walks abroad he saw an individual who faithfully dogged his footsteps, and he naturally suspected the police of surveilling his conduct. Instead of drawing his revolver and solving the problem as, according to the European understanding of American customs, he should have done, this rich man of the present century, instead of finding that he was merely a dealer in tobacco and knew a good brand when he saw it, and found that it paid to follow the rich American in order to collect the rejected fragments of his frequent cigars. He may be pleasing to smokers to learn that there are similar collectors in this city. Query: Are the contingent remainders made over into other high priced Havanas?

"EVERY BIT OF IT."—One evening, at the prayer-meeting, many newly-converted persons, both old and young, arose to tell what God had done for their souls, and their determination to love and serve him. Among the rest, a little girl about seven years old jumped up, her face beaming with happiness, and straining her childish voice to speak as loud as she could, she said: "I have given my heart to Jesus, every bit of it."

Was not that a beautiful little speech? I wonder if all the elder people who had risen before could say what she did. "I have give my heart to Jesus, every bit of it."

And is not this what Jesus wants? "My son, give Me thine heart," is the command of the Bible. And will He be satisfied with having only part of it? No, indeed; he must have the whole, "every bit of it."

A London minister says that if he had his life to live over again, he would spend more of it preaching to children. Perhaps it would be more profitable to spend it in bearing letters acquainted with children. The pastor who understands them thoroughly will be noticed not so much to preach to children as to preach to both young and old to become of children.